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ROMANS 8:13 If you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if you live by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live

ACCOUNTABILITY

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*Dear Heavenly Father above, we thank You and praise You for this time of Spiritual fellowship. May this months inspired message be one of understanding and hope for the spiritually blind. Father because You are Our Good Shepherd, may Your message, touch the hearts of your lost sheep. May Your inspired message this month, help lost souls find their way back home to You Father. Father again as always, thank You for being our Good Shepherd of this ministry. Father, we thank You, praise You, and bless You again, in the name of Your Son Christ Jesus, "**the Savior of the world**"*

This spiritually inspired message this month, has to do with being accountable for our sins. New Years is always a great time for new challenges, goals and changes in our lives. So may we all use this new year, as an opportunity to let our God and Savior Jesus Christ work out the necessary changes needed for our spiritual transformation! When I talk about accountability, I mean being accountable for our sins. There is no one according to God, that is not accountable for their sins. You will hear time and time again, people coming up with different weak excuses, with respect to sin.

I have heard things like, there is no God, so why should I have any accountability for what I do and how I live my life. Or, I only have one life to live, and I am going to live my life the way I choose. Another good one is, I believe in the beginning there was a big bang, and we all evolved from apes, and whatever I do say or act, is part of my evolution. Another classic one is, my god knows me and I know him, and all he is concerned about, is me being a good person. Then there is the ones who know a little better, and were brought up knowing that there is a living God, but refuse to be accountable for their sins. There are so many excuses that people use to avoid being accountable, I believe that you could make a book called " Sins Excuses".

When I was coming up in the streets, I did not want to be accountable for nothing. Back then, sin was all I ever knew. Anything that looked like I had to start being accountable for my sinful actions, would make me get on my horse and ride as far as I could away, Once we get caught up in our sinful ways, it can be hard to break away from sins allurements. I found myself longing and lusting for sin. When you never get a chance to see the other side of the fence, sins addiction is just like a drug attic. I am pretty sure that we all have seen the physical pain and emotional suffering that comes from drug addictions. They are one in the same really, because they all end up in death and destruction of our mind, body and soul.

Like drugs, sin is a slow process, it starts out innocent and works it's way deep into your mind, body and soul, until there is no coming back. Kind of scary when you really take a good look at the process. I know, because sin almost finish me off. If it wasn't for the grace of God pulling me from the fire, I would have already been bake, fried, and burnt all in the same moment. As I look at sin today through the Holy Spirits eyes, I can see how the devil has got the majority of the world in a deep fog. It kind of looks

like the old movie, **The Night of the Living Dead**. You would think that after God went and sent His one and only Son Jesus Christ, to die for all our sins, that we would have learned something by now. Unfortunately, only a small percentage of people, really understand the true meaning why Christ Jesus died for our sins.

We are all sinners, but we are all not the same. There are sinners who sin that are accountable for their sins, and ask God for His forgiveness. Then there are sinners who sin without any remorse or accountability. God gives us all an opportunity to learn how to avoid and be accountable for our sins, with His inspired words of the Bible.

In Titus 2:11-12 the Lord says: **The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It reaches us to say "No " to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age.**

In Matthew 26:41 **Jesus said " Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."**

In Romans 8:13 the Lord says: **If you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.**

The problem with all scriptures, is the fact that unless we seek God first, temptation will always have it's way with all of us. By seeking God first when temptations starts, lets God know that we need His help. From that point on, the Lord covers us with **His Spiritual Armor**. Satan hates it when we call upon the name of the Lord for help, especially after he starts to weave his little web of deception. If you ever take notice how a spider sets it's trap, the spider starts out with a single web, then before his prey can resist they are caught in his full web. After being totally wrapped up in the web, then the spider come in with his poisonous venom for the kill !

Satin does the same thing to all his victims, he starts out nice and easy. He never starts out with a bang, because it would draw to much attention to his scheming. As I look around, I see so many people who are unaware of the devils control in their life. The devils got them so blinded with his evil deceptions. What saddens me the most, is that there are so many good people getting caught up in his web. I believe that the more time that you spent away from the word of God, the thicker the web becomes. We can't even see it coming, unless we study and believe in the word of the Lord. Because without God's full armor of righteousness, there is no way to avoid Satin's attack on our souls!. So my friends in the Lord, as Paul tells us in Ephesians 6:10-12 **Be strong in the Lord and His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devils schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**

Let us pray, Heavenly Father, a special prayer at this time, for all who are blinded by the evil forces around. May they all come to know and trust Your almighty power.

Father, help us all to see when the devils traps are being set to destroy our souls.

May we always call upon Your righteousness and power to destroy Satins attacks.

I ask this in the name of our Way, our Truth and our Life, Jesus Christ.....Amen

***January's Edition of Hope for Living
Christ Provides the Cure By Billy Graham***

2 Corinthians 5:17 If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could find a medicine that would absolutely cure human nature's weaknesses and failures? Conflict, discontent, and unhappiness plague people everywhere. But suppose a cure could be found for humanity's ills. It would cause a worldwide stampede!

The most thrilling news in the world is that there is a cure! God has provided the medicine—and that " medicine is Christ. Through Him our sins can be forgiven, and by His Holy Spirit within us our lives can be changed and renewed.

Sin, confusion, and disillusionment can be replaced by righteousness, joy, and hope. Our souls can know peace, a peace that is not dependent on outward circumstances. The cure was provided two thousand years ago by Jesus Christ's death and resurrection for us. Is He working daily in your life, changing you and making you more like Him?

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*Lord at this time, help all to pray for the sick, the poor, the homeless, the hopeless, the persecuted, the hungry, the helpless, the deceased, the lost souls, our Government and the Governments of the world, all the troops in harms way and for peace in the world. Also, a special prayer for **Anne Granata, Robert Lambert, Peg Ballerlino, Ryan Donnelly, Lucy Cartogena, Marian Ortez, Olivia Achinko, Diane Cabana, Bruno Ambrose, Penny Howe, Alice Mesmer, Nancy Flecker, Carmen LeBoy, Felicia Rumbae, Sherry Arzillo, Jerry Owens, Vince Phillipelli, Robin Weiss, Tony Scarangelli, Candice Kiana, Janet Neil, Jennifer Smit, Joe Hinley, Carly Napolliello, Rene DeMatteo, Keith Ruggiero, Tim Height, Anne Marie Kalogridis, Jeff Rafter, Jeff Haines, Janet Iisitski, Vincent Bovoso** If you have anyone that you would like to add to the ministry prayer list, you can drop us a e-mail at ministry8246@comcast.net or you can call us at (609) 704-8547*

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May will all learn more about our God in 2008

