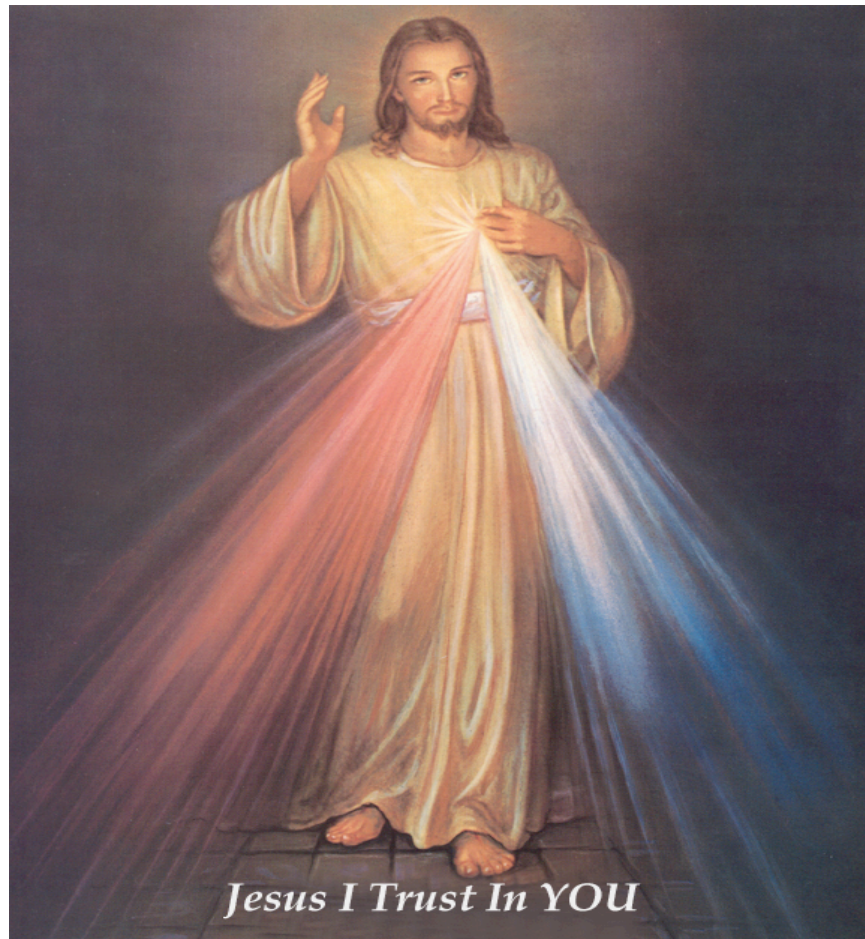


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John 3:13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the One who came from heaven—the Son of Man.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Lord Jesus, may we all give You thanks and praise for the gift of Your Divine Light that shines brightly through this dark and sinful world. Father, without the Light of Your Son Jesus, there would be no hope for eternal life. Also Lord, there would be no victory from the consequences of sin's eternal darkness. Heavenly Father, may we all give thanks and praise to You always in the name of Your Son and our Savior Christ Jesus....Amen!

This month's inspired message, has to do with Jesus Christ the Light of world. When I say, the light of the world, what am I trying to say?

Let's begin with **Psalm 36: 7-9**; the Lord says: **How priceless is Your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of Your wings. They feast on the abundance of Your house; You give them drink from Your river of delights. For with You is the fountain of life; in Your Light we see light.** Jesus spoke of Himself as living water that could quench thirst forever and give eternal life. **(John 4:14)**

Some people are repulsed by the idea of eternal life because their life is miserable. But eternal life is not an extension of a person's miserable life, mortal life; eternal life is God's life embodied in Christ given all believers now a guarantee that will live forever. In eternal life there is no death, sickness, enemy, evil or sin. When we don't know Christ, we make choices as though this life is all we have. In reality, this life is just the introduction to eternity. Receive this new life by faith and begin to evaluate all that happens from an eternal perspective.

To "believe" is more than intellectual agreement that Jesus is God. It means to put our trust and faith in Him that He alone can save us.

It is to put Christ in charge of our present plans and eternal destiny.

Believing is both trusting His Words as reliable, and relying on Him for the power to change. If you have never trusted Christ, let this promise of everlasting life be yours—and believe.

People try to protect themselves from their fears by putting their faith in something they do or have; good deeds, skill or intelligence, money or possession. But only God can save us from the one thing that we need to fear, and that is eternal condemnation. We believe in God recognizing the insufficiency of our own efforts to find salvation and by asking Him to do His work in us.

In the Holy Bible, Jesus talks about unbelievers, he means those who reject or ignore Him completely, not those who have momentary doubts.

Many people don't want their lives exposed to God's light because they are afraid of what will be revealed. They don't want to be changed.

Don't be surprised when these same people are threatened by your desire to obey God and do what is right, because they are afraid that the light in you may expose some of the darkness in their lives.

Rather than giving in to discouragement, keep praying that they will come to see how much better it is to live in the light than in darkness.

God's love is not static or self centered; it reaches out and draws others in.

Jesus sets the pattern of true love, the basis of all love relationships—when you love someone dearly, you are willing to give freely to the point of self sacrifice. God the Father paid dearly with the life of His Son Christ Jesus, the highest price He could pay! Jesus accepted our punishment, paid the price for our sins, then after His resurrection, He offered us all a new life that He had bought and paid in full, for us.

When we share the gospel with others, our love must be like Jesus'—willingly giving up our own comfort and security so that others may join us in receiving God's perfect love, because Jesus testimony is trustworthy!

Why is Jesus testimony so trustworthy? The reason for this was the fact that Jesus came from heaven and was speaking of what He had seen there.

His words were the very words of God. God's Spirit was upon Jesus without limit or measure. Jesus was the highest revelation of God to humanity.

It is written in **Hebrews 1:1-2**; **In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in the last days He has spoken to us by His Son, who He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe.**

Jesus was God's agent in creating the world; "By Him all things were created." As followers of Christ, we may give easy assent to this truth but deny it in practice. We may believe that Christ knows and controls the laws of heaven(pertaining to salvation and spiritual growth), but we may act each day as though our financial, family, or medical problems are beyond His reach. If Jesus could create the universe, then no part of your life is out of control. Do not exclude Jesus' wisdom and the Bible's guidance in your complex problems of life. No expert, professor, doctor or lawyer, or financial adviser knows more about your ultimate security and well-being than Jesus does. Go first to God for advise. Talk to Him in prayer and listen to His Divine Words of Wisdom. He can sustain you in times of stress.

From that perspective you can evaluate all the other wisdom and help made available to you. Try to remember that, not only is Jesus the exact representation of God, but **He is God Himself!**

So my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, try and always remember that Jesus is the full revelation of God. You can not have any clearer view of God than looking at Christ Jesus. So may we all remember, Jesus Christ is the complete expression of God in a human body!

Let us pray; Father, may we all give thanks and praise to You Lord, for this months inspired message. May this Divine and inspired message, bring more transparency in our lives with respect to Your Son Jesus. Lord may we all come to better understand and follow Your Will. Father, help us to be more aware of the darkness of this world. Lord teaches how to follow the brightness of Your Eternal Light through Your Holy Spirit. Father, thanks for Your Son Christ Jesus, **“THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.”** Hallelujah!



JESUS CALLING

By Sarah Young

TRUST ME, and don't be afraid. Many things feel out of control. Your routines are not running smoothly. You tend to feel more secure when your life is predictable. Let me lead you to the Rock that is higher than you and your circumstances. Take refuge in the shelter of My wings, where you are absolutely secure.

When you are shaken out of your comfortable routines, grip My hand tightly and look for growth opportunities. Instead of bemoaning the loss of your comfort, expect the challenge of something new. *I lead you from glory to glory*, making you fit for My kingdom. Say yes to the ways I work in your life. Trust Me, and don't be afraid. (**Isaiah 12:2; Psalm 61:2-4**)
(**2 Corinthians 3:18**)

PROVERBIAL THOUGHTS FOR MAY

Proverbs: 23:9 Do not speak to a fool, he will scorn the wisdom of your words.

Proverbs: 24:10 If you falter in times of trouble, how small is your strength!

Proverbs: 26:9 Like a thorn bush in a drunkard's hand is a proverb in the mouth of a fool.



THE MINISTRY DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please pray daily with this ministry for; Greg Achinko Sr. Joe Lakes, Jonathan Baker and Family, Earnie Carbone, Andria Arceneaux, Greg Dubrois, Joe Longo and Family, Al Wilson Joy Valeri, Mike Buettner, Dorthy Leary Marianne Wilson, Danny Turner, The De Angelo Family, The Stein Family, Janet Neil, and Johanna Tyson and Family. Also Christine Palma.

Also a daily prayer for; the sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, the hopeless, the lost souls, the poor in spirit, the persecuted, the hungry, the brokenhearted, the lame, the godless, the weary, the anger, the hatred, the violence, the unrest, the wars, the corruption, the greed, the fornications, the selfishness, the coveting, etc.

Furthermore; a special prayer for all the victims from all the devastating tornados that swept through our country this past week. May our prayers and support be with them in these stressful times.

If you have any prayer request or any spiritual questions or concerns, feel free to e-mail me at ministry8246@comcast.net

If you would like to read any of my past monthly journals, they can be found on the web at: www.makethespiritualconnection.com

So with God's help, I will be looking forward writing another one of Gods inspired messages! May God richly bless you always.....Amen.