



## How is your Vision

Good morning beloveds. This morning as I concluded my devotional reading, I came across a last reading with Colossians 1:15-23 as the text. The writer indicated that the church he attended used a cross with many fragments of glass. He indicated that he sat where as he looked at the cross, the fragments of the mirror reflected upon him. He realized that the suffering, shed blood and death of Christ was due to his own sin. Then he felt guilt and shame as he saw himself. He became so uncomfortable within himself that he changed his seat. He looked back at the cross and saw the faces of friends, loved ones and his church family. He then realized that the cross was for all of us.

I then thought within myself what a sad commentary. How many of us look at the cross only to see clearly our own sin. Then, we allow feelings of guilt and shame to make us move to avoid seeing who we really are, sinners. We shift ourselves until we no longer see ourselves. The cross is intended for sinners to look thereon.

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

**John 3:14-15**

Once we have looked upon the cross and see our sinful selves in that Christ suffered, bled and died for us. We are to look at Christ's suffering for our sins until we are broken.

"And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder." **Matthew 21:44**

Once we are broken we will have our eyes open to not only see that Christ is no longer on the cross, but that He is risen.

"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is arisen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

**Matthew 28:5-6**

*"the fragments in the mirrors reflected upon him...he became so uncomfortable within himself that he changed his seat"*

He is risen for our justification.

"Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." **Romans 4:25**

He is now gone to prepare a place for you. It is at this point where we have allowed ourselves to accept that we are sinners.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." **Romans 3:23**

We then trust/believe in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. It is only after we have looked to Jesus that we are able to see the sin of others.

*Check the scripture*

1. *John 3:14-15*
2. *Matthew 28:5-6*
3. *Matthew 7:5*

"Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." **Matthew 7:5.**

We can see it at this point as we now have a purpose for looking.

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." **Galatians 6:1**

and

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." **Matthew 28:19-20**

Only as Christ has dealt with and still deals with my own sin do I come to a point of hurt bordering on pain at the sight of the sin of my loved ones and others 2 Corinthians 25:11. Having my sight cleared by recognizing my own sin and receiving the gift of God Romans 6:23. I am now compelled to go to work. I must tell of the goodness and love of God to those that would be obedient. I must also tell of the wrath and severity of God to those who would be disobedient; to those that thumb their nose at the sacrifice of Jesus Christ at and on the cross.

How is your vision?

If no one has told you yet today please let me be the first to say that I love you all and you can't do a thing about it.

Serving Christ

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## Ministry Needs

Praise God:

I believe as God said, He will supply our need according to His riches in glory. That you might be made aware of those present needs please find listed below the needs of ALM's Ministry International, Inc. as we know them.

It is my intention to fulfill the ministry God has placed in my heart. I am prayerful that God would touch those whom He has anointed to be a blessing or participant in this ministry. I have nearly completed the business plan inclusive of a blueprint of the facility wherein the halfway house would be located. If God has so ordained it would be a blessing to receive your assistance in the development of this ministry. Please contact us in the event God has led you to assist and/or forward this to any which you believe may through prayer be interested in assisting in the following areas:

- Prayer
- Secure 501 C3
- Assist in completion of business plan
  - a. Cost Analysis
  - b. Secure Financing and/or Grant Writer
  - c. Marketing Plan
- Web Site Development (concept provided)
- Editing
- Secure copyright of manuscript(s)
- Prayer

I do thank you for having taken the time to review this information. I pray that God will open your heart to being a blessing to his kingdom by assisting in the development of this ministry.

## Donations

The word of **God** admonishes us to owe no man anything except love. Therefore, we have made it possible for our visiting friends to assist us in maintaining our facility and our web presence by sowing seed into this ministry. Initial financing will be used to secure 501-C-3 status. We thank you in advance for your cheerful gift in support of ALM's Ministries, International, Inc.

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