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John 14:27 GOD CAN BRING PEACE TO YOUR PAST, PURPOSE TO YOUR PRESENT, AND HOPE TO YOUR FUTURE

"Thanks be to God for God's indescribable gift!" 2 Corinthians 9:15

#### Dear Trumpet Family,

I am so thankful that my mother and father taught me about Jesus. They showed me the Bible and shared Bible stories from a young age. But, they didn't just tell me about Jesus, they showed Him to me through their daily lives. The struggles and emotions that I knew they went through did not get in the way of their service to Him or in loving me. Some might say that I was raised very strictly, and there were times I thought the same. But I always knew they loved me and that they supported me, and I wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

I have struggles too at times, and yes, I have questioned God, "Why?" But, I know that He has allowed things to happen in my life to make me stronger. I love the words of Craig West: "My God and My All. My God in All Things."

I mentioned to someone the other day that as we grow up and enter the "real world", it may be disheartening to realize that, despite popular human belief, life is not a fairy tale. In our world today, we have to be careful who we are listening to, who is thinking for us.

However, just as a child is filled with excitement about opening packages at Christmas, we can open up His daily gifts of joy to us. We can crawl into His loving arms, knowing He loved so much that He gave His life for us. There *is* a castle waiting for us in Heaven. "I go to prepare..." He is returning for those who love Him. Jesus wants all of you, not just a part. As we face daily trials, He asks us to reach into His heart and empty His love in us. I am thankful that the Lord loves me through my imperfections.

He loves you just the same! Have you opened up to Him? If not now...when?

Jack and I wish you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving and Joyful Christmas Season. Special Thanks to those contribute their words, offerings and prayers on a regular basis.

Remember our God STILL REIGNS! Love, Jack and Juanita Coy



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## G. W. Pendleton



Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14: 27-31

You and I have been given a gift. It is not an imitation. It is not sugarcoated. It is not something that the world would recognize. It is a heavenly calm, bringing deep satisfaction. His peace is able to affect the entire nature of a man: his mind, his heart, his action. His thinking, his attitude. His purpose. His soul. His present, his future. His physical being. Men the world over are longing for peace. Peace is a satisfied mind, a conscience that doesn't hurt, a heart that's not guilty.

From the morning of time, man has sought methods of peace. They knew peace was needed, that strife is wrong, painful, and sinful. We are all still searching for the type of pure peace that can only come from above.

We live in a war zone, a fight between good and evil. We hear the cries, we see the tears, we listen to the prayers, all indicating "we want peace."

The fundamental cries we hear today are the whines and screams of the human heart, searching for something to quiet the awful disturbance of having a troubled soul.

This world has caught on fire and is burning with hatred. This is the age of anxiety. The disease has spread across the borders into our own land. There is a noise of fear. The cry of despair. The only solution is Jesus Christ. He is ready to give us His peace if only we ask. The world is sick and dying, right under the shadow of the Great Physician of Calvary.

Millions are looking for real peace. It cannot be found through anything this world has to give. Jesus said, "My peace I give you, not as the world gives." The world cannot give peace. It is not there to give!

Along comes the advertisers, on TV, radio, online. Be prepared. Put your money where it won't rust. Get rid of smelly armpits, dandruff, bad breath, gray hair, and all your troubles are over. Men and women swallow these lies and spend millions trying to get young, stay young.

I invite you to take your Bible and read the entire chapter of John 14. When Jesus said these words, it was a Thursday night. The Passover meal was over. Peter had been told that he would deny the Lord. Jesus had gone outside and would go to Gethsemane shortly to pray. Judas would return with a mob, and Jesus would be taken to Ananias, the priest, Afterward, Caiaphas. At sunrise, a mock trial begins in the Sanhedrin, the Jewish Supreme Court. And then to Herod. At 9 o'clock in the morning. He would be crucified. At 3 o'clock, He would be dead; His disciples scattered, disheartened, and afraid. All this happened in 24 hours of time. But Jesus just said: "My peace I leave with you." What is this - some kind of joke? No. it means that even today, during our problems, heart aches, and storms, you can have peace. Wonderful peace, coming down from the heavens above.

This peace is more than Social Security or treaties or a nap. It is a heavenly document, signed in the Savior's blood that will last through eternity. This is the peace that He gives to His children. A person must realize if he wants real peace, the only source is Jesus. "Come unto me and I will give you peace." These are His words! Make no mistake about it - He will forgive. His heart is open. Do you accept this forever peace gift? Ask Jesus to come into your heart.

## SHARP POINTS

Be pleasant and happy every morning until ten o'clock. The rest of the day will take care of itself.

If my objective in life is making money; if I let my garden of thoughts grow full of weeds; I will soon have about as much intellectual thinking substance as the dream of a grasshopper. My ability to reason will be on a par with a monkey, showing off, but never preparing for the future.

The path of responsibility may not always be as smooth as a railroad, but it keeps me on track.

There are only two things, in the world to worry about: one, the things I can control; and two, the things I can't control. With God's help, I fix the first, forget the second.

You may lead a fool to talk, but it's almost impossible to get him to think. If he did, he wouldn't be a fool.

The prodigal son is the young man who loses everything, except his way back home. I thank God for making clear to this prodigal the way back home.

I got caught in the act of telling the truth. It blessed me in ways I couldn't have ever imagined!

A smart man said: "In the daytime I'm too busy to worry, and at nighttime I'm too sleepy."

Some day when you feel blue and down-hearted, visit a hospital, a jail cell, a convalescent home or a funeral parlor, and talk to those involved. -Then go home and count your blessings.

Never stop being a good person because of bad people.

The only thing the Devil created is SIN. ■

## STANDING OUT FOR GOD John Wallin



Does our life show meaning for Christ? Do we honor God with our walk and talk and in our actions? Do we leave an impression on other peo-

ples' mind that there's something different about us? Or do the people who know us, see in us that no matter what comes our way, we will always stand on the side God's truth?

When Jesus was here on earth, everyone He encountered saw a difference in Him and all His ways. Likewise, there should be no doubt in anyone's mind that we love the Lord and the truth! It should be obvious that we are doing our best to live up to what and who we say we are: a child of the most high God.

Our speech should be seasoned with God's love and grace. Those people in our world who are living in darkness and sin need to see Jesus in us. Each day brings us all closer to eternity.

According to Acts 4:15, Peter and John stood up in a bold way for the Lord: They (the rulers) talked it over: "What can we do with these men? By now it's known all over town that a miracle has occurred, and that they are behind it." People knew they had been with Jesus.

In Daniel, third chapter, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, "Your threat means nothing to us. If you throw us in the fire, the God we serve can rescue us from your roaring furnace and anything else you might cook up, O king." They stood out so people could see the difference God's presence made in their lives.

Will people see a Christ-like quality in us as well? As we get closer to God, will they notice that God lives in and through us? Jesus taught by example; let's follow Him and stand out for God!

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Lord, today I pray for our nation, for our families, our communities, our leaders. May we stand firm for what is right and



not give in to temptation or let corruption seep into our thoughts or actions. Guard our hearts, give us strength.

We are living in a time where Satan doesn't even hide anymore, and the world still can't see him.

"He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree." – Roy L. Smith



--- MONDAY MORNING SPECIAL NEWS UPDATE---

Our newsman reported this when visiting the Lyers Motor Company last weekend: "We drove by the car lot and you could not get into the parking lot because of the huge crowd that was there. However, we soon found out, everyone there had misread the ad. The vehicles available were all too small! But, at the church the same cars were there as the week before. I wonder, which is more important, Eternal Life or a new vehicle?"

Have you

noticed peo-

ple are passing out money and "stuff"

these days - Even

our own

government?

Just remember free

gifts have to be paid for. Jesus paid for your salvation.

Who is paying for

the free gifts?

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## Kathryn Elizabeth Davis Mountain Home, Arkansas

Words alone are meaningless. Belief alone is worthless. So when I say I believe in God, or that I am a Christian, my life has to be a mirror which perfectly reflects the image of God. Following Christ means giving yourself up and only seeking Him. In my life, this means throwing away things of the world that may be tempting and following Him blindly. I put my life in God's hands and

kneel at his feet, no matter how hard it gets. I live the life that God has called me to live in the Bible. Following Christ is waking up everyday knowing that I am immeasurably loved by the Father and loving Him back by living my life for Him. If Christ and His disciples loved like they did in a civilization of hatred. I can love the hardest of people in my life. Hypocrisy is the enemy of the church, so I live for Christ through my actions. I trust God's plan for my life, so when He tells me to go, I will go. When He tells me to speak, I will speak. I pray that when people see me, they see joy, but the type of joy that you can only get from Jesus- the eternal satisfaction. I live differently so that I can live for Christ "In the world but not of the world."

I've grown up in church my entire life; my parents are a perfect example of what living for Christ is and have raised me to live my life the same way. I was saved at a very young age at a vacation Bible school and have been close with God ever since. There was, however, a period of time in my life in which I felt that I was in control. I felt like I could be a part of the world and still serve God. Of course those worldly things didn't hold up and, in no time at all, I had lost all the confidence and joy that I once had. I was trusting the world and the people in it to help me in my life rather than the only One who can. As He said in the Bible: no man can serve two masters, for he will love one and hate the other.

At the beginning of quarantine. I chose to focus on Psalm 91. Little did I know this would later connect in my life like a perfect puzzle piece with what I was going through. As broken as I was feeling, I began searching for something that could build me back up. Psalm 41 did just that. As I opened up my Bible and started reading, my eyes and heart were fixed on every word; the things that were holding me back immediately became powerless. Christ lifted me up and, ever since, I have felt a perfect peace. Through giving my life to God, I have lost anger, insecurity, fear of death, hatred, greed, and ego. Sometimes following Christ isn't about gaining, but losing. I've been able to find joy in life's worst situations, and, at my lowest points. I turn only to Him. I've seen His love and mercy pour out into my life and the lives around me. I've experienced blessings upon blessings from the people God put in my life. Christ really changed my life and is continuing to each and every day. My God is bigger than the giants I face.

ETEAM Chicago completely opened up my heart and eyes to the world outside of my life. Since my time in Chicago, missions and being servant-minded have been heavy on my heart. This year, through ETEAM, I want to pour out Jesus onto people whom otherwise I wouldn't get the opportunity. I also hope to learn more about missions and cultures I haven't experienced. In order to teach someone about God, you have to meet them where they are. What better way than through ETEAM? It is so easy to get consumed with the issues around me and forget about the rest of the world.

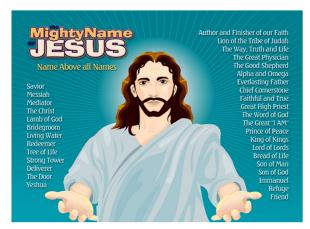
This opportunity to go out and be the hands and feet and just show people what the love of Christ is like is something God is calling me to do. In my life I sometimes find myself not understanding the gifts God gave me, as well as not understanding what He is calling me to do. ETEAM gives me an opportunity to put them to use in a practical real life way. I enjoy art and photography. God has given me these skills that I get to use as a ministry almost daily. I paint Bible murals for different people in my life. It turns these gifts and callings into a clear purpose for my life and that's a feeling I wish everyone could experience.

Thank you , Lord for Kate and her testimony for you. We pray that You will guide her as she seeks Your will for her life.



## THE NAMES OF JESUS

### T.R. Gosnell



The name "Jesus" is universally recognizable. However, it may come as a surprise that the name millions of Christians all over the world are implored not to take in vain was not actually "Jesus" at all. Controversial though the claim may sound, at heart it is really more of a translation issue.



The Greek transliteration of Jesus' real name, "lēsous", and the late Biblical Hebrew version "Yeshua". Of course, neither English nor Spanish were around in their modern form when the real Jesus was alive, or for that matter, when the New Testament was written. Jesus and his followers were all Jewish and so they had Hebrew names — although they would likely have spoken Aramaic. The "J" sound used to pronounce Jesus's name does not exist in Hebrew or Aramaic, which is strong evidence that Jesus was called something entirely different by his contemporaries. Most scholars, therefore, believe that the Christian Messiah's name was actually "Yeshua," a common Jewish name around the time Jesus was alive. Archaeologists have found the name carved into 71 burial caves in Israel, dating from the time the historical Jesus would have been alive.

This leads to the question of why, if there were evidently so many men named "Yeshua" running around at the time, the name "Jesus" came to be unique. The King James Bible used the "I" spelling in place of the "J" spelling. Since not every language shares the same sounds, people have historically adapted their names so as to be able to pronounce them in various languages. Even in modern languages, there are differences in the pronunciation of Jesus.

The New Testament was originally written in Greek, which not only uses an entirely different alphabet than Hebrew but also lacks the "sh" sound found in "Yeshua." The New Testament authors decided to use the Greek "s" sound in place of the "sh" in Yeshua and then added a final "s" to the end of the name to make it masculine in the language. When, in turn, the Bible was translated into Latin from the original Greek, the translators rendered the name as "lesus."

Now let me say this. No matter what name people call Jesus, the main thing is they believe He is the Son of God and accept Him as their Savior. 198 different names and titles of Jesus in the Bible are listed in Cruden's Concordance, first published in 1737, and continuously in print ever since. In the King James version, the name Jesus appears 973 times; the name Jesus' appears 10 times; the name Christ appears 16 times. Taken together as a phrase Jesus Christ appears 195 times in 185 verses.

Some call Jesus "Lord;" some call Him "God;" and others call Him "Savior." We need to consider the fact that some tell us we can't call Him "Jesus" because His Hebrew name was something else. Then we read in the New Testament that the law was done away with so we could have salvation through Christ our Lord. Yes, we need to keep the commandments and such. But if we keep the old law, we must bring a sacrifice for our sins and Jesus died in vain.

If some argue about what name to call the son of God in any language, then think of this: Paul said He was given a name above all other names. Philippians 2:9-11, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." He did mention that the name He was given by God was Jesus. I will take the words of Paul for it over anyone else's. Paul spoke many languages and he knew the law better than kings and princes and any of us.

I can say by experience of walking with the God who created the universe for over 40 years, He will hear you if you call on Him by faith.

Let us look at the Old Testament for a moment. Paul taught us the old law; its ordinances were nailed to the cross so we could have a better covenant given to us that brought salvation. Some swear by the old, but it is in the new that Jesus dies in and for all people. The true Church is the body of Christ, not the body of the old law. The old law said kill them if they sin. The new says repent and Jesus would forgive us our sins. The old law brought death and sacrifices. The new brought Jesus, the only sacrifice needed for sin. It brought life eternal: Luke 2:10-11, "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

The Bible has been translated many times over the years. In Dutch: Jezus Christus. Chinese: Yēsū Jīdū. Every nation has their own way of saying Jesus. As long as they believe and are praying to Him, He does not care about how they say it. I have worshipped with people from other countries that spoke different languages, and we all agreed: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

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#### NOTES FROM OUR READERS:

Thank you again for all the good you have done and would like to do. I enjoyed the Trumpet. Especially grateful for Elwynna reminding us of Jeremiah 30:17. What a powerful prayer with a loving and obedient heart (s)! We are so thankful for Bud's recovery. Praise God! - Nancy Carlson, Mtn. Home, AR

It is so good to turn to God in prayer and be thankful for the worst that is now behind you two good friends. "The Good Shepherd" on page 6 in the Sept-Oct issue expresses these appropriate words. "Sometimes we lean on Him, content to lie in His arms" - John & Gail Stoddard, Mtn. Home, AR

Good Timber By R.C. Hanks The tree that never had to fight For sun and sky and air and light, That stood out in the open plain, And always got its share of rain, Never became a forest king, But lived and died a scrubby thing

The man who never had to toil. Who never had to win his share Of sun and sky and light and air, Never became a manly man, But lived and died as he began.

Good timber does not grow in ease; The stronger wind, the tougher trees; The farther sky, the greater length; The more the storm, the more the strength By sun and cold by rain and snows. In tree or man good timber grows.

## **Prayer Thoughts**

"You cannot offer Him a stool in the corner of your heart. When He comes into your life, it is because you have set yourself aside as you stand in His presence. In doing so, He will sit on the throne of your life and teach you His truth, and His Spirit will transform your spirit. - - *Billy Graham The Reason for my Hope*"

Prayer - though it is often draining, even an agony - is in the long term the greatest source of power that is possible. - Timothy Keller

Learning to pray doesn't offer us a less busy life; it offers us a less busy heart. - Paul E. Miller

> Prayer is never a last line of defense. It's our first line of offense. - Craig Groeschel

"The four Gospels record the main events in the life of Jesus Christ. Examine the following facts: There are 89 chapters in the 4 Gospels: 4 chapters cover the first 30 years of His life, 85 chapters cover the last 3 years of His life, 27 chapters cover the last 8 days of His life. Which is more important to the writers, judging from the space giv-

en to each — the first 30 years or the last 8 days? Four chapters cover the first 30 years and 27 chapters cover the last 8 days. " -Taken from J. Vernon McGee's studies.

Sharon Hall

## THIS IS THE DAY

Would'a, Could'a, Should'a,...Have You?

Have you ever had a day when the LORD asked you a question that demands an answer?

Well, if you have ever spent an extended time alone with our LORD, I am sure you have. Some of these "Questions" are:

"Who have you told?" and

"How many <u>have</u> you taken the time to tell about JESUS and their need for Him?" and

"<u>Have</u> you taken the time to demonstrate the Love of JESUS CHRIST to anyone today?" and

"What on earth <u>have</u> you been waiting for?"

If you are waiting to read the names of your neighbors, friends, and relatives in the "Obituaries… you will <u>have</u> waited " TOO LATE!" If you are a CHRISTIAN, born again believer and receiver,..... the Time is NOW ! Jesus sent the disciples out to any and all those on the highways and byways, to any and all whom they should meet.

What keeps you and me from telling others in Words, or even better in our "Actions " and "re-actions" towards them?

Let us be about "OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS" by our words, actions, and re-actions today.

May they know we are Christians by our LOVE for all whom HE brings our way.

Pray for one another as we walk through this life, that others may see Christ in us, enough and in a manner to give them a desire to know our JESUS!

So...

"Have you?" or "Have you not?"



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