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For God So loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoso ever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

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Happy New Year

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

-2 Corinthians 5:17

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Mission Highlights

We had three graduates this past month!

We had three guys graduate to become productive members in our community. We don't have graduate dates or graduation per se, but we do have an exit plan for each person as they prepare themselves to redeem their lives back to a gospel centered life. Two of our guys moved out together and are doing amazing and are in good standing with the courts and good standing with the mission. Our latest guy was one of our leaders named Jeff and our hearts are beyond blessed by how God has grown him while he was here and back into a possible reconciliation with his family.

Here is Jeff's testimony



My name is Jeff Wilder. Last March I came to the mission not having a place to stay and homeless for quite a while. I was only thinking I was gonna be there only a couple of weeks, but God had more in store for me. I got to grow in the grace of God in ways I never knew existed, and learn how to listen to the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. God has used the mission to grow and redeem

me from a life of addiction. The director helped me grow as a leader within the mission and a leader in my children's lives. I had realized that I lost the ability to lead my family, but God used the mission to teach me how to become a godly leader at home and abroad. I never thought I could lead someone to Jesus but I got that opportunity while I was here at the mission often. Now I understand even more what discipleship is because that is what the mission is truly about; making disciples and I praise God that I have a greater understanding of that. I am ready to start my new journey in life, but I will never forget what and how God used the mission and some of the teachers here. Believe it or not in my time here at the mission I have had over 70 Bible studies. If you would've told me that in the beginning I think I would've been intimidated, but now I know it was the very thing that led me to a closer relationship with God to start my new journey in a redeemed life. I would like to thank the Wallis family, they were instrumental in assisting with my redemption journey. I have full confidence now that I can give away what I was given, so thank you to all the donors and volunteers, I'm one of the ones that didn't get away.

Mission Updates

Christmas Dinner had a great turnout!

This year's Christmas dinner turned out to be one of the Bonner Gospel Mission's greatest moments of the year 2021. There were over 35 volunteers and we served 180 dinners. In addition, we also served 70 to-go boxes to several folks including our surrounding first responders. It was an amazing time to watch everyone come together and fellowship in the name of Jesus and celebrate what God is doing in our community. As the director, I can definitely say this was one of the highlights of the year and I can't wait for next year. I can't thank our volunteers enough, including the men at the mission, who came together in such a harmonious God glorifying way. All the volunteers are how we exist as a mission and it was amazing to watch such giving hearts come together in one place.



Mission Updates Cont...

A special thanks to Kim Wallis for helping the mission coordinate the Christmas dinner along with her lovely family. Kim did an amazing job coordinating all the volunteers and getting everyone on the same page. If you were fortunate enough to be there, you understand how well it was organized. She has a humble heart and I don't think she would like me to call her out, but I couldn't in good conscience leave out a special thanks for her and her family. Thank you Kim. Our mission is a better place because of how God uses you and your family. Her husband also leads an amazing bible study with the men in the mission. The Bonner gospel mission loves you and your family and we praise God for you guys.



New Way to Donate

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How the Amour of God and the Cross of Jesus is one of the same.
1 John 3:8 "Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil"

How does this happen? How do we defeat Satan in our lives? By the Cross of Jesus Christ! Ephesians gives us this imagery of putting on the whole Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20), "So you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."

Belt of Truth: We know that God has given us his Holy Spirit to know his Truth (1 Corinthians 2:6-16), and Truth and Gospel are synonymous, making the belt of Truth the understanding of the work of Christ on the Cross. This is absolute Truth and central to our faith, the Atonement.

Breastplate of Righteousness: We have been made righteous by Christ's crucifixion. In 2 Corinthians 5:21, "He made Christ who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that in him we would become the righteousness of God.

Shoes of Readiness, given by the gospel of peace: We are prepared by the Gospel, given the Truth, through the atoning work of Christ by which we now have peace with God. This gives us a readiness to withstand the schemes of the devil and share the Gospel of peace with others (1 Peter 3:15). The Gospel of peace comes from the Atonement.

Shield of Faith, which extinguishes all of the flaming darts: We know the darts are predominantly the accusation, deception, and temptation of Satan. Scriptures tell us, "in all circumstances," take the shield of faith. And where is our faith? That we stand with Christ, in right

relationship to God by the Holy Spirit—again because of the atoning work of Christ. 1 John 5:1-12 says that our faith is that we have victory over world and Satan rules the world.

Helmet of Salvation: Again, this was done by the atoning work of Christ; he has reconciled us back to God. Salvation encompasses everything: that he paid the penalty. Jesus not only paid for our sins but removed them. Jesus has justified us therefore making us right before God and giving us His righteousness, so that we can have peace with God. Christ paid the ransom price and redeemed us.

Sword of the Spirit: This is given to us from Genesis to Revelation, the full story of God. What is the story of God? Christ's death and resurrection on the cross to bring His people back to himself. The central theme in the Bible is the humiliation of our God on the cross to pay man's debt.

So, we see through this, that the armor of God is the work of Jesus Christ on the Cross by the Gospel of Peace, Belt of Truth, Helmet of Salvation, Breastplate of Righteousness, Shield of Faith, and the Word of God. Again, I'm not saying there isn't anything for us to do. I'm saying that the very thing that saved us, which is the Cross, is the very thing that destroyed the Enemy. And understanding this truth is what sets us free from the "attacks" of Satan.

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