



# WATCHMAN'S TRUMPET



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## FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

Hello,

I welcome you to this new month and present to you November 2024 edition of Watchman's Trumpet. The theme of this month's edition is "The conviction and consecration of faithful men".

The messages in today's magazine revolve around Peter and John's response to persecution for preaching the Gospel. Their attitude and sermon is greatly inspiring and remains a model for the church. It all began with an arrest. Jewish ruling council members - the Sanhedrin - were saddened and angered that Peter and John were preaching the Gospel and healed a man who had been crippled from birth in the name of Jesus. They had these apostles arrested, after an overnight stay in prison, they were brought to trial.

During cross examination, Peter filled with the Holy Spirit proclaimed Jesus as the Cornerstone, the only one appointed by God as humanity's Saviour. At the end of the trial, the council issued a restraining order. They were ordered "not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus" Acts 4:18. By this order, it became illegal to preach the Gospel to anyone during personal encounters or in mass meetings. We found in this encounter the first collision of the Christian faith with hostile authorities, a pattern retained in one form or the order in all ages whenever or wherever religious conversations meet the frowns of men especially the powers-that-be.

We thank God that these apostles stood their ground. In response to Sanhedrin's threat and restraining order, they

declared their avowed commitment to obey God rather than men. They boldly and openly declared their resolve to continue to testify about their spiritual experiences and fulfil the Great Commission. Eventually, they were discharged and acquitted. Their victory at the court came from the consciousness that they serve the all-powerful God and from visible, incontrovertible evidence of transformed lives associated with Gospel preaching and intimacy with Christ. This was evident in the Apostles' lives as well as in the man that became healed through their ministrations.

Among the lessons that the experience teach us is that liberty to worship, to obey God's commandment and freely share our conviction in a conducive environment including the privilege of individually determining what is right before God and doing it was won at great cost. It must not be misused or abused. Furthermore, we are exposed to the empowering role of the Holy Spirit in believers' bold witness. However, the greatest of all the lessons that this incident teaches us is that during challenging times in our lives, God will never forsake us. It is my prayer that these blessings and much more will be yours as you read this edition of Watchman's Trumpet in Jesus name. Welcome!

## JESUS CHRIST THE CORNESTONE

"Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of



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Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:10-12

Ancient writings especially in near East are full of metaphors that help men to understand spiritual truth. The Bible is full of them. One of these is "Cornerstone". In Bible days, cornerstone was the first stone positioned during the construction of a building. It is the largest stone placed in a corner and sets the level, outer dimension and angles of the building. It had to be leveled and squared so that other future stones could take their bearing from it. Once positioned, the rest of the building had to conform to its angle, remain in contact with it and rest firmly on it. As a result of this, the cornerstone is often the largest,

strongest, most solid, most significant and most beautiful construction stone in an entire building. If removed, the entire structure could collapse. Our understanding of cornerstone symbolism individually and corporately especially its connection with Jesus Christ our Lord can greatly invigorate and enrich our Christian life especially in difficult and challenging moments. However, its lesson is also the admonition we need to avoid living wasted lives.

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. Description and identity of God-appointed Cornerstone
2. Past and contemporary rejection of divinely-designated Cornerstone
3. Eternal validation and men's alignment with the Anointed Cornerstone

### 1. Description and identity of God-appointed Cornerstone

*"As it is written, Behold, I lay in Zion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed"* **Romans 9:33**

Old Testament prophets spoke ahead of time about a precious Cornerstone that will serve as humanity's spiritual foundation Isaiah 28:16a. God spoke through these prophets that He is the one that position this Cornerstone whom when men put their faith in, they will never be put to shame. Jesus applied these prophecies to Himself when He came to the Temple and after driving from it those who buy and sell in its precinct. What the cornerstone is in a building is what Jesus represents in the kingdom of God and in God's programme.

Jesus is the foundation and reference point of life and living as well as reference point of enduring relationship with God. In the kingdom He is the incarnate Word of God, the one that gives definition about what is right, what is wrong,

what is straight and what is crooked. It is from His model and example that we know whether we are on the right track or not; whether we are on the path that leads to heaven or to hell. Actually, He holds the keys and He will be the ultimate determiner of who will end up in hell or heaven in the end. He will be the final judge of all mankind.



### 2. Past and contemporary rejection of divinely designated Cornerstone

*"And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, we have no king but Caesar. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away."* **John 19:14-16**

Jewish rulers and leaders rejected Jesus described by Peter as the Cornerstone. Like the Jewish leaders and rulers, many are trying to build for God today, trying to build kingdom edifice but ignore, despise, and belittle Jesus. They do so by undermining His commandment and instructions, and paying less attention to His doctrines and teachings (Luke 6:46-49). Rejecting Him amount to rejecting all that is good and pleasant in life, in time and in eternity. Historically, it is on record that individuals who reject Jesus often struggle with a lack of spiritual direction and purpose. Societies that have turned away from the teachings of Christ increasingly contend with uncontrollable wickedness, corruptions and perversion of all kinds. Jesus is the Cornerstone of genuine expression of faith in God. He is the embodiment of truth and moral integrity.



### 3. Eternal validation and men's alignment with the anointed Cornerstone

*"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."* **John 14:6**

The identification of Jesus as the Cornerstone underscores His role in salvation and the establishment of the church. God's validation of Jesus Christ, beginning with His resurrection is reflected in His investment with all power, part of which is deployed by His servants through the use of His name in preaching and prayer. Power that makes life forces hold together is in Christ and resides with Him. Without Jesus, there is no "being" or "doing" that will last or stand the test of time. This is what the cornerstone of a building in ancient times does.

The Cornerstone in ancient building and construction symbolizes strength, reliability, alignment and stability. It is suggestive of uprightness, integrity and perfection that should characterize relationship with God and living for His glory in life and living with Him in eternity. Jesus is the only way any man can obtain and retain these virtues and attributes, and our experience and possession of them must begin with repentance and salvation that His sacrifice on the cross provides.

Beyond salvation His teachings and doctrines provides moral and spiritual foundation for believers. . Build on the foundation of Jesus Christ today! Let Him be your Cornerstone.



## ABOUT WATCHMAN OUTREACH MISSION

Watchman Outreach Mission as envisioned fundamentally comprises of men and women of faith who watch over one another and together watch for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Next to this primary assignment is an equally important responsibility of bringing others into the same state of watchfulness and readiness as the coming of the Lord draws near. Ours is a trans-ministerial, trans-denominational mission. Our core values include expository teaching, prayer and counselling. We train in principles and practice of Christian discipleship and equip for effective Kingdom Service.

The Lord Jesus Christ in one of His parables said “*While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept*” **Mathew 25:5**. Watchman Outreach Mission is a response of faith to this and similar warnings about events in the last days. Our response is based on the premise that prophecies, visions and revelations about the future such as the one documented in the Lord’s parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins are sign-posts by which men are warned to keep vigil to avoid disastrous end. We serve to wake up the church and men everywhere to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return.

The Mission, based in Ibadan, Nigeria, was launched in 2009 and its maiden outing took place on the 20th November of the same year. On that day, we partnered with All Nations Evangelical Ministry (ANEM), Akobo, Ibadan for Evangelistic and Medical Mission Outreach to Idi - Ose Village on Arulogun - Olorunda Road in Lagelu Local Government, Ibadan.

In the years that followed we networked with churches and other Christian groups too to implement our mandate which include conducting gospel outreaches, discipleship training for new converts, organizing and facilitating workers and ministerial training, conducting administrative reviews in churches and ministries, writing of proposals for reforms and church growth strategies that can enhance social cohesion, improve church finances and foster overall development, unity and growth of such ministries; monitoring and/or supervision of the implementation of such reforms and strategies.

Some of these Christian groups and ministries include with Christ Apostolic Church, Oke - Ife in Ajangboju, Ibadan, Nigerian Military Christian Fellowship, Adekunle Fajuyi Cantonment Chapter in Oyo - State Nigeria, Christ Gospel Mission International, Light of Jesus Evangelistic Ministry with branches in different cities in South Western Nigeria, and Ark of Salvation Church of Christ (ASCC) with headquarters at Molade, Monatan Ibadan.

Till date, although partnered ministries change from time to time depending on the leading we receive from the Lord, we remain committed to our main purpose and vision; that of service to the church and in the world to wake up men everywhere and encourage them to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return. Through our activities, souls had been saved, believers edified and church workers’ spiritual growth and development enhanced, all to the glory of God.

## WATCHMAN PRAYER HOUR



### *Prayer Points - November 2024*

1. Thank God for giving us a Saviour who saved us from our sins
2. Pray for grace to live a consistently faithful life
3. Pray that as we remain connected with Jesus, strength, stability, uprightness, and integrity will characterize our daily lives
4. Pray for wholeness and soundness in your body, soul, mind, will, emotions and in your spirit.
5. Pray that God will rid our communities and nations of corruption and wickedness; pray that multitude will turn to the Lord and be saved
6. Pray that God will encourage and strengthen all believers presently experiencing persecution.
7. Pray for increasing dedication and commitment of believers to evangelism

*“ ..... men ought always to pray, and not to faint;” Luke 18:1*

**May the Lord hear and answer all our prayers - AMEN!**

**Watchman Prayer Hour** holds every Saturday from 10.30am - 12.00MD. We invite you to join us at our office at Amazing Grace House, Joy Estate, Olorunda -Abaa, Ibadan . Oyo - State. Follow us on any of our social media platforms and send your inquiries or prayer requests to any of our digital addresses.

# NO OTHER SAVIOUR

*“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Acts 4:12*

Our text recorded the conclusion of Peter’s defense before the Sanhedrin. They were brought to trial after healing a lame man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple and preaching to a crowd attracted by the commotion that followed the healing. The Jewish leaders during cross examination of Peter and John at the trial specifically ask by what power or by what name they have done all that they did Acts 4:7. Peter told them that it is Jesus, the one they crucified, whom God raised from the dead. The power released through the mention of His name made the lame man whole. Peter declared that this Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Saviour appointed by God for the salvation of mankind; there is no other.

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. Man’s need of salvation
2. The concept of salvation and its origin
3. Man’s only Savior and spiritual foundation

## 1. Man’s need of salvation

*“And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.” Genesis 6:5, 6,*

Twice in chapter 4 it was stated that the lame man was “made whole”. Wholeness is much more than physical healing or enjoying physical



healing or enjoying physical health. It is a state of being perfectly well in body, soul (mind, will and emotions) and spirit. The opposite of this is the state of all natural men without Christ. The ruin of it is what sin and Satan brought beginning from Adam’s fall and restoration of it is why Jesus sacrificed Himself. It is the ultimate goal of salvation in Christ. Man in his natural state is corrupt, totally depraved sinful, wicked and spiritually dead. Without salvation, he will be lost forever.

## 2. The concept and origin of salvation

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16*

*“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10*

The concept of salvation must be well understood by all believers so we can by our understanding appraise the genuineness of our experiences and the nature of our mission to the lost in the world. Salvation refers to preservation, keeping a person or thing in a safe state, preserving it from harm. It refers to deliverance from evil that could afflict the body or mind, deliverance from pains, sickness, danger etc Acts 7:25. In the New Testament, it is applied to the work of Christ Jesus Luke 19:10 and primarily refers to deliverance from the effects and consequence of sin Mathew 1:21, Acts 5:31, Luke 4:18, Romans 8:21, Galatians 5:1. It denotes freedom from sin, its effects and consequences.

The sacrifice and power of Jesus that saves is the same that guarantees healing for our sick bodies and solution to all our problems in time and in eternity.

Physical healing that we receive in the name of Jesus is a foretaste of greater blessing to come on earth and in eternity to those who are saved and redeemed by Christ. Salvation originated from God, God in Christ Jesus gave a savior to the world John 3:16, Galatians 1:4, 2:20, Ephesians 9:22, 5:25, 1Timothy 2:6, 2Corinthians 9:15.

## 3. Man’s only Savior and spiritual foundation

*“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.” 1Timothy 2:5, 6*

Jesus is the true foundation of ideal and genuine spirituality. He is the only one validated by God the creator of heaven and earth. The validation of Jesus is reflected in His investment with all power by God and in His ability to do all that God can do. Unprecedented power is associated with all that Jesus is and represents. God gave Jesus power that makes all life’s forces hold together. Those who reject Jesus like the Jews and their rulers will one day discover that they were wrong. History and experiences unite in their testimony that humanity has only one Savior notwithstanding whether they are Jews or Gentiles; that Savior is Jesus Christ. He is the one appointed and ordained by God to be the author of redemption and procurer of salvation. Those who reject Jesus reject the wisdom, authority, love and salvation of God. They will sink in life’s ocean with nothing to hold on to; they will be damned forever in the end. It remains an eternal fact and truth that calling upon Jesus saves. Try it today, you will never be disappointed!

## INTIMACY WITH JESUS

*“Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.” Acts 4:13*

Our text revealed the appraisal of Jewish council about the content and context of Peter and John’s defense when they were brought to trial for healing a lame man and for preaching Christ’s resurrection in the temple environment. These learned doctors of the law and experienced judges knew and commented that Peter and John were ordinary fishermen without formal religious and theological education. They make inquiries to find out the secret behind the changes observable in them and discovered that they had *“been with Jesus”*. The Greek word for *“when they saw”* (when they saw their boldness) in our text refers to making inquiries to discover a truth or fact. Thus, the Sanhedrin acknowledged the possibility and reality that comes through sustained, continuous intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. This confession about early Apostles has great significance in our walk and relationship with the Lord today.

To understand this significance, we shall consider the following subtopics:

1. Foundation of Christian uniqueness and identity
2. Transformational influences of Holy Spirit’s power today



### 1. Foundation of Christian uniqueness and identity

*“The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40*

Notwithstanding the Sanhedrin’s social bias about Peter and John’s background and pedigree, the court acknowledged the changes and transformation evident in them. They recognized and acknowledged that the transformation observed in these apostles must have occurred as a result of sustained interaction and intimacy with Jesus. They knew that Peter and John are laymen, ordinary folks and illiterates with no professional training. Thus, their utterances reminded them of Christ. They spoke freely, logically, fluently, openly and confidently without hesitation or equivocation. They exhibited unusual passion, profound insight and knowledge of the scriptures. They spoke like men with true conviction, godly zeal and true piety. They were logical in their answers and sound in their theology. Their force of reasoning pointed to sources beyond natural.

It is good to read book and take classes. Seminary training, career definition and progression have their place and roles in achieving excellence in human endeavors and even in the service of God, However, the experience of these

apostles establishes an important fact that it is Christ-likeness that comes through intimacy with Jesus that makes people Christians, not university degree or nominal church attendance.

### 2. Transformational influence of Holy Spirit power today

*“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 3:18*

We now know that the transformation evident in Peter and John during their defense was not only because they physically interacted with Jesus when He was on earth. Holy Spirit worked on them and in them. The Sanhedrin’s comment was probably because they saw these disciples with Jesus in the temple courtyard during the Passion Week and on the day of crucifixion John 18:15. Clearly they did not factor in the effect that baptism in the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost had on them.

For instance, it takes years of learning to be able to frequently speak foreign languages that the disciples spoke on the day of Pentecost. The intellectual dexterity, Scriptural illumination and revelation found in the Apostle’s epistles later, including the one written by Jude pointed to a source beyond them. It is here clear then that Holy Spirit’s power can reverse natural deficiencies, and eliminate human limitations and weaknesses. He can impart gifts on ordinary men to do things that confounds elites 1Corinthians 1:24-25. 1Peter 1:11, Acts 4:6. The presence and companionship of the Holy Spirit with us today will transform us into Christ’s image 2 Corinthians 3:18 and make our ministry effective and fruitful. Holy Spirit’s activities, operations and gifts in believers as individuals and in the church corporately make Jesus real to us.

## WE MUST SPEAK

*“And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.” Acts 4:18-20*

The event in Acts chapter 4 was very historic. After the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, about 120 in number who gathered together for worship and fellowship in the Upper Room in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, two of the Apostles Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to participate in prayers held at regularly at the end of even worship. God used them to heal a man who had been lame for from birth.



The commotion that followed the healing attracted multitude. To this multitude Peter and John preached the Gospel, more specifically, they spoke about Jesus and His resurrection. This offended the leaders and Jewish rulers who usually preside over Jewish religious life and Temple activities. They promptly arrested Peter and John and commit them to prison. The next day they were brought to trial before the council who issued restraining order that they should never again speak to any man or teach in the name of Jesus.



Our text contains these Apostles' response to the restraining order. We find in the entire account and experience and in a miniature form a pattern of opposition and conflict of the Christian faith with hostile authorities that existed in all ages for our instruction, encouragement and admonition.

We shall consider three subtopics.

1. Implication of Jewish council's restraining order
2. Consecration to God and dedication of faithful brethren to duty
3. Missionary nature of believing life and the Christian faith

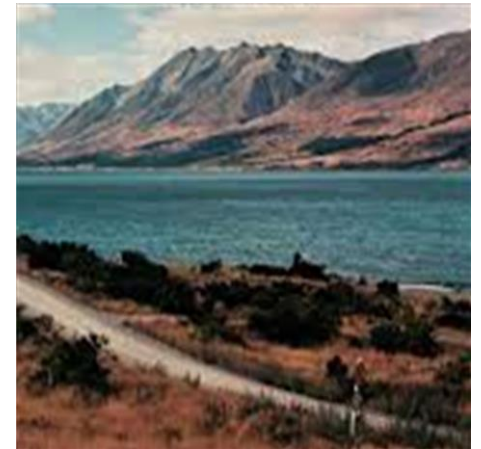
### 1. Implication of Jewish Council restraining order

*“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?” Romans 10:13, 14*

We find in Acts 4:15-17 a conference that David predicted hundreds of years earlier in Psalms 2:1-2 that rulers will hold in opposition to Christ and the interest of His kingdom. As prophesied in the Psalm Jewish rulers and leaders imposed a total ban on the preaching of the Gospel.

It became illegal to speak about Christ whether during personal encounters with individuals or in mass meeting. We have in this order the first attempt of the devil through men to put an end to preaching, teaching and healing ministry.

If the council succeeded and the Apostles and the early church have succumbed and dispersed, many would have remained in bondage, shielded from liberating power of the Gospel and the light and deliverance that comes from Pentecostal preaching. Sin would have proliferated. The devil would have retained his tyrannical hold on men in heathen nations. The reality and the possibility of men living endless, life in God's presence at the end of our time and sojourn on earth will have been an illusion. Possibly the world would have ceased to exist as it was in the days of Noah or as it happened to Sodom and Gomorrah. We would not have been here and all the blessings and benefits including advancement that came to our world through Gospel light would not have come.



*“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.”*

*1 Timothy 2:5, 6*



We thank God that these early Apostle and believers stood their ground and maintained their conviction in spite of threat to their lives.

We must never forget that our liberty to worship and freely share our conviction about Christ and His saving power came at great cost in many nations. Multitudes were martyred for defending it. We are therefore under obligation to God and to men not to abuse or misuse it. We are under obligation to pass on the baton now that it is our turn.

**2. Consecration to God and dedication of faithful brethren to duty**

*“Saying, did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? And, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man’s blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, we ought to obey God rather than men.” Acts 5:28-29*

The early church by their consecration to God won for us the right to hold personal conviction in matters of faith and religion. Their influence, dedication to duty and faithfulness overtime received acknowledgment than no man ought to by mere authority impose religious creed on another in a way that God Almighty and creator

of the universe did not command be he a magistrate, church council or parent. We all have the right to develop personal conviction about our duty to God and follow it. We are individually responsible to God for our choices, decisions and actions and we shall render account to Him regarding all our conduct in the end. Through the early apostles’ resilience and steadfastness, it became possible for many without compulsion or manipulation, to determine what was right in the sight of God and do it.

Furthermore, rulers demand ought not to nullify allegiance to God and obedience to His commandment because their duties are prescribed and offices ordained by Him Roman 13:1-7. Those who rule, rule on His behalf. God in the Bible twice commanded men to listen to and obey Jesus. We are to be guided by the light of all that He did and taught. His life to us should be a model of acceptance with God and approval by Him. Our commitment to evangelism is within this context. Like the Apostles we are to daily speak of things which we have seen and heard since we came to Christ.



**3. Missionary nature of believing life and the Christian faith**

*“As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. Therefore they that were*



*scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.” Acts 8:3-5*

Many factors compel the true believer to speak about Jesus and continue to speak. We are compelled by our experiences, we are compelled by the benefit of the Gospel to humanity, we are compelled by man’s future and destiny, and God’s ultimate plan and purpose for the world; we are compelled by the profit and promised reward for our labour, we are compelled by progress and prosperity that will come to nations families and individuals that obedient to the Gospel including its bringing an end to sinning and ushering in of everlasting righteousness and peace.

Furthermore, there is a fire, glow and heaven’s flame which produces strong passionate defense of Gospel truth in all genuine believers. As it burns and its heat become more intense within, we cannot but speak. Hence all believers and churches are missionary nature by duty, by obligation and by commission. It should be our daily practice to speak about Christ. As we do so God by His Spirit will use our testimony to bring multitude into His kingdom in Jesus name!

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**William Carey** was born on August 17, 1761, at Paulerspury, Northamptonshire, England to Edmund Carey and Elizabeth Wells. He was the oldest of five children. His father was the parish clerk and village schoolmaster, granting Carey's sharp intellect access to the world of books. He eventually taught himself Greek, Hebrew, Latin, Italian, French, Dutch, and many Indian dialects.

William began his early career as a shoemaker. Although he had been baptized as an infant in the Anglican Church, he eagerly converted to the Protestant faith at age 18. Two years later, in 1781, he married his wife, Dorothy Plackett. In 1785, he accepted the pastorate of a Baptist church in Moulton, and in 1789 assumed the pastorate of Harvey Lane Baptist Church in Leicester. He was formally ordained in 1791 and founded the Baptist Missionary Society two years later.

In 1793, Carey, his three sons and his pregnant wife sailed with missionary surgeon John Thomas to Bengal, India, as part of the missionary society's first overseas delegation. Immediately, on arrival, he began translating the Bible into Bengali and preaching in small villages. Conditions were deplorable initially, and after Thomas abandoned the operation, Carey struggled to keep his family fed and housed. He contracted malaria, his five-year-old son died from dysentery, and his wife Dorothy suffered a debilitating mental breakdown. Despite these personal tragedies and setbacks, Carey translated the entire New Testament into Bengali in his first five years and visited 200 villages. His support improved when he was joined by a small team of new missionaries, including two teachers and a printer in 1799. At this time, Carey became a professor of Sanskrit, Bengali, and Marathi at Fort William College in Calcutta, a position he maintained for the next 30 years. He baptized his first convert Krishna Pal in December 1800 seven years after arriving in India. Two months later, his first Bengali New Testament was published, and in 1809 his translation

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**WILLIAM CAREY**  
1761 - 1834



of the whole Bible into Bengali was published. Carey and his team's achievements included the translation of the entire Bible into India's major languages—Bengali, Oriya, Marathi, Hindi, Assamese, and Sanskrit. With His associates, he planted over 25 churches, founded 125 schools, organized medical missions, savings banks, and India's first printing operation, paper mill, and steam engine.

William Carey's missionary endeavors also helped bring about social reforms such as the abolition of infanticide, assisted suicide, and widow burning or *suttee*, an ancient Hindu practice of putting every widow to death at the time of her husband's funeral. In 1818, he founded Serampore College, a Christian seminary to train Indians for ministry. Today, this school still offers theological and liberal arts education. William's first wife, Dorothy, died in 1807. Three of their boys, Felix, William, and Jabez, followed their father's path and became missionaries. He remarried in 1808 to Charlotte Emilia Rumohr, the daughter of a Danish count who died in 1821. In 1823, he again married Grace Hughes. She outlived him. William Carey passed away in Serampore, India, on June 9, 1834 at the age of 72. He is remembered today as the Father of Modern Protestant Missions.

### SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

*"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved"*  
2 Timothy 2:3

## SONG OF THE MONTH

### JESUS ONLY IS OUR MESSAGE

1. Jesus only is our message,  
Jesus all our theme shall be;  
We will lift up Jesus ever,  
Jesus only will we see.  
  
Jesus only, Jesus ever,  
Jesus all in all we sing,  
Savior, Sanctifier, and Healer,  
Glorious Lord and coming King
2. Jesus only is our Savior,  
All our guilt He bore away,  
He, our righteousness forever,  
All our strength from day to day
3. Jesus is our Sanctifier,  
Saving us from self and sin,  
And with all His Spirit's fullness,  
Filling all our hearts within
4. Jesus only is our Healer,  
All our sicknesses He bare,  
And His risen life and fullness,  
All His members still may share.
5. Jesus only is our Power,  
He the gift of Pentecost;  
Jesus, breathe Thy pow'r upon us,  
Fill us with the Holy Ghost.
6. And for Jesus we are waiting,  
List'ning for the Advent Call;  
But 'twill still be Jesus only,  
Jesus ever, all in all.

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