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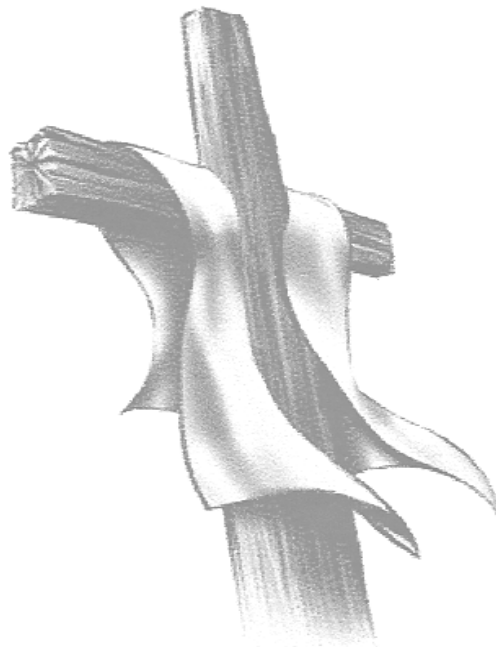
# TAYLOR'S TALK ON CHRIST

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## A Word From K.C. with Andy Blake

I've been thinking a lot lately about the steadfastness and faithfulness of the Lord. *"The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies."* (Psalm 18:2-3) God does not change. He has been and always will be good. He is the solid Rock. So many things in this world are shifting and unstable. People and how they relate to us change. Circumstances improve or worsen. Our own emotions are constantly shifting. Natural disasters occur. Tragedies happen. In the midst of all the chaos, there is One Reality that we can count on. *"For I am the LORD, I do not change."* (Malachi 3:6) It is so encouraging that *"I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day."* (2 Timothy 1:12) When we purpose in our hearts to follow the Lord wherever He may lead, then Psalm 16:8 becomes true of us: *"I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved."* The songwriter of old had it right: "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust on Jesus' name. On Christ the solid Rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand."

## A Word From Louisiana with Josh Boudreau

This month, the Lord has really been teaching me about the journey of loving Him. As I have begun to pursue loving Jesus more than I ever have, He first took me to an emotional exhilaration of loving Him that was beautiful as He showed me that He really loves me in my weaknesses. Not only that, but He loves the process of cleaning me up. But, as I have pursued Him deeper this month, He has shown me that when we begin to push for the higher level of fullness, He has to bring us down before lifting us up higher. Sometimes, we bring ourselves down by mistakes, but there is a time when God, himself, takes us down, so that He can show us a deeper level of His love through suffering and faith-building. He wants us to know, with absolute certainty, that He loves us when we don't feel him, and He wants to test our desire to continue to pursue His fullness when all is stripped away. When He takes us down, He brings us into situations where we begin to bang our head against the wall, because we are disciplined by societal norms and our own habits, to lean on our own understanding and try to hash it out ourselves.

What we have to remember is that He is not angry with us during these times, but we must also remember is that He will allow us to hit that wall as many times as possible, until we decide to turn completely to Him. Turning to Him means stopping thoughts of trying to figure things out with your mind and focusing your mind on Christ and His love and His power to help you. Also, focus your mind on how He could go through all the persecution, all the beatings, all the betrayal, and still love perfectly. Because, we need His perfect love to be able to love ourselves, others, and Him. We cannot do any of these things without gazing on Jesus' love.

When Jesus tells us to come to Him and He will give us rest, He means for us to look upon Him, to talk to Him, and to position your mind to focus on how He lived on this Earth. I like the portion of Romans 12:2 (NLT) that tells us to allow the Lord to change the way we think so that we will know what His perfect will is.

But, for us to come to understand that our minds need to be renewed, God's love has to take us down, where He will expose the true wicked and selfish desires of our hearts. And, once they're exposed, we can admit them, give them over to Him, and allow His perfect love to transform us while we gaze on Him. If we put Philippians 4:8-9 into practice, we will come to know more of who Jesus really is, and we will experience His love in increasing measure

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# Teaching



Once again this month, the teaching part of the newsletter will be a selection from one of the papers I wrote in class during the previous semester. The title of this paper is: “God’s Mercy versus God’s Judgment.”

Psalm 23:6 says: “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever,” and Deuteronomy 7:9 says: “Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.” It is such a simple and humble request that the Creator of the universe makes of His children, to love Him and to obey Him. The splendid thing about these verses is that God’s children will not have to ever worry about His judgments if they will only love Him and keep His commands. He longs to show mercy to His children. If we could remember that divine mercy is not a temporary mood but an attribute of God’s eternal being, we would no longer fear that it will someday cease to be. Strong’s translates the word mercy as kindness, loving-kindness, compassionate, to be inclined to, to show kindness to, to be gracious. Both the Old and New Testaments proclaim the mercy of God, but the former has more than four times as much to say about it as the latter.

This is a striking fact for a God who is considered to be mostly angry in the Old Testament. “As judgment is God’s justice confronting moral inequity, so mercy is the goodness of God confronting human suffering and guilt. Forever His mercy stands, a boundless, overwhelming vastness of divine pity and compassion. He has a right to punish upon the first commission of a crime, but He warns men of what they have deserved and of what His justice moves Him to inflict, that by showing them His mercy He might not have to exercise the right of His justice” (Charnock, *The Existence and Attributes of God* p.482). There is nothing in His justice which forbids the exercise of His mercy. God is fully just in His mercies, because the purpose of showing mercy to the unrighteous is to make them forsake wickedness, turn to God, and “love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind” (Matt. 22:37). Mercy shown to the righteous makes them want to fulfill this command in an even greater way that is worthy of their compassionate Father.

This is the fourth paragraph to the paper entitled: “God’s Mercy versus God’s Judgment.”

You can read the paper in its entirety on my website, [www.bobbyjtaylor.com](http://www.bobbyjtaylor.com).



## Future Events

October 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

-Children's Equipping Center:  
International Malachi 4:6 Conference

October 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

-Women in the Prophetic Summit

November 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

-Joseph Company (market place)

Call to the Wall Summit

November 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

-Prophetic Evangelism Summit

December 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

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## Looking Forward

Wow! It is hard to believe I have now been in K.C. for a full year! The last twelve months have been amazing. I can only pray that the next years of being in God's presence go as wonderful. I am such a blessed man to be able to do what I do. The reason I am able to do it is God moving through all of you and your generosity. I am so very thankful for what all of you have contributed. I still have a little ways to go before I have enough monthly support. I found when I transferred my account to IHOP that they will require in taxes 1/5 of all money that comes in. Apparently a missionary is considered a self-employed person, and so they have to pay self-employment taxes. That makes the money I need increase by at least \$300-400 per month. That is a bummer, but I know God WILL provide. Some good news for me being a diabetic, I have found a hospital here in K.C. that will provide VERY cheap healthcare. That is a MAJOR blessing for a diabetic, so my financial need for health care has been kept to a minimum by God!

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