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**A Personal Message  
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Dear Friends of IPM,

In this month of special celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let's consider the mighty victory that He secured for all who believe in Him. Think of the announcement of the angel at the tomb of Jesus. "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said" (Matthew 28:6). What wonderful words that point to God's mighty resurrection victory for our salvation!

True victory has always come to man through the mighty works of God. God's people of old knew this truth in the context of their pilgrimage. "For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands. O LORD, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep . . . O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory" (Psalm 92:4-5 and 98:1).

Now, in the New Testament era, we clearly understand that the most profound thoughts of God toward man pertain to the cross and the resurrection. These are the mightiest works of God's hands on our behalf. The Lord Jesus (God, the eternal Son) stretched out His hands upon a cruel cross and gave His life to pay for our sins. Then, He rose victoriously from the grave with a mighty resurrection victory over sin and death. "[Jesus] was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification" (Romans 4:25).

Colossians 2:13-15 adds this triumphant note. "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven

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*you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it." Finally, we are reminded in I Corinthians 15:57 that God shares this resurrection victory with us, His people. "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

*The early church was constantly proclaiming the risen Christ. "But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses . . . And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again" (Acts 3:14-15; 13: 32-33).*

*All of us at IPM are committed to proclaiming the risen Christ to inmates across the land and overseas - - as Chaplain Ray and Leola did so faithfully. Again, we praise the Lord for the cards and letters of encouragement that continue to come to us in light of Leola's Homegoing. Some day (soon?), all of us will be gathered with our risen Lord and Savior - - and all the saints of God!*

Proclaiming with You the Resurrection Victory of Jesus Christ,

*Bob Hoekstra*

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(for all of our "Chaplain Ray Family" and the IPM Team)

P. S. Our appreciation gift for this month is another new selection from IPM - - Your Victory in Jesus, by D. L. Moody.



**"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me."**

**(John 12:32)**



# Seven "I Wills" of Christ

## The "I Will" of Salvation

*"Him that cometh to me I will no wise cast out." (John 6:37)*

## The "I Will" of Cleansing

*"And it came to pass, when he [Jesus] was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him." (Luke 5:12-13)*

## The "I Will" of Confession

*"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 10:32)*

## The "I Will" of Service

*"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)*

## The "I Will" of Comfort

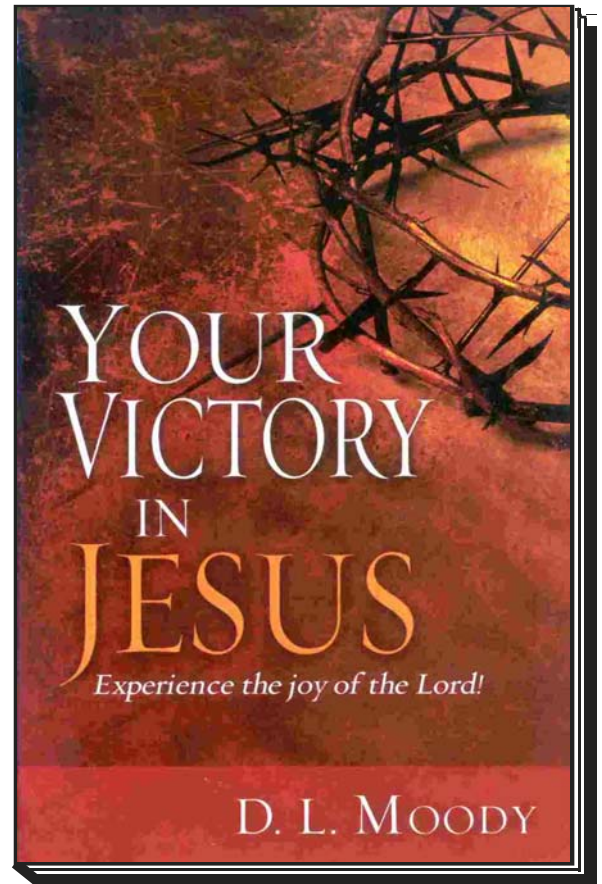
*"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." (John 14:18)*

## The "I Will" of Resurrection

*"I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:40, 44, 54; see John 6:39)*

## The "I Will" of Glory

*"Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am." (John 17:24)*

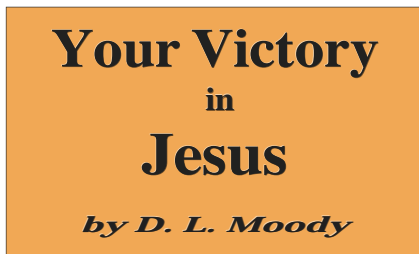


**Check the box below to receive Our Appreciation Gift to You.**

You have said "I Will" to serving Jesus every time you have prayed for prisoners and every time you have given your gift to help prisoners receive the "I Will" of salvation.

So many of the prisoners who write to IPM for Bibles and books say they have no one who cares about them. As we send the materials, we have opportunity to share that Jesus cares, IPM cares, and many faithful partners care! God bless you!

Yes, Send Gift Book:



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**Dear Pastor Bob, My gift to help prisoners hear about the victorious message of the cross and the resurrection.**

- Use this gift for *Bibles For Prisoners* ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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# I Am a Newborn Christian!

Dear Pastor Bob, God bless you. I am currently incarcerated to serve six years. But God is with me. Psalm 23. The Lord is my Shepherd.

I have come to know and to accept my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as my personal Savior. I am a newborn Christian. I am seeking knowledge and request any and all materials you may have that will help me with my walk with God.

I know that He has a purpose -- something Christ wants me to do. He is preparing me for such. I trust and believe solely in Him.

I have gotten tired of putting my trust in man and then end up being betrayed. The book of Job has really touched me. I have also heard a lot about you. My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ put it on my heart to write this letter to you. Please help and also keep me in prayer. God bless you always, *Mr. Kirk, California Prison*

*IPM gladly sent Mr. Kirk books and a Bible to help him in his search for the grace and knowledge of Jesus and help him along in his walk with God.*

## My Savior and Lord Is My Strength

As I fall, He gives me all. He pulls me up, He stands me tall.  
He holds my hand, never lets go. He pulls me up, never lets go.  
My Lord, My God, My Savior too, You hold me up.  
You lead me to You.

I thank my Lord, I thank my God, the Spirit too.  
Everything I do, it is all for You. Cause I love You too!  
*Poem by Preston S., California*

Preston writes: "I am ready for more great Christian books if possible. I really thank you from the heart for all you do for us prisoners in Christ. I cannot thank you enough.  
*I send all my love and prayers to all my family at IPM!"*

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## Message or Prayer Request for IPM:



*"... It is finished..." (John 19:20)*

## Thanks for "Seven Wonders of Calvary" book!

Dear Pastor Bob, Thank you for the books. "Seven Wonders of Calvary" is very good and brought the last day of Christ to life by showing where it all happened. I could not help but notice the stranger called Simon (my name is Simon) who helped Jesus carry the cross for awhile.

"Crime to Christ" showed me others in the same boat as me living a good and righteous life even in prison. "Jewels for the Journey" -- "Murf" showed me how a man can change in prison and also after getting out.

But the best of all is "What Must I Do to Be Saved, How May I Know I Am Saved." This little book made a big impact on me. It showed me it is God's gift of eternal life that is mine by His Word and Jesus dying for me. It is the best message I have ever gotten.

*Douglas S., California Prison*

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