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Dear Friends of IPM,

The Lord's desire is that we not only proclaim Christ to unbelievers, but He also desires us to Proclaim Christ to Christians. "And we proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom" (Colossians 1:28a).

Jesus Christ is the message that the church is to be proclaiming. "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27b). The glorious gospel of God's grace concerns Jesus dying for our sins that He might come and live in us as our hope of heaven some day, as well as our hope of heavenly living day by day. This grand message is to be proclaimed with both warning and teaching ("warning every man and teaching every man"). To do this appropriately, we must be seeking Spiritled wisdom from the Lord ("in all wisdom").

Again, whether outside or behind prison walls, Jesus Christ is to be our message. "And we proclaim Him." We are to be proclaiming who He is, what He has done, all that His word says, and all that He yet desires to do. If these matters are not the direct substance of our preaching, our subject should be easily and readily related to these truths about Him. He is the one who saved us. He is the one we love, because He first loved us. He is the one who wants to be seen in and through our daily lives. He is the one others need to hear about and get to know. Paul was committed to such Christ-centered ministry. "For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2).

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This proclaiming of Christ must be done with appropriate warnings. Jesus warned about false teachers. "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees" (Matthew 16:6). As important as warnings are in the word of God, the proclaiming of Christ must primarily be accomplished with teaching. Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues.

Whether a Christian lives behind prison walls or out in the so-called free world, proclaiming the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ in all Spirit-led wisdom, with warning and teaching will bring life and blessings to all who believe and ultimately bring glory to God.

Serving Our Lord with You by Proclaiming Christ to Prisoners,

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift for this month is "Proclaiming Christ to Christians" by Pastor Bob Hoekstra (An Audio CD). This audio CD is available as a free gift to you for your edification.

Pastor Bob loved to teach the Word of God.



Dear IPM, Thank you all for your love of the Saints in prison. I thank you also for your response to my letter as well as blessing me with a Spanish Bible. May God continue to bless you for His Glory and for caring about prisoners!

Michael C., California Prison

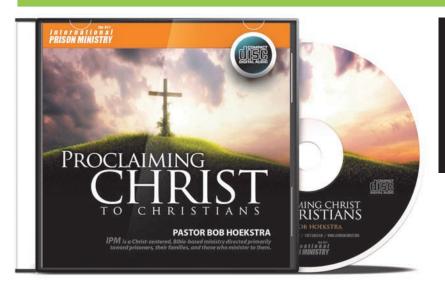
God is still using Pastor Bob's Teachings to bless many.



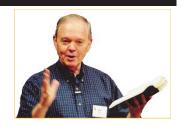


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PROCLAIMING CHRIST TO CHRISTIANS PASTOR BOB HOEKSTRA



AND WE PROCLAIM HIM [CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY], WARNING EVERY MAN AND TEACHING EVERY MAN IN ALL WISDOM. (COLOSSIANS 1:28A)

JESUS CHRIST

The Hope of Glory Colossians 1:27

PROCLAIMING CHRIST

He is to be our message Colossians 1:28a

WARNINGS

About sin and its consequences About false teachers, biblical compromise and spiritual lukewarmness

TEACHING

About salvation About the liberating truth of God's word About fullness of life in Christ About the glorious grace of God

IN ALL WISDOM

Wisdom is available in the word for all who ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit

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More Letters from Prisoners Who Have Received Bibles. Edification Books, or Inmate Testimonials From IPM

(See reverse side where an audio gift is highlighted. This audio CD is available to you as a free appreciation gift upon request.)



We Are Hoping For More Of These Treasures!

Dear IPM, I received the books: "Holes In Time" and "Changed Lives in San Quentin." I do feel that they strengthened my soul. I even cried a time or two reading the books. My soul feels hungry for more of this knowledge of Christ. A friend who has done 30 years in an isolation cell was touched by the books. We are hoping for more of these treasures. Steven P., Alabama Prison (IPM sent more books)

Now Its Time for a Praise Report!

Dear Dini Hoekstra,

How are you doing? Fine, I pray. I am truly blessed by the Lord. I first want to thank you for the last two books you sent: "Day by Day by Grace," which is a blessing. Also "The Pursuit of God" is being passed around to other men. So if you have any other books that you could send, please do not hesitate in sending any helpful reading materials. (IPM sent Chris two more books to read and share.)

Now its time for a praise report! One of our brothers in Christ went back to court on March 9, 2015. He was facing life without parole if he was found guilty. Before he left us I shared with him Deut. 31:6 & 8 and told him that God has him. Well, we got word that he picked jury members and started trial. The jury deliberated and came back 6 hours later wit a hung jury. The D.A. said they don't know if they will got to trial again or not. They don't know what to do but God does. This man of God has been seeking God and obeying all that God has told him to do. When I heard the awesome news, I was reminded of Job 22:20-30 and Job 12:17-25.

God is awesome. I cannot see myself serving any other god. My faith in my God, our God is what moves mountains. Faith allows it to happen. Heb. 11:1. God bless.

Christopher G., Alabama Prison

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God has a loving and gracious heart for prisoners (Isaiah 61:1).

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Dear l	Dini,	My gift to help prisoners learn to proclaim Jesus Christ to those around them.
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