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Chaplain Ray,  
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Dear Friends of IPM,

The Scriptures clearly invite us to live day by day through Christ sharing His life in us. We recently received a letter from Lenny V., in a California prison. Lenny wrote: "I have given it all to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me."

No longer us, but Christ. What an astounding truth to embrace. *"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh (in this body) I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me"* (Galatians 2:20). We are not the ones producing our Christian life: *"It is no longer I who live."* This reality is radically contrary to man's natural thinking. If we are not to manufacture our life with God, what other option could possibly be available? The wonderful answer is: *"Christ lives in me."* True Christian living is to be Christ living in and through our lives.

God has placed extraordinary heavenly treasure in ordinary earthen vessels. *"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us...Christ in you, the hope of glory"* (2 Corinthians 4:7; Colossians 1:27). The Lord is the treasure in the clay pot of our redeemed humanity. He is to be the excellent power in our lives. He is the One we are to trust in and draw upon as our strength for daily living. He is to be the One receiving the glory as His life is expressed through us.

A beautiful picture of this truth is described in the Gospel of John. *"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much*

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*fruit: for without me ye can do nothing"* (John 15:5). Just like the vine to a branch, the Lord makes His life available to us that His life might be expressed through our lives. The Lord Jesus wants to live in and through the lives of His disciples as we daily put our faith in Him and draw upon His resources. He wants us to live by humbly depending on His shared life freely provided.

Like Lenny, in a California prison, may we come to embrace the truth that it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in us. We praise the Lord for all who faithfully partner with us as we share God's love and truth with needy souls behind bars.

Desiring Christ to Live in and Through Us,

*Heidi Hoekstra Ceballos*

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is From Crime to Christ, by Al Gibbons.



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- Galatians 2:20

# LETTERS FROM PRISONERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED BIBLES, EDIFICATION BOOKS, OR INMATE TESTIMONIALS FROM IPM

(See reverse side where a sample resource is highlighted and is available to you as a free gift upon request)

## Thank You for Your Service unto The Master

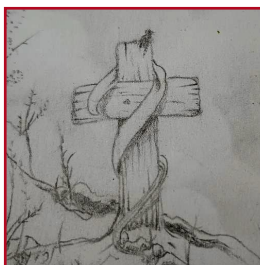
I'm currently in prison in Oregon. I've just finished reading one of your testimonial books. I've always known the Lord, but recently He lifted my depression and gave me a better pair of eyes. I believe it is God's grace that led me to this book. God has used this book to renew and refresh. I am reminded that Jesus loves me. God is good! I just wanted to say thank you for your service unto the Master. God bless you!

- *Jeremy C., Oregon Prison*

## Thank Your for Supporting Me

I really look forward to receiving your books. I've grown spiritually thanks to God and your ministry. Thank you for supporting me through this rough time in my life.

- *Israel M., California Prison*



Inmate Artwork

## It is a Blessing

Thank you for your ministry. It is a blessing to get biblical books and reading materials and a Bible. Thank you and may God bless you in all you do for His kingdom.

- *Henry D., Ohio Prison*

## God Bless You for Your Care

Thank you for all that you send to me. Every bit of it is shared with others. You make the time pass in a more positive way. God bless you for your care, where others would never take the time. I look forward to the mail coming now. God bless you and thank you!

- *Phillip P., Nevada Prison*

## Thank You for Showing Me so Much Kindness

Thank you for showing me so much kindness. The love of God is shining in you all. God bless you all!

- *Omni W., Texas Prison*

IPM prayerfully responds to every prisoner who writes to us.

We bless them with an encouraging letter and a variety of biblical resources, such as: Bibles, Testimonial and Devotional Books, and other Bible Study helps.

Cut Along Dotted Line & Mail

*"...to proclaim liberty to the  
captives, and the opening of the  
prison to them that are bound"  
Isaiah 61:1*

At the request of many,  
contributions to IPM can  
also be made online at  
[www.chaplainray.com](http://www.chaplainray.com)

It is the policy of I.P.M. to use each gift as it is designated by the donor. If any project is completed, any surplus will be used where it is needed most.

Dear IPM, My gift to help share God's love and truth with inmates

- ☐ Use this gift for Bibles For Prisoners.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
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# HERE IS ANOTHER BIBLICAL RESOURCE THAT OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS HELP US DISTRIBUTE TO PRISONERS

(This book is available as a gift by requesting it in the box below)

## From Crime to Christ

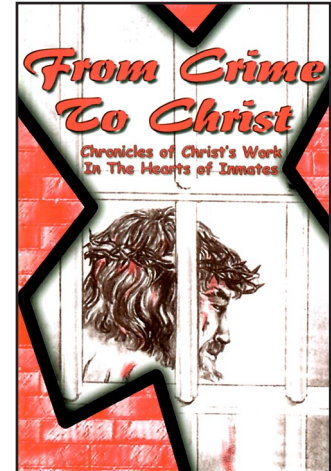
*"...I was in prison, ye came unto me"*

*- Matthew 25:36*

Motivated by his love for Christ and the call of God on his life, "Chaplain" Al Gibbons spent more than a decade sharing the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ with Texas inmates. With few resources, other than the prayers of his friends, Al traversed the backroads and highways of Texas heading for various penitentiaries.

The mission was difficult. He often received less than enthusiastic reception from prison officials. They questioned why they should allow a layman with no credentials into secure cellblocks. Al committed his ways to the Lord. When the prison doors finally opened to him, he saw very little response from the inmates. Al wondered if he was missing God's will for his life. Despite the doubts, he persevered.

In time his devotion to Christ and his love for the inmates became apparent to the entire prison community. He would visit each cell, pray for the prisoners and call them to commit their lives fully to Christ. This book contains stories of several inmates who received God's goodness and mercy through the ministry of Al Gibbons.



### Our Gift to You

This book containing testimonies from many inmates has touched the hearts of those behind bars. We pray you will be blessed as well.

*We praise the Lord for all who partner with IPM through their faithful prayers and generous giving which enable IPM to continue to share God's love and truth with those behind bars.*

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### YOUR MESSAGE OR PRAYER REQUEST:

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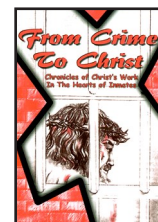
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Yes, Please Send Gift



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by Al Gibbons

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