

PERFECT LOVE



Dear Friends of Aglow Prison Ministry,

What is Love? Love is from God. God is Love.

God's amazing love knows no boundaries. It goes even to the darkest of places, the Prison System. Prisons and jails are places that house the outcasts of society, among whom are thieves, murders, rapists, drug addicts and even the demon possessed. These are lost and broken people, many without hope, without love.

God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that we may have eternal life. Jesus didn't come to call the righteous but the sinners to repentance. Love is the Friend of sinners. Love covers a multitude of sins.

There is a love that is different than all other love, the perfect Love of Christ. Jesus said He will never leave us nor forsake us. He is patient, He is kind. He forgives us when we ask and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. Jesus is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. Aglow Prison Ministry takes the love of Christ into the prisons and as a result many lives are saved, redeemed and healed, for there is no sin too great, no life too broken that it can't be forgiven and restored by God's great love. God's Love is powerful. God's Love is perfect.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom 8:35,37-39

Below is the testimony of a woman who has been changed by the Love of Christ.

Love never fails,
Jill Meskimen
President
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Hi my name is Kimberly,

And this is my testimony. Ever since I was a little girl, I always went to church with my aunt. My Mom had to work on weekends so my aunt would watch me. Every Sunday I was there with her and her two kids. They were good times. I can remember the people at church would pray over me, and I would go to Sunday school. I learned a lot from my Aunt and going to church with her. Sometimes when my mom was off on Sundays me and her went to church. I was baptized back in 1987 at the Allen Temple, in Oakland, CA. This was the church that my Mother and I belonged to.

When I got in middle school that's when my life changed. I started having sex and smoking weed and cigarettes. I started ditching school; I just didn't want to go. I wanted to hang out with the crowd that came from the streets. Their parents didn't watch them or take care of them like mine did. They were on their own, and had to take care of themselves. So I started living the way they were. I started stealing from the stores and I went to jail the first time when I was 13. I was in Juvenile Hall, and my mom left me there, she was so mad at me.

As I got older and became a mother I began to stop all those crazy games I was playing. I really wanted to become a woman of God, and to be a role model for my daughter. The last time I went to jail was in 2008, and I got out in 2009. When I was locked up I began to read a book called "Vessels of Honor". I wrote Earlene Leming, the author, because I was tired of going to jail, and leaving my daughter with her dad. (Good thing he was around, I thank God for him.) So after I wrote Earlene she sent women from Aglow out to see me. I knew that I needed help.

Before I went to jail I was the only one taking care of my Father and I knew since I was in jail that no one else would take care of him like me... He died while I was in jail. I was so hurt I needed to be around women who knew God. That's when the Women from Aglow Prison Ministry came into my life. I thank God for sending them to me. I was very close to my father but taking care of him, my daughter and myself, was just too much, and I cracked.

Just like the poem in Earlene Leming's book, God took my broken "vessel" and put it back together, and I am whole today.

Below is the poem 'Vessels'. Earlene Leming is one of the Co Founders of Aglow Prison Ministry



The Vessel

The Master was searching for a vessel to use;
Before Him were many, which one would He choose?

“Take me,” cried the gold one. “I’m shiny and bright,
I’m of great value and I do things just right.
My beauty and luster will outshine the rest,
And for you, Master, gold would be best.”

The Master passed on with no word at all,
And looked at a silver urn, grand and tall.
“I’ll serve you, dear Master, I’ll pour out your wine,
I’ll be on your table whenever you dine.
My lines are so graceful, my carvings so true,
And silver will always compliment you.”

Unheeding, the Master passed on to the brass,
Wide-mouthed and shallow and polished like glass,
“Here, here!” carried the vessel, “I know I will do;
Place me on your table for all men to view.”

“Look at me,” called the goblet of crystal so clear,
“My transparency shows my contents so dear.
Though fragile am I, I will serve with pride,
And I’m sure I’ll be happy in your house to abide.”

The Master came next to a vessel of wood;
Polished and carved, it solidly stood.
“You may use me, dearest Master,” the wooden bowl said,
“But I’d rather you used me for fruit, not for bread.”

The Master looked down and saw a vessel of clay,
Empty and broken, it helplessly lay.
No hope had the vessel that the Master might choose,
To cleanse, make whole, to fill and to use.

“Ah! Now this is the vessel I’d been hoping to find.
I’ll mend it, and use it and make it all Mine.
I need not the vessel with pride of itself;
Nor one that is narrow to sit on the shelf;
Nor one that is big mouth and shallow and loud;
Nor one that displays his contents so proud;
Nor one who thinks he can do things just right;
But this plain earthen vessel...filled with My power and might.”

Then gently He lifted the vessel of clay,
Mended and cleansed it, and filled it that day;
He spoke to it kindly...“There’s work you must do,
Just pour out to others as I pour into you.”

B.V. Cornwall



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