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CHRISTIAN'S MISSIONS – DIVINE PASSION OR PREJUDICE

Dear Brethren,

Calvary greetings to you in the most wonderful name of our Lord and Master. Do not let the Title of this note surprise you. I believe that this is what the Spirit of God wants you to know at this moment and I pray that you would be able to read and understand what the Spirit is telling the Church at this end time.

"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive as an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went" Hebrews 11:8

A good director of movie I'm told, shoots the last scene first, then he goes back to the beginning and makes every scene move toward it. That's how God works with us. Listen, "I make known the end from the beginning" (Isaiah 46:10). First, God establishes purpose, then He decides procedure. That's why He's not nervous when we are; He's already set our ways and that is why we are here in this land today. All we need to do is to obey when He commands us to move, because faith can produce result only in obedience.

Apart from that, in one daily devotions' book, I read about Alex Haley, the author of Roots. He has a picture in his office of a 'Turtle' sitting on top of a fence-post. Under it, the caption reads, "You can be sure he did not get up there by himself." His point here is that, "We can't fulfil our destiny alone or in isolation." God must have grouped us spiritually to others or appointed others to us. Paul said, "I am a debtor" (Romans 1:14). Barnabas got him into the right church; Titus encouraged him when he was going through rough times (2 Corinthians 7:5-6); Priscilla and Aquilla risked their necks to protect him (Roman 16:3-4) and there were others too.

Mile Monroe says "Each one of us is just a sentence and it takes a lot of those to make a complete paragraph," you will change only in proportion to the people you meet and the places you go. In fact, what got you to this level won't get you to the next – you need new revelation, new resources and new relationship.

Having said much about that, I translated to English this testimony as written in the enclose tract that we may be able to see that we have not been doing enough to help the people of this country to see the true gospel of Christ. This is surely part of God's purpose of bringing us into this nation and running away from it will amount to disobeying Him. Unbelief comes through listening to the devil, the same way that faith comes through listening to God (Romans 10:17). Unfortunately, our passion is not in any way directed here, but only to self.

"This is how we know what love is Jesus Christ laid down His life for us." – I John 3:16.

The love of God is defined in terms of action. So much of what we call love is nothing more than sentiment. It looks like love. It expresses the emotion of love, but it is still self-centred. God's

decision to love us is not determined by who or what we are His decision is based on who He is and not on who we are. Instead of judgement and condemnation, Jesus gives us hope and a future. In Romans it says that it is the goodness of God that leads men to repentance. Now read this: -

"I was born in Venice, north of Italy, on March 22, 1917. At the age of ten I was sent to a Roman Catholic Seminary in Piacenza, and ordained a priest, after twelve years of study, on October 22, 1939.

Two months later Cardinal R. Rossi my superior sent me to America as Assistant Pastor of the new Italian Church of Blessed Mother Cabrini, in Chicago. For four years I preached in Chicago, and later in New York. I never questioned if my sermons or instructions were according to the Bible. My only work and ambition was to please the Pope.

It was on a Sunday, February 1944, when I turned on the radio and accidentally tuned in on a Protestant church program. The pastor was giving his message. I was going to change the program because I was not to listen to Protestant sermons, but interested, I do not know why I kept listening. My old theology was shaken by one text from the Bible I heard over the radio: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Therefore, it is not a sin against the Holy Spirit to believe that one is saved.

I was not yet converted, but my mind was full of doubts about the Roman religion. I was beginning to worry about the teachings of the Bible more than about the dogma and decrees of my Pope. People were giving me, everyday, a generous offering for thirty minutes of ceremony called Mass, because I promised them to relieve the souls of their relatives from the fires of purgatory.

But every time I looked at the big crucifix upon the altar it seemed to me that Christ was rebuking me, saying: "You are stealing money from poor, hard-working people by false promises. You teach doctrines against my teaching. Souls of believers do not go to a place of torment, because I have said, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth now saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours' (Revelation 14:13). I do not need a repetition of the sacrifices of the cross because my sacrifice was complete. My work of salvation was perfect and God has sanctioned it by raising me from the dead. 'For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are sanctified' (Hebrews 10:14). If you priest and the Pope have the power of liberating souls from purgatory with Masses and indulgences, why do you wait for an offering?"

I could no longer face Christ on the altar. When I was preaching that the Pope is the Vicar of Christ, the successor of Peter, the infallible rock upon which Christ's Church was built, a voice seemed to rebuke me again: "You saw the Pope in Rome; his large, rich palace, his guards, men kissing his feet. Do you really believe that he represents me? I came to serve the people; I washed men's feet; I had nowhere to lay my head. Look at me upon the cross. Do you really believe that God has build His church upon a man when the Bible clearly says that Christ's Vicar on earth is the Holy Spirit, and not a man? (John 14:26). "And that rock was Christ." If the Roman Catholic Church is built upon a man then it is not my church."

I was teaching my people to go to Mary, to the saints, instead of going directly to Christ. But a voice within me was saying: "Who has saved you upon the cross? Who paid your debts by shedding His blood? Mary, the Saints, or I, Jesus? You, and many other priests do not believe in scapulars, novenas, rosaries, statues, candles; but you continue to keep them in your churches because they are a good source of income. But I do not want any merchandising in my church. My believers should adore me in spirit and truth. Destroy these idols."

Where my doubts were really tormenting me was inside the confessional box. People were coming to me, kneeling before me, confessing their sins to me. And I, with a sign of the cross was promising that I had the power to forgive their sins. I, a sinner, a man, was taking God's place, God's right and that terrible voice was penetrating me, saying, "You are depriving God of His glory. If sinners want to obtain forgiveness of their sins, they must go to God and not to you. It is God's law they have broken. To God therefore, they must make confession; to God alone they must pray for forgiveness.

No man can forgive sins, but Jesus can and does forgive sins. "Thou shalt call His name JESUS, for He shall save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21). "There is no other name under heaven give among men whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12). "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (I Timothy 2:5).

I could not stay any longer in the Roman Catholic Church because I could not continue to serve two masters, the Pope and Christ. I could not believe two contradictory teaching, tradition and the Bible. I had to choose between Christ and the Pope; between tradition and the Bible; and I have chosen Christ and the Bible.

I left the Roman priesthood and the Roman religion in 1944 and now I have been led by the Holy Spirit to evangelise Roman Catholics and urge, with lectures in churches, colleges and public places, Christians to witness without fear in order to gain their Roman Catholic friends to Christ."

Listen, "We have the mind of Christ" (I Corinthians 2:16). Now if this is true, shouldn't

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