

**GRACE & PEACE** to you from **GOD** our **FATHER** who sent our **LORD & SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST** into the world, that **WHOSOEVER** believes in **HIM** should **NOT** perish, but have **ETERNAL LIFE** (John 3:16 & 18). **JESUS** is the **LIGHT** of our Salvation, the **ONE** true source of eternal **PEACE**.

A simple word of **HOPE, TRUTH** or **ENCOURAGEMENT** may be all it takes to open **HEAVEN'S** door to a lost & dying soul. My goal is to take an inventory of how well I managed both the calling **GOD** has given me in my Skid Row & Prison ministry & my personal life.

I had 19 services this month & the **HOLY SPIRIT** drew in 450 who prayed the Salvation Prayer (John 6:44). It is always a joy to lead even one to the **LORD**. I still have revival going on in prisons & L.A. Co. Jail. 93% to 100% are inviting **JESUS** in their hearts or rededicating (I John 1:9).

There were 4 services at L.A. Co. Jail & **GOD'S WORD** & the **HOLY SPIRIT** drew 133 out of 140 inmates who attended the services. I also counseled & prayed for dozens. My messages were encouraging, uplifting, & and they listened. They responded. Everyone received an Arsenal Prayer, Bibles & devotionals.

The L.A. Co. Jail religious service had a day of honoring those who served 20 years or more. Mine was 32 years closing in on 33 years. It was a great time & good food. Then I drove to Chino Women's Prison to do a service with Pastor-friend Ron Zaucha. My message was "War on Earth" (II Cor. 10:3). There were 61 inmates & all 61 prayed the Salvation Prayer. I also led them in a prayer to forgive themselves. Tears flowed. (Ps. 56:8). Bro. Ron wrote a beautiful book that you will be able to buy on Amazon. More information to come.

All the Skid Row Missions were packed in scorching weather and they embraced **GOD'S WORD**. Decisions for **CHRIST** were not as many that I hoped for, but even one is a blessing. My twice-a-month Bible Studies average 25 to 30.

I was a guest speaker at Grace Church in South Gate which was a blessing. Pastor Don Bruszer also had me give a Bible Study. Met many fellow Christians. I enjoy ministering at a church. Any Calls?

The Omega Man Internet 2-hour, twice-a-month shows have been powerful & **HOLY SPIRIT** led. Bro. Shannon Davis has been a great host. You can hear past shows on [omegamanradio.com](http://omegamanradio.com).

**Question:** In times of pain, troubles, & afflictions, when you cry out to **GOD** (Ps. 30:2; Ps. 34; 6, 15, 17) do you instinctively cry out, "**FATHER**"? I do...in JESUS name. Have you ever stopped to think how astonishing it is that we have the right to address

the **RULER** of the **UNIVERSE** in such an intimate & personal way? **AWESOME**...

In the Old Testament, the title "**FATHER**" was used just 15 times & usually in the formal sense of "Father of the Hebrew people!" In the New Testament **GOD** is addressed as "**FATHER**" 245 times! **JESUS** referred to **GOD** as "**FATHER**" throughout **HIS** ministry — 14 times in the Sermon on the Mount alone. It is only because of **CHRIST** that we have this great privilege. As **JESUS HIMSELF** declared in John 14:6, "no one comes to the **FATHER** except through **ME**."

Because **CHRIST** paid the penalty of our sins, we can enter a personal relationship with the **ALMIGHTY**. We have the right, totally unearned, & only by **HIS** grace, to call **HIM** "**FATHER**." What an awesome privilege it is!

Here are 6 key aspects of **GOD'S FATHERHOOD**.

1) As our **FATHER, GOD** desires an intimate relationship with us. **HE** wants us to approach **HIM** openly about everything. Including our weaknesses & failures. **GOD** expresses **HIS FATHERHOOD** much as an earthly father would do to his child.

2) **GOD** loves each of us unconditionally (Jeremiah 31:3; John 3:16). It is **GOD'S** nature to **LOVE** both saint & sinner simply because **HE IS LOVE** (I John 4:8). The unbeliever has positioned himself so that he cannot experience that **LOVE**. But in II Peter 3:9 & I Tim. 2:4, **GOD** says, "no one is turned away from the cross." **HE** says **HE** wants **ALL** to repent. That easily remedies it by **TRUSTING JESUS** as **LORD & SAVIOR**.

3) He meets all our needs. Scripture assures us that **GOD** knows our needs, even before we ask **HIM**, & **HE** will supply them **ALL**, "according to **HIS** riches in glory in **CHRIST JESUS** (Phil. 4:19).

4) **HE** disciplines **HIS** children. **GOD** trains us not out of to anger, but with the loving corrections for our good (Heb. 12:5-10).

5) **HE** always guides us (Ps. 32:8) to do what is right. **JESUS** said the **HOLY SPIRIT**, our Counselor, would guide us to all truth (John 14:26, 16:13). **GOD** never leads us in the wrong direction. We must trust **HIM** instead of our own reasoning or feelings (Proverbs, 3:5, 6).

6) Our Heavenly Father is **ALWAYS** with us & for us (Deut. 31:6) & **HIS SPIRIT** is **ALWAYS** available to guide us...24-7.

**All** of us who love the **LORD** should be praying **DAILY** that we remain faithful & that we do **NOT** grow weary in well doing. **AMEN**.

Until next month, may **GOD** bless you & to you who sent **LOVE** offerings, a 100-fold return.

In His Majesty's Service,

Dear Friend,

If the Lord leads you to send a love offering for my Skid Row and Prison Ministry, please send it to:

Heavenly Manna Inc.  
8942 Willis Ave. Unit 9, Panorama City, CA 91402

My tax I.D. number for your records is 93-1112647.  
May God abundantly bless you.

In His love,  
Mel

### TESTIMONY OF NEWTON "CHIEF" BURR

I first met Mel Novak in 1993 at the Fred Jordan Mission. Like most men living on Skid Row in Los Angeles, I grew up in a large family of dysfunction and alcoholism. I left my home in Texas to make my own way.

After several years of drifting, I settled in Los Angeles and began a life of work and partying. I tried most drugs, but as a Native American, I had a greater weakness for alcohol. Through my addictions, I eventually lost everything, and ended up homeless on Skid Row.

It was at the Fred Jordan Mission where I heard the Gospel for the first time. Finally, broken and weary, I heard Mel preach a message of hope in Christ, I walked forward and received Jesus into my heart. But, it was Mel's teaching on spiritual warfare that took a while to accept and apply to my life. Years passed before I grew tired of being tempted, harassed and abused on the streets. I began praying the Arsenal Prayer daily, and amazingly the attacks, both physical and spiritual stopped cold.

Satan and spiritual warfare are real, my brothers and sisters. Today, through Mel's teaching and mentoring, and by the grace and power of God, I have overcome my addictions, and I am now following and serving my Lord as an ordained minister, Bible teacher and mentor to the people on Skid Row. Psalm 68:6 says, God sets the solitary in families.

I was recently reunited with my family after 35 years of separation. By the grace of God, I was able to lead my mother and sister to Christ, and now serve as a pastor to my family. God can redeem anyone's life, but in order to be fruitful for His glory, and to receive God's blessings, one must live according to Luke 9:23. My life verse: Deny yourself, take up your cross daily and follow Christ, walk intimately with Christ, and simply seek to do His will in all things, in obedience and love. God bless you!