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## Christ Died For Our Sins

As a child, Easter always made me think of the family gathering in their best clothes and sharing a nice dinner together while we kids ate ourselves sick on candy afterwards. Migrating birds were back home giving us their delightful songs in the yard and the warmer air melted the effects of the cabin fever of winter. It meant that spring was here and it felt great. However, that was all it meant to me.

Most families went to church but my father had been disillusioned by churches and Christianity in general so we never went to church; not even on Easter or Christmas. He was wrong but when you hear his story you'll understand, to some extent, why he acted that way.

In the 1920's in Chicago, he was a young man without a job. Money was very tight and when he was really up against the wall, he got a job running bootleg liquor for Al Capone's mob. It wasn't something to be proud of but it was good money.

He drank and ran around with a tough crowd until he became friends with a Methodist minister. I can't remember the man's name but I think it was Mark.

Mark had a wife but she was no good. She left him and his kids for another man. In those days, good people didn't get a divorce. A pastor especially was chastised for it even if it wasn't his fault. The church kicked him out; excommunicated, I believe! The man was devastated and his spirit was broken.

He moved away and my father's best friend was gone. He had been more than a best friend. He turned my father's life around and the tough hoodlum had become very active in the church. My father really missed his friend. He couldn't begin to imagine how a church could be so cruel. He became bitter towards all churches. He used to tell me that there are no Christians in church.

I was a kid when he told me that story and he rarely talked about any of it. Times and attitudes were different then. He worked hard as a metallurgist all his life and did a good job raising us kids. He was a kind and descent man overall. He just lost sight of the big picture. I can't blame him because no matter how close you are to someone, you can't really know how they feel. As for the church, I can't speak for them either.

I mentioned my father's story to illustrate my thoughts on Easter and Christianity.

People really do dress nice for Easter Sunday. Kids still eat a lot of candy, and for some crazy reason, colored eggs and chocolate rabbits. Oh well, it is good fun that brings even dysfunctional families together. Some pray

more at Easter but some still don't even say Grace before eating that Easter Ham. At least it is a reason for families to get together for the day, even if it's just to take pictures of the kids.

It's also a time for better weather, if we're lucky, and the birds still come back and share their songs. Time changes but some things don't. It really is a time to feel grand and rejoice. As a child I never learned the real reason to rejoice in spring but now I know why. **Christ rose from the dead on Easter.**



*It is the first mild day of March:  
Each minute sweeter than before,  
The redbreast sings from the tall larch  
That stands beside our door.*

--William Wordsworth (1770-1850)

True, the Church acted in an archaic and harsh manner with Pastor Mark, but leaving the Church instead of fighting for change was just being stubborn and equally harsh. Pastor Mark got my father off the streets of Desolation Row and he found himself doing the Lord's work in church, but my father lost sight of the big picture.

Instead of helping Mark by being there as a friend he turned bitter. He drank and became a workaholic, distancing himself from others. Maybe if it was me, instead of him, I would have done the same. It's easier to follow the darker paths of life. Some would say the Devil is down that path. I believe that.

I quoted my father as saying "There are no Christians in church". Maybe he wasn't one. Turning your back on the church instead of praying and seeking answers doesn't help anyone. I'll tell you later how my life took a similar path. For now all I'll say is that I know first hand that **not** praying doesn't help. He was partially right; there are few **true** Christians in church.

When Pastor Mark helped my father, his life was suddenly good. However, his attitude became, "It's all about me," instead of an attitude of thanks. Instead of reaching out to help others or bring others into the fold, he joined committees and looked for the all important pat on the back.

"Joining" and "Doing" are great if it's for the right reasons. The hardest thing to learn is that it's not about "Me". It's about **living your life for Jesus** and not the "pat on the back".

Living for Jesus isn't really hard. **He died for our sins.** I don't feel worthy of His sacrifice. Like my father, I ran around Desolation Row and like many of us, I like that all important "pat on the back". It's taken me many years to realize it's not about "me". This Easter, realize it truly is a time to feel grand and rejoice. For the first time in my life **I really feel saved.**

My fervent prayer is for the coalition forces in Iraq and the innocent Iraqi men, women and children who are victims of Saddam Hussein. Although you are fed lies by the Muslim community and media that we, Americans are after the oil of Iraq, I ask that you remember us in kindness and yes, even praise, when we set Iraq in order, free the people, set up a government of their choosing, repair their oil fields, then withdraw (unoccupy) and give the country back to the people of Iraq. The American people are good people who base their lives upon Jesus Christ.  
(Brother Andrew)



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When the US discovers that their soldiers have mistreated Muslim prisoners of war, they condemn it and charge the soldiers with a crime and try them as criminals.



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Islamic militant groups capture innocent civilians, like Nick Berg, who was beheaded in a video tape sent to the media by Muslims.

**Update in Iraq:** Good the Americans have accomplished:

1. Over 400,000 kids have up-to-date immunizations.
2. School attendance is up 80% from levels before the war.
3. Over 1,500 schools have been renovated and rid of the weapons stored there so education can occur.
4. The port of Uhm Qasar was renovated so grain can be off-loaded from ships faster.
5. The country had its first 2 billion barrel export of oil in August.
6. Over 4.5 million people have clean drinking water for the first time ever in Iraq.
7. The country now receives 2 times the electrical power it did before the war.
8. 100% of the hospitals are open and fully staffed, compared to 35% before the war.
9. Elections are taking place in every major city, and city councils are in place.
10. Sewer and water lines are installed in every major city.
11. Over 60,000 police are patrolling the streets.

12. Over 100,000 Iraqi civil defense police are securing the country.
13. Over 80,000 Iraqi soldiers are patrolling the streets side by side with US soldiers.
14. Over 400,000 people have telephones for the first time ever.
15. Students are taught field sanitation and hand washing techniques to prevent the spread of germs.
16. An interim constitution has been signed.
17. Girls are allowed to attend school.
18. Textbooks that don't mention Saddam are in the schools for the first time in 30 years.

***Don't believe for one second that these people do not want us there. I have met many, many people from Iraq that want us there, and in a bad way. They say they will never see the freedoms we talk about but they hope their children will. We are doing a good job in Iraq and I challenge anyone, anywhere to dispute me on these facts.***

**Brother Andrew**

The preceding was from a Christian web site (bible.ca) that has some people working in Iraq. Their faith in God keeps them safe so they report the war in their own words. I don't know much about bible.ca but I've found that their list of good the Americans have accomplished is closer to the truth than what our liberal media tells us.

The prayer by Brother Andrew was written early in the war so the wording is a little dated but I liked the content enough to pass it on.

Set aside your politics and say your own prayer for our troops.  
**Freedom has a flavor the protected will never know.**

Last month I mentioned that the Woman's Group at Prince of Peace is collecting items for our troops. That's an ongoing process so I encourage any efforts of support. Call Prince of Peace at 630 969-1268 to see how you can help.

Remember that the troops are just family members that decided to serve our country. Many are just kids or young parents. They are following their hearts for a just cause and deserve our support and prayers.

How many years can a mountain exist  
Before it's washed to the sea?  
**Yes, 'n' how many years can some people exist  
Before they're allowed to be free?  
Yes, 'n' how many times can a man turn his head,  
Pretending he just doesn't see?  
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind,  
The answer is blowin' in the wind.**

Bob Dylan

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ARSON

## Alabama Congregations Relieved by Arson Arrests

By John Jessup  
*Washington Correspondent*

**CBN.com** – WASHINGTON - Alabama Governor Bob Riley says the people of his state can rest easier now.

Police have three suspects in custody, charged with setting a string of church fires across that state.

Church congregations throughout Alabama are at ease knowing that a frightening chapter has come to an end.

**"What we have is a reign of terror -- coming to an end,"** said Alabama Attorney General Troy King.

Authorities traced the string of February arsons that burned several rural churches to three men they believe are responsible: 20-year old Matthew Cloyd, and two 19-year-old Birmingham Southern college students, Russell Debusk, Jr. and Benjamin Moseley.

"When this began, I (remembered) something that my granddaddy used to tell me," King said, "which is, a man's evil deeds will find him out."

The three are being held on church arson charges for damaging or destroying nine Baptist churches - both black churches and white churches.

But state and federal officials are not calling this a hate crime. **It turns out that their motivation was having fun.**

**According to court papers, one of the suspects said the fires started as "a joke that got of hand."**

Fearing the investigation was narrowing in, federal agents say the three set more fires to throw them off.

The federal Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agency had made the investigation its top priority, which spawned the largest domestic manhunt since 9/11.

As CBN News reported last month in Alabama, the arsons - although painful - have helped to bring the churches together, breaking down racial barriers and encouraging one another to forgive those responsible.

"It saddens me, that's what it does," said Jim Parker of Ashley Baptist Church. "I know that these young men are apparently very promising individuals and this is really going to impact the rest of their lives."

"The person would certainly be misguided if someone would do something like this. But they're not going to stop the church," said Morning Star Pastor James Posey.

Many in Alabama are thankful for answered prayer. They can now move on from a time of mourning, to a time of healing and rebuilding.

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FAITH

## Alabama Church Fires Break Down Racial Barriers (Praise Jesus)

By Heather Sells  
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**CBN.com** – BIRMINGHAM, Alabama - For churches in Alabama, a string of arson attacks this month may become their 9/11. In the midst of grief and sorrow, the fires are rallying congregations, uniting churches across the region and breaking down the barriers between the races.

Three weeks after arsonists torched their church, the members of Rehobeth Baptist have many questions, and many memories.

Frances Green, a Rehobeth Baptist member, wondered, "A building that's standing, that's hurting no one ... why they would want to burn it down, I can't understand."

"My wife plays the piano," stated Rehobeth Baptist's Rev. Duane Schliep. "She had all her music there--all that she had, over the years. I found some pieces of it."

The arson attacks began the night of February 3. The arsonists torched four white Baptist and one black Baptist church. All five are in Bibb County, about an hour south of Birmingham. The fires destroyed three sanctuaries and damaged two.

Four nights later, authorities believe the same arsonists struck again. This time, they burned Baptist churches in western Alabama near the Mississippi border. This second round of attacks decimated two sanctuaries and damaged two others.

Four nights later--one more fire, this time north of Birmingham. It damaged yet another Baptist church.

In response, the ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives) and the FBI have launched one of the largest domestic manhunts since 9/11. More than 200 agents are sifting through more than 700 leads. Authorities are linking the attacks because of the patterns. The arsonists targeted all Baptist churches, all historical churches, all small and isolated congregations. They started most of the fires at the pulpit. In addition, they struck the churches at night.

Investigators believe that two men -- most likely in their 20s or 30s -- are responsible. With no arrests yet, they can only speculate on a motive.

It is possible the attacks are a civil rights violation. According to Carmen Adams of the Alabama FBI. "It strikes at the conscience. There's possible interference with a fundamental right, and that's the right to worship."

The FBI's focus reflects Alabama history, starting with the 1963 bombing of Birmingham's 16th street church, a focal place for the Civil Rights Movement. Just last week, the federal government named it a historic landmark.

In the mid-1990s, a series of arson attacks on black churches spread through the South, including Alabama. In many cases, authorities were never able to find the arsonists.

But this time, arsonists targeted both black and white churches. It is a different twist for a state used to the same old racial injustices.

And it is helping to break down barriers.

Pleasant Sabine Baptist, a black church, is literally just down the hill from Antioch Baptist, a white church. Despite their proximity, they have only recently begun to work together, attending some of the same events.

But then the arsonists struck. They torched a flower arrangement beneath the pulpit at Antioch. Miraculously, it burned only the communion table. At Pleasant Sabine, the fire destroyed the church.

That brought Antioch members over to offer condolences on the Pleasant Sabine property for the first time. And that led to Pleasant Sabine members attending an Antioch service, with plans for a joint service.

Pleasant Sabine Baptist member Wardell Harris said, "It's brought races together that, in the past --like we've seen with Antioch church -- never worshipped [together]. I'm third-generation in this church."

"In the short time I've been here, we just never have had an occasion to have a joint service. But now we do -- we have a need to unite," said Rev. Jack Allen of Antioch Baptist.

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**God is "Color" blind indeed**  
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Rev. Paul Murphy, the pastor of Pleasant Sabine, said, "God is color-blind. So we have to be color-blind. We thank God that there are people who are reaching their arms out to us and we're reaching our arms out to them."

In western Alabama, a group of White Baptists from Montgomery is working with Dancy First Baptist Church. Over the weekend, they came together to gut the church, paving the way for reconstruction.

**"Even though we're in a burned-out church building, people are laughing, people are smiling, people are praising God together," said Ridgecrest Baptist Church's Michael Cassidy.**

The Montgomery Baptists say they will be back to help finish the job. But local Baptists are just as pleased to see new friendships sprouting between local black and white pastors. They're now meeting weekly to talk about the fires and their community.

"We're getting to know some people we didn't know," explained Gary Farley of the Pickens Baptist Association, "building some trust and relationships."

Christians in the fire area believe that the arsons have more to do with spiritual warfare than anything else.

**"It's not a black and white thing. It's Christians against Satan, because the devil is trying to tear the church down,"** said Pleasant Sabine's Rev. Murphy.

And that battle is leading to new calls for, and predictions of--unity.

**"There will be churches of different denominations, different races, that will come together for God's glory,"** predicted Cassidy.

Church members are very aware of the more than 200 law enforcement agents combing the region. They are praying for quick justice in this case so they won't have to worry about another church being burned. And, they are praying for the arsonists themselves.

Harris said, "The first thing that came to me, the Spirit brought it to me, was to pray for those who had done it and ask God to heal them."

Those prayers are bringing forgiveness to a region that will surely need it -- and hopes that not only will buildings be rebuilt, but lives as well.

Schliep said, "My desire is that we'll come out strong. More people will come to faith. I hope revival will sweep the entire nation...it's similar to what happened with 9/11. The focus shifted from day-to-day living to something beyond that."

**The South had to deal with a lot last year. Nobody will ever forget the devastation of the hurricanes and floods and the cleanup still goes on. After all those lives were displaced, arsonists attacked the churches. As they said in the preceding story it was just for fun. At least it wasn't a racial problem.**

**I grew up in the 50's and 60's and saw racial segregation and the hatred that went with it. The South I remember would never have seen races come together to help each other. That alone is remarkable.**

**Also, with the war in the Middle East dominating the news, these stories only got a brief mention in the news. I want to thank CBN (the Christian Broadcast Network) for the follow up of stories such as these.**

**Throughout the world we see Christianity fading as Muslims seek to dominate. Even here, in the U.S. people stay away from church and it seems like they think it's "uncool" to be a Christian. I may be cynical but we live in a "Me First" world and fellowship is a foreign concept.**

**That's what made the preceding story so special to me. In the worst of times, people came together and praised God; "Even though we're in a burned out church building...people are praising God together". If that line in the story didn't touch your heart, I feel sorry for you. I'm a grown man and I've seen Hell but that made me cry.**

**I think there's still hope for the world and the South shall rise again.**

New Orleans will again  
"Let the good times role"



## World



### Resource

For information on how to contact the Embassy of Afghanistan, go to the Web site for [International Christian Concern](#).

AFGHANISTAN

## World Leaders Protest Rahman Death Penalty

By Gary Lane  
Chief International Correspondent

CBN.com – (CBN News) - Leaders from around the globe are coming to the defense of an Afghan Christian facing the death penalty.

The case is sparking outrage, leading some who fought for democracy in Afghanistan to question why they went there in the first place.

It was the first target in the war on terror, and the first radical regime toppled by U.S. and coalition troops.

And yet, even though the Taliban government has been flushed from the mountains of Afghanistan, its twisted ideology remains a cornerstone of Afghanistan's new democracy.

Abdul Rahman is one of its victims.

Rahman declared, **"They want to sentence me to death and I accept it—but I am not a deserter and not an infidel. I am a Christian, which means I believe in the Trinity."**

His crime: rejecting Islam—a slap in the face of the country's government and the Afghan constitution, which says no law can be above Islam.

And under a radical form of Islamic law, called Sharia, rejecting Islam is punishable by death, the fate that awaits Rahman if convicted.

Human rights advocates have rallied behind his cause, and both Italy and Germany threaten to pull their soldiers from the country, saying that their troops did not give their lives to help Afghanistan establish another radical Islamic regime.

And the situation is boiling in America as well.

**"From an American point of view, people should be free to choose their own religion,"** remarked Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs. "And people should not receive any severe penalties - certainly not the penalty of death."

Meanwhile, some Afghan prosecutors have raised questions about Rahman's mental health, saying that he may be mentally unfit to stand trial. And if so, Islam has no claim to punish him, and he must be forgiven and the case dropped.

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**I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.**

- John 10:28  
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## World



DEATH PENALTY

## Rice Asks Karzai for 'Favorable Outcome' to Rahman Trial

By John Jessup  
Washington Correspondent

CBN.com – WASHINGTON - Hardline Muslim clerics in Afghanistan are still calling for the death of an Afghan Christian who is facing the death penalty for converting from Islam 16 years ago.

But the U.S. and other countries are stepping up their demands that his life be spared.

Despite growing interest in the fate of Abdul Rahman, the judge presiding over his trial vows not to bow to mounting international pressure.

Rahman, who converted to Christianity 16 years ago, refuses to renounce his faith. That has landed him on trial, with the possibility of being sentenced to death.

Comparing his rejection of Islam to humiliating God, senior Muslim clerics are demanding his execution, but other countries, including the U.S., are pressuring Afghanistan to prevent that from happening.

In an unusual move, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice phoned Afghanistan's president seeking a "favorable" outcome, one that would honor what President Bush called the **"universal principle of freedom."**

"It is our great hope and desire that Afghanistan will reaffirm what is already in its constitution," said Rice.

Although international intervention may help spare his life, this case is creating a host of complexities for the government and Afghan's President Hamid Karzai, who's seen by many in Afghanistan as too friendly to the West.

The case could drive a further wedge between Karzai, a moderate, and the judiciary that is mostly made up of religious hardliners. But already, some foreign leaders say they have been given assurances that Rahman will not be executed.

Prosecutors question his sanity and whether he is competent to stand trial. If he is found incompetent, the case would be dropped.

But even if that happens, there are no guarantees that he will be safe in a country that is 99-percent Muslim.

"People have asked the government for his trial," said one Muslim cleric. "If this does not happen, then the people will decide for themselves."

Senior clerics warn that if the government caves in to pressure, it may incite people to "pull Rahman into pieces."

That could mean that for now, Rahman may be safer confined than free, among his fellow Afghans.

**Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.**

- 1 Peter 5:7



## DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

### This May Help

The mother of a friend of mine passed away recently. She had lung cancer and her last days were spent with hospice and family at her side. It's hard to watch helplessly as a loved one slips away and I offer my heartfelt condolences to Dennis and his family.

As painful as her death was, her story had an enlightening and amazing end that should renew your faith. I believe in miracles and here is one his family was gracious enough to share with me and it **has** to be passed on. I may not follow the time frame accurately but I'll do my best.

While in hospice care, she was receiving strong pain medication as the cancer was causing severe pains in her back and chest. She also hadn't walked in a long time because of chronic severe pain in her legs.

One day, a family member and their minister were at her side while she slept. They noticed a huge smile on her face as she slept. When she awoke, they asked why she was smiling; was she perhaps just having a pleasant dream? She said, "He is here!"

They asked, "Who is here?" She simply relied, "God! Don't you feel His presence?"

At that moment they felt the same feeling she felt. They had a sense of awe that one can only imagine. It was wonderful.

That was only part of the story; it gets better. (When the story was told to me I was so excited I could hardly write)

The pain in her chest and back was gone. She refused her medication because she wanted to stay aware during her final days. The pain in her legs had vanished as well and she wanted to take a walk; something she hadn't done in a very long time.

She had an older sister living in Florida, who is 90 years old. Her sister always said that their hearts were joined. She knew her younger sister was sick and facing death but the family did not tell her about her sister's final passing, as she suddenly became ill.

Just before Dennis's his mother felt the presence of God, her sister was hospitalized with terrible pains in her chest, back and legs. The doctors ran tests but found no reason for the pain. When her younger sister passed away, her pains disappeared which baffled the doctors. She went home and is doing fine today.

When Dennis' mom went into hospice, her sister prayed fervently to take away her sister 's pain. Somewhere in her prayers she said probably said she would wear her pain so her last days would be in comfort. Her prayers literally gave her sister comfort in her last days.

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Miracle or not, I'm convinced. It's been my personal belief that it is nobler to pray for others before yourself. It seems that God has heard when I prayed for others because of the results I've witnessed in my life. I don't know if that's true but it is the way I feel.

In this instance, in praying for her sister to relieve her pain, there was no feelings of "Self" or "What's in it for me?" Her prayers focused on "It's not for me, Lord. Do this for my sister". I'm praying right now for that beautiful lady.

I want to thank my friend, Dennis for sharing his family's story. I think that an important part of the grieving process is to share stories of the deceased even though that's hard to do. A death in the family is a private matter and I respect that, but this story is a gift I won't forget. Thank You.

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### Version: RSV Psalm 23

1. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; 2. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; 3. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4. **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil;** for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. 5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows. 6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and **I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever**

### Version: KJV John 14:18-20

18. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. 19. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. 20. At that day ye shall know that I [am] in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.



## Popular Music Used To Inspire?

Well, I wouldn't use rock 'n roll all the time in church or for funeral services, but it has been quoted many times, often unknowingly.

Many older rock artists had religious experiences during their careers and it was reflected in their music. I'm not familiar with today's music so I can't quote any of it but I understand many of today's artists have had religious subjects in some of their songs and Christian rock bands have gained a lot of popularity.

I want to close this newsletter with some lyrics just for the fun of it. I told you in my last newsletter that I'm not an evangelist in the strict sense of the word. I just want to pass along observations helpful in keeping the faith and maybe brightening your day. Last month it was Star Wars; this month rock lyrics.

When a man he serves the Lord, it makes his life worthwhile.  
It don't matter 'bout his position, it don't matter 'bout his lifestyle.  
Talk about perfection, I ain't never seen none  
And there ain't no man righteous, no not one.

When I'm gone don't wonder where I be.  
Just say that I trusted in God and that Christ was in me.  
Say He defeated the devil, He was God's chosen Son  
And that there ain't no man righteous, no not one.

Bob Dylan - Ain't No Man Righteous

I found it interesting that a Jewish man, Robert Zimmerman found Jesus in the middle of his career as Bob Dylan.

Here's another Dylan lyric. - Are You Ready?

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Am I ready to lay down my life for the brethren  
And to take up my cross?  
Have I surrendered to the will of God  
Or am I still acting like the boss?

Have you got some unfinished business?  
Is there something holding you back?  
Are you thinking for yourself  
Or are you following the pack?

Are you ready for the judgment?  
Are you ready for that terrible swift sword?  
Are you ready for Armageddon?  
Are you ready for the day of the Lord?

Are you ready, I hope you're ready.

Dylan wasn't the only one to use religious themes but he had a lot to choose from. I felt his were the coolest and most thought provoking.

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Here's some from the Eagles and Joe Walsh when he was recovering from alcoholism.

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So often times it happens

We live our lives in chains  
And we never even know we have the keys.

Well I finally got around to admit that I was the problem when I used to put the blame on everybody else. ...

It was something I was too blind to see  
I got help from someone greater than me.

(The last line in the song said; "Prison is walking alone". That's cool.)

After the Beatles broke up, George Harrison wrote, My Sweet Lord. He used Christian and Hindu references in that song and many songs to follow. There are too many to list but the song, My Sweet Lord still calls to us. George fought alcoholism after the Beatles broke up. I guess when you reach rock bottom you reach out to someone "greater than you".

The granddaddy of them all was put together by Pete Seeger and sung by the Byrds during the 60's. I had to say "put together" rather than "written" when talking about, Turn, Turn, Turn. He took the words from Ecclesiastes 3 and added the words, turn, turn, turn at the end of lines as well as a few extra words and it was a huge hit. The sound of the twelve string Rickenbacker guitar racing along with words from the Bible was like magic.

A lot of artists did Gospel songs during their careers. Most notably was Elvis; the king of rock and roll. Actually, he did a wonderful job and his Gospel songs sold did well on the charts.

The point is that in a world that seems like Christianity gets shoved aside a lot, someone is always willing to remind us to Praise the Lord.

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**One last Dylan lyric!**  
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It may be the devil or it may be the Lord, but you're still gonna have to serve somebody!

Last but not least, I want to thank Mark Jacobsen for his work on the Evangelism committee at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

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