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(Galatians 6:10)

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Introduction

If you're a Christian, this book is addressed to you. There are two assumptions that I have. If both are true, the content is entirely relevant to you. First of all, I believe you have a desire to see the gospel of Jesus Christ spread throughout the world, whether in your own neighborhood or in the uttermost parts of this earth. Secondly, I believe you genuinely want to help your brothers and sisters in Christ who are currently facing hardships and persecution. Unless those two assumptions are true, there is no need to read any further.

For those who are familiar with the T.V. show *Shark Tank*, I feel that I'm about to make my pitch to you—as a Christian on the panel—asking you to seriously consider investing just \$0.99 as a one-time investment or on a monthly basis. Later on, I will give you *The Simple Details* and *The Specific Numbers* of your investment.

The fact that you, as a Christian, are automatically on the panel is based on *Three Specific Commands*. In this book, you'll read about a definite opportunity to “do good . . . especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Gal. 6:10).

While Barbara Corcoran, Mark Cuban, Lori Greiner, Robert Herjavec, Daymond John, and Kevin O'Leary—the ones who are on the panel in *Shark Tank*—may or may not have a good return on their investment, your investment of just \$0.99 (once or each month) will give you a far greater return than all of their money combined. You'll read about that in the chapter *Investing in Your Eternal Future*.

Since the *Shark Tank* participants don't want to bore the panel with needless information, this book will be short and sweet, at least I believe so. Ultimately, it shouldn't take you long to determine if you believe the \$0.99 (once or each month) will be put to good use and make it more than worthwhile.

By way of continuing this introduction, though, I want to highlight the big picture, of which you are an intrinsic part. We will first consider the spreading of God's gospel and then the relieving of His saints. See you in the first chapter!

Seeing the Big Picture – Spreading the Gospel

What's the meaning of creation, history, and eternity? Or, to make it more personal, what is the meaning of your life? As a Christian, "you are not your own, for you were bought with a price." Since that's the case, Paul made the following, immediate deduction: "So glorify God in your body" (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

The story of creation, history, and eternity is the story of the person and work of Jesus Christ, "for whom and by whom all things exist" (Heb. 2:10). As such, the Christian life is to be utterly Christ-centered, "knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot" (1 Peter 1:18-19). Paul defined the Christian life with these words: "For to me to live is Christ" (Phil. 1:21).

As the eternal recipients of "the gospel of the glory of Christ" (2 Cor. 4:4), we are debtors to a lost world, responsible to share "the unsearchable riches of Christ" (Eph. 3:8) with a spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and morally bankrupt world, even though many aren't even aware of their own bankruptcy.

Thus, Jesus explicitly commanded His disciples (and implicitly those who would believe through their New Testament writings) with the great commission: "Proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:15-16).

While you may not be able to go out into the world, you do have an opportunity to do so by way of partnership with those who do minister the gospel of Jesus Christ, including supporting the local church you attend.

In summary, as Christians, we have the *answerable* responsibility and the *awesome* privilege of sharing "the message of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:19) with the world, whether directly ourselves or indirectly through others.

Seeing the Big Picture – Relieving the Saints

In writing to Christians, John wrote: “For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.” A few verses later, he also wrote: “By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.”

Lest we would heartily agree with his *ought*, without having a corresponding practicality, he concluded: “But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth (1 John 3:11, 16-18).

As he finished his inspired train of thought, he stated: “And this is the commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.” Faith in Jesus *and* genuine love to God’s children is “what pleases him” (1 John 3:22-23).

To make this more pointed, John referred to these two aspects as *one* commandment. You cannot authentically do the one—have faith in Jesus—without doing the other—love one another. Such love, as we saw, is expressed by supplying “the things needed” (James 2:16) to those who are in need.

We must be clear about the biblical definition of need, though. In the context of stating that “godliness with contentment is great gain,” Paul wrote: “But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content” (1 Tim. 6:6, 8).

James expressed that same definition of need: “What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that [kind of] faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and filled,’ without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith [in Jesus] by itself, if it does not have works [love to God’s saints] is dead” (James 2:14-17). Thus, as Christians, we are called to supply “the things needed,” which are specifically in relation to “food and clothing.”

We see that with the apostle Paul who was actively (and eagerly!) involved in “the relief of the saints,” the poor Christians in Jerusalem. As such, his faith in Jesus and his love for God’s destitute saints were working *inseparably* together, “faith working through love” (Gal. 5:6).

Three Specific Commands

Since you are, as a Christian, on the panel, deciding on whether or not to invest \$0.99 (once or monthly), there are three specific New Testament commands that I would like you to consider. The first one is in relation to spreading “the gospel of the glory of Christ.” The other two are in relation to the relief of God’s saints.

First of all, we are called to “put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.” This includes “shoes for your feet,” which is “the readiness given by the gospel of peace” (Eph. 6:11, 15).

The gospel is God’s good news to a lost and dying world. “The message of reconciliation” (2 Cor. 5:19) indicates a readiness to share “the gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:24). Such readiness is certainly in relation to our own sharing of God’s good news. Additionally, it can also be in relation to a “partnership in the gospel” (Phil. 1:5) with those who are in fulltime ministry.

Secondly, Paul wrote: “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Gal. 6:10).

This book offers you a definite opportunity to “do good . . . especially to those who are of the household of faith.” It gives you the opportunity to partner with ministries that spread the gospel and relief God’s saints.

Thirdly, Paul also wrote: “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” (Gal. 6:2). While this is specifically stated on a personal level, Christians helping other Christians with carrying their burdens, the principle is the same when it comes to those ministries that share the gospel or relief the saints. We are also called to bear their burdens. Practically, that includes financial support.

While we have been saved from God’s law “through the body of Christ” (Rom. 7:4), we are now under “the law of Christ,” which includes bearing “one another’s burdens.” That includes supplying “the things needed” (James 2:16), especially in relation to God’s saints who are destitute of proper food and clothing.

At the core of the Christian faith is “the message of reconciliation” *and* caring for those who are in need. While this can be done directly, it can also be done indirectly through a partnership with ministries.

Investing in Your Eternal Future

Jesus made an astounding statement: “For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward” (Mark 9:41). Often, we’re prone to think in “big” terms when it comes to spreading the gospel or relieving the saints. To Jesus, though, the smallest expression of faith and love has eternal significance.

When we considered the *Three Specific Commands* in the previous chapter, especially doing good “to those who are of the household of faith,” helping God’s saints with their burdens, we must see such “small” acts of love with eternal significance. As such, there is much irony in this world. “A cup of water” to those who “belong to Christ” has far more lasting value than all the investments (and profits) made by Warren Buffet, to say the least.

Jesus’ message was never against any profit. Far from it! Actually, His message includes the greatest possible profit *ever*: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 16:19-21). What is your heart?

He strongly encouraged you to invest in your eternal future, which includes the “smallest” expressions of love, especially to those who “belong to Christ.” Not one of them will be lost: “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.” He concluded: “As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me” (Matt. 25:35-36, 40).

In organizing “the relief of the saints,” Paul wrote: “For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.” He intrinsically related “the relief of the saints” with the increase of “the harvest of your righteousness” and the producing of “thanksgiving to God” (2 Cor. 9:10-12).

The smallest cup of water has eternal significance, both in relation to the harvest of your righteousness and God’s praise, for at the core of all our righteous deeds is God’s supplying grace (1 Cor. 15:10). This brings us to *The Simple Details* of this book.

The Simple Details

Before I describe *The Simple Details*, I want to make it explicitly clear that this fundraiser for the spread of God's gospel and the relief of His saints is in *no way* implying that you aren't already doing both. Nor is it encouraging you in *any way* to consider this fundraiser as a replacement of what you are currently doing. Instead, I ask you to consider a one-time or monthly investment of just \$0.99.

So, what are *The Simple Details*? The Cause of Christ publishes biblically-sound, Christ-centered, and faith-encouraging books. For the most part, these books are in the public domain. They have been properly formatted for every E-book reader and E-book app. They include a clickable Table of Contents and are fully searchable. Currently, there are about two hundred books to choose from. New books are added each week.

Here is the most important aspect, though: 75% of all the royalties goes to the spread of God's gospel and the relief of His saints. This is done through reputable, gospel-centered, Christ-centered ministries. The default fundraiser is the distribution of bibles and discipleship materials to the persecuted church through the ministry of Open Doors.

By the way, The Cause of Christ is not associated with Open Doors, nor have they requested or endorsed this fundraiser. It is simply my desire to raise funds for our persecuted brothers and sisters, including materials for those who want to know more about Jesus in countries that are hostile to the gospel.

Additionally, every reputable ministry can request the use of this fundraiser for their own ministry or a ministry of their choice. Furthermore, every Christian with a significant audience can also make use of this fundraiser for a ministry that's close to their heart.

When someone buys a book, he or she is directly partnering with ministries that are either spreading God's gospel or relieving His saints. As such, each purchased book is like "a cup of water" to those who "belong to Christ," having eternal significance.

Each book purchase is an intrinsic part of raising funds for the spread of the gospel or "the relief of the saints" (2 Cor. 8:4), supplying "the things needed" (James 2:16). Most books are just \$0.99. You'll be blessed by the book *and*, at the same time, partner with a reputable ministry. In buying a product, you are raising funds. A win-win!

The Specific Numbers

Once again, this fundraiser doesn't seek to replace anything that you are currently doing. Rather, it asks you to consider doing a one-time or a monthly participation of just \$0.99. The specific nature of this fundraiser is that you purchase an E-book that is used to raise funds. You receive a book *and* you raise funds. A win-win! This book has been written to give you the numbers when Christians #Unite4Christ, participating with just \$0.99.

At <https://store.christ-centered-books.com/your-royalties>, you have an overview of the 75% royalties. A \$0.99 E-book will give \$0.50 in royalties. For every book purchase, the payment gateway charges a \$0.30 payment fee with an additional 3% for every dollar.

Since it is hard to estimate how many Christians there are in the United States, let alone in the world, I'm using the most "active Facebook Faith page in history" as an illustration.

They have over 34,000,000 followers. Assuming that each follower has an actual interest in Jesus, we would raise \$17,000,000 for the spread of God's gospel and the relief of His saints if each one were to buy a \$0.99 E-book. Obviously, there are far more Christians than just their 34,000,000 followers.

To make these numbers more "tangible," that would be 2,428,571 bibles and discipleship materials for those who want to know more about Jesus in countries that are hostile to the gospel.

A famous Christian artist has over 5,000,000 Facebook followers. He would be able to raise \$2,500,000 if each one purchased a \$0.99 E-book, which would be equivalent to 357,142 bibles and discipleship materials. These numbers, though, are only in relation to a *one-time* participation of just \$0.99.

If each of the Facebook followers of the most "active Facebook Faith page in history" were to do so each month for one year, the total would be \$204,000,000 for the spread of the gospel and the relief of the saints. In all honesty, is twelve times \$0.99 for one year too much of a sacrifice, especially since you will receive twelve encouraging books?

Jesus said: "Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest" (John 4:35). He also said: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38). How much good would be done for the spread of the gospel and the relief of the saints when each Christian were to participate with just \$0.99, either on a one-time or a monthly basis?

In 1985, Bob Geldof organized *Live Aid* for famine relief in Africa. According to one

article, he raised about \$127,000,000. What if Christians were to #**Unite4Christ** with just a one-time \$0.99 book purchase, how many would be blessed through such a fundraiser?

Here is the most comforting thought for me. Jesus asked us to “pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest.” Paul wrote something similar: “I appeal to you . . . to strive together with me in your prayers to God . . . that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints” (Rom. 15:30-31).

Paul knew that only God could make his collection efforts “acceptable to the saints.” At all times, this is true: “The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the victory [the result] belongs to the Lord” (Pr. 21:31). This brings me to a simple, yet profound question.

Will You Participate with Just \$0.99?

You can currently choose from about 200 books. New books are added each week. Here are three additional ways you can significantly help:

First and foremost, pray that it may please “the Lord of the harvest” to use this fundraiser for the spread of His gospel and the relief of His saints.

Secondly, share this fundraiser with your church and other Christians, especially on your social media. The main link you can share is www.ToEveryChristian.com.

Thirdly, connect on social media in order to keep up to date, including for which ministry funds are being raised. If there’s no mention of a specific ministry, it is always for bibles and discipleship materials through the ministry of Open Doors:

www.Facebook.com/Unite4Christ

www.Twitter.com/Unite4Christ

www.Instagram.com/Unite4Christ

You can also connect at www.thecauseofchrist.com/blog and receive God-centered encouragement.

When God went down “to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built,” He said: “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them” (Gen. 11:5-6). If Christians were to #Unite4Christ with this fundraiser, how much good would be done for the spread of God’s gospel and the relief of His saints?

A Free Book

Since the truth and reality of the gospel is the most fundamental need for every person, far more than we can even begin to comprehend, we are called to share Jesus with a lost and dying world.

In order to help you do so, here's a free book that you can easily share with others: *Jesus – God's Inexpressible Gift to You*. There are three main parts: *The Need*, *The Gift*, and *The Response*, each covering ten short chapters.

If you believe that this book expresses God's news to those who've sinned against Him, I encourage you to share it with as many as you come across, whether in person or online. You can simply share this link with those who need Jesus: www.your-free-gift.com.

To Those with an Audience over 5,000

If you, as a Christian or ministry, have an audience over 5,000, will you seriously consider making use of this free, simple, and easy way to raise funds? There are no costs or obligations on your part whatsoever.

For example, will you use your God-given influence for your persecuted brothers and sisters, especially since it doesn't cost you anything? Is the following not also true when you have a significant audience: "Everyone to whom much [social-media influence] was given, of him much will be required" (Luke 12:48)?

Through this fundraiser, you have a definite opportunity to "do good . . . especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10). Your audience will be blessed by the books *and* raise funds for the spread of God's gospel or the relief of His saints. A win-win! Just go to www.thecauseofchrist.com.

A Collective Birthday Gift for Jesus

Wouldn't it be great if Christians were to unite for a collective birthday gift for Jesus, raising funds for our persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the world? During the first twenty-five days of December, The Cause of Christ raises funds for "bibles and discipleship materials" for those who are "looking to know more about Jesus in dangerous places around the world." This is done through the ministry of Open Doors.

By the way, The Cause of Christ is not associated with Open Doors, nor have they requested or endorsed this fundraiser. It is simply my desire to raise funds for the persecuted church throughout the world.

Will you participate in a collective birthday gift for Jesus with just \$0.99? For every book you purchase at [Christ-Centered Books](#) during the first twenty-five days of December, 75% royalty will go to the "bibles and discipleship materials." You'll be blessed by the book *and* raise funds for your persecuted brothers and sisters. A win-win! Here is the main link: www.happybirthdayjesuschrist.com.

Some Concluding Thoughts about Money

When we want to raise funds for the spread of God's gospel and the relief of His saints, we are talking about money. God's word has much to say about that subject. For example, Paul wrote: "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. But as for you, O man of God, *flee these things*" (1 Tim. 6:10-11).

The author of Hebrews wrote: "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'" (Heb. 13:5). Jesus warned against "the deceitfulness of riches" (Mark 4:19).

Yet, money is a necessary aspect in every society since Genesis. Money itself is not the issue; one's "love of money" is the issue. As such, we are commanded to keep our lives free from such love. If money has our hearts, even in the slightest measure, we are living in idolatry.

That's why Paul wrote: "If we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptations, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction" (1 Tim. 6:8-9).

Notice that even the "desire to be rich" is a fatal danger. Thus, we must always be on guard against the "love of money," which seeks to take our hearts captive and lead us astray from the living God.

Since this is a vital issue, The Cause of Christ does not raise any funds for ministries that hold to the "prosperity gospel." Without question, some of those leaders have greatly distorted and undermined the true gospel of Jesus Christ, giving Christians a reputation as those who desire more money and more money *ad infinitum*. This brings us to our last chapter.

Some Concluding Thoughts about Financial Support

In the New Testament, we have a few specific instances about the financial support for those who are in fulltime ministry, both in relation to spreading the gospel and relieving the saints.

For example, we read in Paul's letter to the Philippian believers: "Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again." He associated such help as "fruit that increases to your credit" (Phil. 4:16-17). Their support was like "a cup of water" to those who "belong to Christ," having eternal significance.

We also read: "The brothers who came from Macedonia supplied my need" (2 Cor. 11:9). Those who are in fulltime ministry have needs. Wouldn't it be great if a "wealth of generosity" (2 Cor. 8:2) would alleviate Christ-centered ministries from having to occupy much of their time in raising funds?

Some verses later, Paul wrote about the proper fairness between abundance and need: "For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness *your abundance at the present time* should supply their need" (2 Cor. 8:13-14). In the next chapter, Paul wrote: "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully" (2 Cor. 9:6).

Through [Christ-Centered Books](#), The Cause of Christ offers books that raise funds for the spread of God's gospel and the relief of His Saints. When you buy a book, you'll automatically partner with reputable ministries, supplying their needs. A win-win!

Conclusion

Life is short, eternity is long, and Jesus is our only hope. At the core of The Cause of Christ is the desire to raise funds for the spread of His gospel. This is done by offering biblically-sound, Christ-centered, and faith-encouraging books. Currently, there are about 200 books to choose from (new books are added each week).

When you purchase a book, **75% royalty** will go to the spread of God's gospel or the relief of His saints. You'll be blessed by the book *and*, at the same time, raise funds. A win-win! Simply go to [Christ-Centered Books](#) to do so.

This fundraiser is freely available to every reputable ministry *and* everyone who seeks to raise funds for a reputable ministry of their choice. Without question, you have a definite opportunity to "do good . . . especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10). Will you make use of it?

One Question...

If you've been blessed by this book, will you please write a review? I greatly appreciate that. [Click this link to go to the review page.](#)

Also, if you would like to receive encouraging devotionals and free Christ-centered books, you can join my blog at www.thecauseofchrist.com/blog

About the Author

I love to write devotionals—taking a Bible verse and diving into its truth and application, especially how it relates to and testifies of Jesus.

I was born and raised in the Netherlands. Jan is the Dutch equivalent of John and is pronounced “yawn.” When I was 19, I entered the U.S. for the first time and volunteered at Times Square Church, working on the Raven Truck and at The Upper Room, reaching out to the homeless. I did that for one year.

When I returned home, I started my external undergraduate degree program with Global University (at that time known as ICI University), while working at the Salvation Army at a homeless shelter in Rotterdam. In 2001, I had the opportunity to pursue my graduate degree program on a work scholarship in Florida. I taught at a Christian academy and a seminary for six years.

In 2007, I married Rachel and we have two children—Hannah and Isaiah. We reside in the Daytona Beach area and attend Christ Community Church. I invite you to check out my websites at www.thecauseofchrist.com or www.christ-centered-books.com

Books by the Author

You can purchase these books at [Christ-Centered Books](#) or the major online retailers (**75% royalty goes to the spread of the gospel through reputable ministries**).

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A Glorious Sacrifice: Seeing and Savoring God's Matchless Love

Battling Sexual Temptations and Sins: Overcoming through God's Word and Spirit

Joy to the World: Christmas throughout the Year

The Glory of Christ: Discovering Ultimate Meaning – Finding True Fulfillment

A Christ-Centered Identity: Discovering Your God-Given Identity in His Son

In Christ Alone: What Every Christian Needs to Know More Deeply and Experience More Profoundly

Meeting God at Wits' End: Hope for the Weary

God's Triumphant Mercy: A Reflection of Psalm 51

When Good Things Happen to Bad People: A Fallen World and a Faithful Promise

It's All about Jesus: The Bible's Grand Testimony

His All-Sufficient Blood: Living in the Daily Reality of What Jesus Conclusively Accomplished and Obtained

What Does It Mean to Be Filled with the Holy Spirit? A Crucial Consideration of the Ministry and Message of John the Baptist

Adam and Jesus: Two Men, Two Roots, and Two Destinies

Jesus: God's Inexpressible Gift to You

The Man of Heaven: A Christ-Centered Commentary on Galatians