

Grace Freedom News

Changing lives through the Gospel and Biblical truth

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"If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)

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Dear Partners,

It has been great watching God bring many to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and closer to Himself through your prayers and support this year of our Lord "2011". Thank you for partnering with us in the dissemination of the word of God in the Prisons and Jails. Our Father will continue to meet your need through Christ.



I am so grateful to God for you, and encouraged by your love for Christ, the lost, and all those who are benefiting from the ministry God has entrusted to G.P.M. Please continue to participate with us in the spread of the good-news through your prayers and support.

We have two leadership classes going on now at Charis Bible Institute with a total of 10 students. The leaders from these classes will be joining me at our Annual operation impact lives conference at Wayne County Jail in Honesdale, PA around February 2012. Please pray for this upcoming conference. These leaders will get the opportunity to exercise the skill they have been learning through Charis Bible Institute in rightly handling the word of God.

It is my prayer that you are doing well and filled with gratitude knowing what our God and savior did for us over 2000 years ago in giving up so much for us. The Apostle Paul in His letter to the Philippians explains it this way:

...Although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in the appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death on the cross. (Philippians 2:6-8)

My beloved, our savior didn't use His Deity to gain power and dominion. He was God before He became a man and remains God for all eternity but left heaven's glory to come to this dump (world) to save us sinners in the dump. I don't think He grumbled or complained when told to come save us.

Our Lord Jesus Christ voluntarily emptied Himself or set-aside the use of certain divine attributes in order to become a man to accomplish God the Father's plan of salvation.

Christ didn't have a halo around His head as we see Him in many portraits. Christ didn't think of His reputation but our

deliverance from the wrath of God. He gave up everything including reputation to serve us. Let the year 2012 be not about us but imitating Christ's amazing servant- mind, and make it about serving God and others. May we think of all that we have from forgiveness, eternal life, and everything pertaining to life and godliness because of Christ work on the cross.

Christ's servant and yours,

Keithian L. Starling

We are to remain confident at all times, that the work God has started in us at salvation He will finish it until the day Christ returns no-matter what circumstance we find ourselves in. Thus, we are to rejoice in all things. Come! Lord Jesus Come!

The Blessing of Giving

Why is it more blessed to give than to receive?

Giving is the essence of selflessness

Giving imitate Christ who laid aside everything for our benefit

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Giving break-up and scatters our regard from self on others

Giving keep us awake in our conscience

Giving gives us opportunities to bring hope to the hopeless

Giving bring blessings to others for God's glory

Giving keeps us tender and gentle

Giving is a manifestation of Divine Love

Giving with no strings attached is the fruit of the Holy Spirit

Giving is like our Heavenly Father who gives us all things to enjoy.

Who gave us His Son and through Him, His unspeakable gift; the Holy Spirit

by Keithian L. Starling

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Letters from the Inside

Dear Grace Prison Ministries,

I am at the Correctional Development Center here in Nashville, TN. I attend the church service on Monday's at 1:00pm and have been attending for 2 months now. Keithian Starling lets me know that no matter how much I have done wrong. It is never too late to seek the Lord and never give up no-matter how bad things are. He taught us everything works together for a greater good. Thanks for what you all do.

Correctional Development Center

Dear Grace Prison Ministries,

I've been at CDC for 1 month. I have been attending the Monday services taught by Keithian Starling and the things he teaches have impacted my life. I have been on both sides of the fence for some time now. I am a minister of the gospel and want to touch people in the hood; drug dealer, prostitutes, and gang members. Seeing Keithian Starling glow at services and the amazing work God has done in his life has impacted me. People look up to great athletes, movie stars, drug dealers, and rappers. Not no more for me, I want what Keithian Starling has. I want that happiness and glow I see in his life. I know the only way is through a relationship with God. I'm now 40 years old and finally waking up. I will like to travel with the ministry and work with juveniles, and those in prisons. My address when I get out is included.

Thanks

Correctional Work Center Nashville TN

Dear Grace Prison Ministries,

I would like to thank you for your support and words of encouragement. I want to thank the young man who came to the RYDC (youth detention center) in Albany Georgia. He gave his testimony as well as the Word of God. The word spoken has guided me on the road to getting saved but has also kept me on this path. I continue to fail at times but I know God is a forgiven God. Sorry, it took me so long to write but hopefully I can hear from you before I am released.

Sincerely,

Georgia - Youth Detention Center

Keithian,

First of all I want to thank you for taking the time out of your day to accommodate my hunger for the Lord. I've made bad choices in my life and take full responsibility for those choices. These study guides guide me in focusing on the prize, and knowing God better. I really appreciate the study guide.

Thanks,

Tennessee- Prison

Dear Keithian and Grace Ministries,

I want to thank you for the enlighten Bible studies, prayers, and information I requested from the last Bible lesson. I am now beginning to read the Integrity of God which is very interesting. I appreciate the attention, time, and effort you all put into our Bible lessons and the responses we get from you all. It is also a blessing to have you provide return correspondence envelopes because it helps a lot. I know that this ministry has been a blessing for many including myself. I can't imagine the blessing the Lord has in store for Grace Prison Ministries. Please continue to let the Spirit of God lead you, and pray for us who continue to seek God daily.

Thanks,

Tennessee - Jail

Dear Grace Prison Ministries,

I have been here at the Davidson County Sheriff Department for about 1 year. I've been attending your Bible classes about 10 months now on Friday mornings. I thank brother Keithian Starling for coming here given us brothers the word as the Bible teaches it. We are thankful for not just how he breaks down the bible and how he teaches it but the message within the Bible itself. The messages in the Bible made me take a reality check. It affected my entire thought process about life. I learned what I am to do as a man. I feel like the message in the Bible gave me a new start and equip me to deal with temptation and worldly things. It is through these messages I learn that I can have a better life.

Thanks,

Tennessee Jail

Mr. Starling,

I just wanted to let you know. I appreciate what you are doing for the kingdom of God. I ask that you pray for me as I start on this journey. I hope to continue this study, and journey as I have tried many times. I just wanted to say thanks.

Take Care,

Pennsylvania - Jail

Keithian,

Thank you for the book on "faith", I've been reading it and learning about faith, I've been reading it and learning about the faith barrier. There are days when I try to let go and let God handle my problems. Contrary, there are days I try to be in the driver seat and these are the days I really feel stressed. The best solution is to trust God.

Thanks,

Tennessee - Prison

What is Love?

Love is commitment to others which seeks to serve them and their interest rather than your own.

It is:

- *Sacrificial*
- *Self-less*
- *Service oriented*
- *Participating in meeting others needs*
- *Action not words*

1 John 3:16-18

John 3:16

Grace Refuge Residents Report:

...I came here to from Prison to continue my spiritual growth and find housing because I was homeless. God have used Grace Refuge to help me with housing and to show me the right road to travel down. I can show my appreciation by sharing what I have learned with others. Thanks be to God for all the blessings I have received.

...I have been here for six months. Being here at G.R.F has taught me that this lifestyle is lonely, uncommon, but rewarding. It has taught me that I am my own enemy and hinder myself from receiving God's best. God has taught me that only relying on Him will I succeed in life. I show self-sacrifice when I apply God's word to my life. The things learned at G.R.F really have brought blessing to me.

Impact Essays from C.B.I Students

Essay #1

If I had to sum up what impressed me about the Old and New Testament in one word each, here is what comes to mind:

The Old Testament- Obedience

The New Testament - Grace

Of course, none of it means anything without the central figure of both books, the Lord Jesus Christ.

So in describing what impacted me about the New Testament Survey, I would have to say it was the impact that the Lord Jesus Christ had on everyone He came into contact with. I can't recall anyone who met the Lord not having an extreme response; either love or hatred, worship or mocking, joy or anger. He either made people better through faith, like the women caught in adultery, or revealed to them their depravity, like the Pharisees. I'm convinced that no one was the same after meeting Him face to face.

Someone once compared the early church, a small band of unimportant people spreading an unpopular message, with the mighty Roman empire which covered the known world at that time. But two thousand years later, look which one is still standing! That is impact!

And the name of Jesus Christ continues to have that impact, whether it's the millions of faithful Christians who love and worship Him today, or the rage that pours from the Muslim world against the true God.

I eagerly look forward to the day when "at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Essay #2

The thing that always impacts me is the love of Christ, as it stands out in Philippians 2 where Paul writes, keep having this thinking in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus.

Although Jesus Christ is God, He didn't have an attitude of maintaining His divine status. He had an attitude of love. And He demonstrated it by His obedience to the Father's plan of salvation.

His love for the God the Father and love for man empowered Him to put aside deity, take on the form of humanity, and rely totally on the Father to take care of all His needs.

He allowed Himself to come into a world filled with evil, as a helpless infant. Jesus Christ is a King who came to serve. He is the Creator, who subjected Himself to His creation.

He is the totally of perfection, yet He took on a body of imperfection. He did it all out of love, love for God the Father and love for man.

Jesus Christ proved that it's possible for man to possess this love. He said in John:

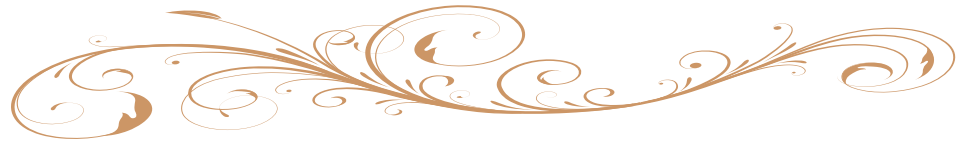
"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends" John 15:13

I'd like to have a greater measure of that love before I leave this world.



Truth for the Soul

(1 John 1:2- 2:2)



And this is the message we have heard from Him [Christ] and announce to you, that God is light (phos), and in Him there is no darkness (skotia) at all. (1:5)

"God is light" is a description of the being and nature of God or an attribute of His essence, indicating that He is absolute in all His glory, truth, and holiness. He is perfect Righteousness.

The essence of the gospel message is that God is:

- Righteous - He rejects sin and sin can't abide with Him
- Just - He shows no partiality but judges sin
- Love - He provides a way to escape His judgment on sin

Mankind is born sinners (Rom 5:12; Rom. 3:23). Therefore born condemned (Rom. 6:23) and separated from a Holy God who revealed His holiness to Israel through the law.

God loved us so much that he provided a way for His righteousness and Justice to be satisfied so that we may be forgiven and receive eternal life (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 2 Cor. 5:21). God the father satisfied His demands through the cross.

Forgiveness is available for all mankind because of the work of Christ on the cross. Through faith in Christ men are saved, forgiven, and receive eternal life. (John 1:12-13; Acts 10:43; Eph. 1:7)

After salvation, God's plan is that we walk in the light as Children of the light (Eph. 5:8). Since God is light (pure, righteous) believers should live in the light (righteousness) and not in darkness (sin, unrighteousness). We are related to Him by faith and it makes sense that we should be like Him.

The moment we were saved God called us out of darkness and into the light (1 Peter 2:9). We are children of the light (2 Thess. 5:5). When we are living in the light it shows that we are enjoying fellowship or close association with God who is light. We have put aside our agenda for His.

It is false doctrine to say that you are enjoying close fellowship with God while living habitually in darkness (sin and unrighteousness). The Apostle John makes this clear in the following verse.

If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1:6)

Requirements for enjoying fellowship

Koinonia (fellowship) mean close association involving mutual interests and sharing; close relationship. The word indicate the setting aside of private interest and desire and joining in with another, or others for common purposes.

"If we say"

Here is the Greek conditional clause Eav introduced followed by the first person plural aorist subjunctive verb lego meaning "to say or speak". The Greek subjunctive mood indicates what is possible. Fellowship with God is possible. Fellowship with God may be possible but that doesn't mean that all are having fellowship with God. The conditional clause can be translated "If we are saying" or "If we are claiming".

"That we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in darkness; we lie and do not practice the truth".

Have here is the Greek verb echo in the 3rd person pl. present active indicative. Present tense indicates continuous action in the present. The verb can be translated "having". "If we are saying we are continually having fellowship with Him" or "Fellowship we are having".

"Yet walk in darkness"

The word translated walk here is the 1 person pl. present active subjunctive of the Greek verb peri-pa-teo meaning "to conduct one's life". We see this verb also in Eph. 4:1; Col. 1:10; 1 Thess. 2:12. This verb can be translated "but in the darkness we are living" or "but we are living in darkness".

It is used here in the sense of practical, ethical dealing. The present tense indicates an habitual manner of life- "to live habitually in darkness"- an attitude of mind issuing in specific acts of wrongdoing, as well as determination to choose sin (darkness) rather than God (light), as one's constant sphere of existence. "habitual living in darkness (sin)".

"We lie"

The word lie here is 1st person pl. present middle indicative (deponent) of the verb pseu-domai meaning to lie or deceive by falsehood. It indicates deception. The phrase can be translated "We are lying".

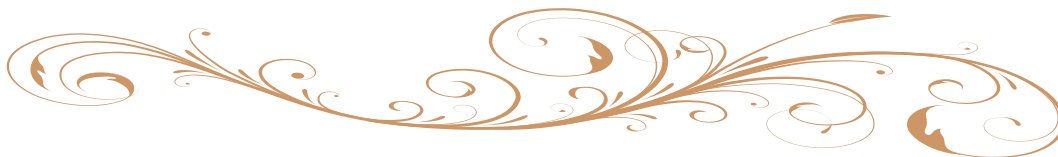
"And do not practice the truth"

The word translated practice here is the 1st person pl. present active indicative contract verb from the verb poi-e-o meaning to do, to practice. Poi-e-o indicate being faithful and committed to obligations giving to us in the word of God.

"Truth"

The word translated truth here is a-le-theia means the deeds that truth demands.

In Jewish writings "to do the truth" indicated doing right, or being faithful especially concerning the truth as revealed in the law; but for us as Christian it means being faithful to applying the doctrine of the church age habitually. It is a life of doctrinal orientation and grace orientation. The church age is all about grace.



The apostle John under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit says that if we as professing Christians are saying we are continually enjoying close fellowship with God and continually (habitually) living in sin or the sphere of darkness. We are continually lying and not continually practicing the deeds that truth demands.

It is impossible for a Christian to have fellowship with God while habitually living in sin (darkness). That is equal to living a lie or making false claims to spirituality.

True Spirituality

Spirituality is when the believers are fulfilling the command to be filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18) through a life of obedience to the word of God. This is how we are experientially sanctified (John 17:14-17) or set-apart unto God for His use and purpose.

The Christian is in darkness when living a life of disobedience to the Word of God. He is not in fellowship with God. Darkness and light can't exist together or in the same place. If we are walking in the light, darkness has to go. If we are practicing sin or disobedience, the light goes and we are in darkness.

We can talk Spiritual, pretend to be spiritual or claim to be spiritual but that don't make that a fact. We are deceiving ourselves and others. Many of us are pretenders. We want others to think we are spiritual, so we go around trying to make a favorable impression on them. We want them to think we are walking in the light, though in reality we are walking in darkness. We are living a lie.

What does darkness have in common with light? See 2 Cor. 6:14

Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit forbids believers having close association with unbelievers.

The unbeliever is an enemy of God, and doesn't have a relationship with God or fellowship. He carries out Satan agenda and not God's. He seeks not to glorify God but live independently of God. He doesn't accept divine truth but oppose truth.

The believer is not to have close association with believers who have reverted back to their old unbelieving lifestyle. When a Christian sins he grieves the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30) and under the control of the sin-nature (flesh) that indwells Him. The sin-nature is that nature that tempts us to serve sin, self, and function in life without God. The believer control by the flesh is in a state of carnality (1 Cor. 3:1-3).

When a believer is in carnality he is sharing the interest of and joining sides with Satan and unbelievers. He is acting as an enemy of God (James 4:4).

Therefore God disciplines (inflict pain on) the believer to get him back in fellowship so that he will not participate in what Satan is doing but with Him. Satan activity in the world is to lead man in rebellion against God through a life of independence of God.

Positional we have a lot in common with all believers but practically we don't. The believer enjoying fellowship with God has nothing in common with the believer living in darkness thus he is to separate from him and not become intimately involved with Him.

The Bible says in dealing with church discipline that we are to treat a habitually sinning brother as an outcast (Matt. 18:15-17). He has determined to exist in the sphere of darkness.

The Apostle Paul in writing to the Corinthians says we are to remove that wicked person from our midst (1 Corinthians 5:1-13). He also tells us to forgive the brother if he repents and welcome him back into the fellowship (1 Corinthians 2:5-11) and reaffirm our love for him. Paul here forbids excessive punishment when applying church discipline because this may cause the offender to be overcome by excessive grief.

The believer living in obedience is in fellowship with God and God with him. The Christian who say he is in fellowship with God (Who is light) but who is disobeying Him (living in darkness) is lying.

- Are you in fellowship with God?
- Are you consistently walking in disobedience?
- Are you consistently walking in Obedience to His word?

No Sinless perfection

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8 NASB)

- If we are saying that we have no sin we are lying and continually deceiving ourselves and others.
- The truth is that we all have an old sin-nature that tempts us to commit personal sins and we do at times
- There is no sinless perfection among anyone
- It is false teaching to be saying one is perfect and without sin

Cleansing Is available for Fellowship

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

"Confess" here introduced by a conditional clause is the 1 person pl. present active subjunctive of the verb homologeo meaning to admit. Present speaks of continuous action and subjunctive speaks of possibility or probability. Homologeo is admitting that something is factual and true. Here it indicates agreeing with God. Present indicate a repeated acknowledge-

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ment of sins. We are to habitually acknowledge and admit our sins.

If we hope to continually enjoy fellowship with God we must continually admit our sins when we fail. The more we study the word God the Holy Spirit exposes us of sins in our lives and we are to agree with God by admitting that we have sinned and disobeyed His word.

- We are to continually to admit our sins to enjoy fellowship with God.
- If we are continually admitting our known sins unto
- God is faithful. He keeps His word
- God is Righteous.

“Righteous”

Dikaios indicate the righteousness of God. God acts in according to the standard of His holiness and can forgive sins because its penalty has been paid by the death of Christ.

Jesus Christ is our Advocate or defense attorney (1 John 2:1-2)

- We are not to commit personal sins
- But if we do and we will
- We are to trust in the work of Christ for forgiveness
- It is because of the work of Jesus Christ on the cross sins are forgiven
- He made atonement for the world sin to satisfy the righteousness and justice of God.

Christ defends us when we have sinned. Christ plead that He have died for the sins we committed. Therefore there is no room for condemnation because of His work. We are forgiven on the basis of Christ work. Praise God for His grace through Christ!

Keithian L. Starling

Grace Prison Ministries At-A-Glance

Grace Prison Ministries Inc. is a Christian, grace-oriented, nonprofit organization incorporated in Tennessee which focuses on changing the lives of prisoners and their families through evangelism and sound Bible teaching.

GPM travels to jails, prisons, and youth detention centers throughout the United States; evangelizing individuals with the message of Jesus Christ at four to five institutions per month. This activity is important because the message of Jesus Christ brings hope, forgiveness, and change to those incarcerated. This way, those incarcerated can become law-abiding citizens and good role models in our society. Upon our visits we provide Bibles for those in need of Bibles. In conjunction with the above activities GPM has the following ministries which are designed to bring glory to Jesus Christ and edification to believers:

Discipleship through Mail

The Discipleship through Mail outreach is designed to equip new believers in the basic fundamental doctrines



Discipleship by mail

for living the normal Christian life. Bible lessons and resources are mailed to individual students in various prisons,

jails, and youth detention centers, providing them an opportunity to learn and grow at their own pace. These lessons are reviewed and then mailed back to the students with comments that will provide a greater understanding of Bible truths. There are nearly 500 students enlisted in this program nationwide. D.T.M. is also designed to help develop the serious students who have already completed the basics, by creating personalized studies and providing more biblical resources to help them continue their growth to maturity. Upon completion of the basics, students are rewarded with a study Bible, which is hard for some to get in prison.

Operation Impact Lives

Operation Impact Lives is a group of believers partnering to impact the lives of prisoners. O.I.L. is comprised of pastors, evangelists, and biblically sound seminaries. Periodically, conferences are held in prisons, jails and youth detention centers where pastors, evangelists and passionate believers join together to fulfill the great commission (presenting the Gospel and equipping the



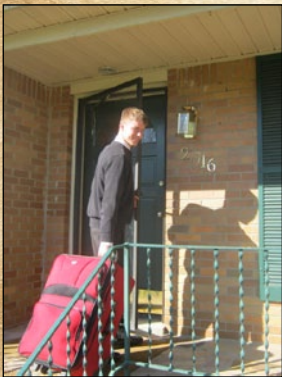
Operation Impact Lives

saints). We take the gospel, sound Bible teaching, and resources to them which gives prisoners hope, purpose, and a new way of thinking.

Once inmates respond positively to Bible truth, they need to be built up in the faith. We partner with seminaries willing to give free tuition to those serious students that are incarcerated. GPM, as God provides, will help with the textbooks for their studies. Upon the release of those incarcerated, it is the desire of GPM to offer a scholarship program for ex-inmates with seminaries willing to collaborate, so that they may be educated and prepared to work in ministry upon release for those who are called to do His work. We also accept theological books and Bible dictionaries that can be used by these students. The great commission is about teaching the faithful so they may be equipped to teach others.

Grace Refuge Transition Facility

In an effort to assist recently released inmates, GPM offers temporary housing, food, clothing, and limited transportation. By God's grace, GPM has a 2400 square ft. house on 1 acre of land in Madison, TN. This facility is temporal housing for those recently released inmates that have been proved and are positive towards learning and applying the word of God to life. Most of those housed are individuals who have expressed interest in getting trained so they can find a job and become self-sustaining. They are allowed to stay three to six to twelve months. Those who want to get a job and become involved in the work of the ministry are allowed to stay longer.



Grace Refuge



Keithian at a Nashville Jail



Grace Prison Ministries

Charis Bible Institute

Grace Prison Ministries partnering with Bible Training Centre for Pastors formed Charis Bible Institute in June 2011 which seeks to extend non-formal theological training free of charge by forming Bible institutes in prisons for those growing to maturity in Christ and have expressed interest in getting training for local church ministry and missionary work abroad. The best pastor, evangelist, and teacher is one who came from that culture and properly trained. We are now extending our service to churches.



Charis Bible Institute

Spreading the Word

GPM welcomes any invitation to come spread God's word and to share what God is doing through GPM. Keithian and the GPM team are willing to travel to any state to disseminate His message to those who are lost and without hope and those interested in learning about this ministry. Every day that is given to us is an opportunity to share His word and make an impact in the lives of the others. Preaching and teaching opportunities are not limited to youth detention centers, jails and prisons. Keithian has also taught at churches, conferences, youth camps, schools, retirement homes and hospitals. We need your continued support both in prayers and financial contributions.

Thank you to all who have shared with this ministry in the dissemination of the word of God. This is a grace ministry. We trust God to meet our needs as they arise. Please learn more about our ministry on our website www.graceprisons.org.

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Biography

Keithian L. Starling is a native of Albany, Georgia; and grew up in a single parent home in a poor neighborhood of drugs, gangs, and violence. Keithian came to know and trust Jesus Christ personally as his savior while incarcerated as a youth. Keithian was too far behind in his school work to pass to the eighth grade. Due to constant incarceration, he dropped out of school. He went to a life of drug dealing, partying, and crime. He spent most of his young adult life incarcerated.

In 2000, while incarcerated on drug charges in Albany, Georgia, Keithian began to examine his life. He saw that bad decisions had ruined his life.

The only hope he thought was to turn to God. He confessed his sins and prayed and asked God to reveal His ways to him and a few days later he had the privilege of receiving books by R.B. Theime Jr. from Ernest Smith of Lost & Found Ministries. These books opened his eyes to salvation—by grace, through faith—and how to live the unique spiritual life through the power of the Spirit and the word of God. When he understood the doctrine of “Faith alone in Christ alone to be saved, confession of sins & keep moving, Faith-rest, How to be controlled by the Holy Spirit for life change, and other doctrines taught by R.B. Theime Jr., he became a lover of truth and burdened for those suffering for lack of truth. Keithian started teaching the doctrine he was learning with the inmates, and guards. When he was released from prison in 2003, he continued his pursuit of doctrine at Albany Bible Church where Pete Daughtry is the Pastor-teacher.

From 2003-2006, while attending Albany Bible Church, God opened doors for Keithian to visit schools, prisons, jails, youth detention centers presenting the gospel and basic procedures to living the Christian life.

In 2004 Keithian attended a community college and got his G.E.D. and started pursuing a diploma as a radiology technician. After the first two courses he dropped out and enrolled in seminary through extension at Tyndale Theological seminary in order to be a better trained minister of the Word.

From July 2004 to August 2006, Keithian worked for Nanze Springs Water Company as a salesman. While working at this company his daily route brought him in contact with many who needed the gospel. This kindled his desire to do full time mission work. He began to see what the Lord meant by “the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few”.

In May, 2006, Keithian moved to Nashville Tennessee to partner with Moses C. Onwubiko, founder of Grace Evangelistic Ministries. While working for Grace Evangelistic Ministries and reading many letters from prisoners all over the world, Keithian sensed the call by God to go back into the prisons, jails, and detention centers, taking them the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and sound Bible teaching that changes the way they think. Therefore he incorporated Grace Prison Ministries.

Currently, Keithian lives in Nashville TN with his wife and three kids and teaches weekly at two Nashville jails and two prisons. He travels to youth detention centers, youth camps, jails and prisons in Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana, Florida and where ever God opens the door. He also conducts conferences in prisons and jails around the country. In 2011 Keithian started a Bible Institute in Tennessee to train men released from prison for the ministry. Keithian shares our Lord’s heart for the lost, and a heart for prisoners. He has already walked a mile in their shoes and knows that the only way for them to change is by becoming a new creature in Christ and renewing their minds. The grace and love of God have transformed his life and now he is reaching out sharing the truth that set him free.



“I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who strengthened me, because he considered me faithful, putting me into service...It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all”. (1 Timothy 1:12, 15)