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"Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!" ~Revelation 5:13
NKJV



About Us

Sowing the Word Ministries is a non-profit organization founded by faith in Christ Jesus, through the Power of the Holy Spirit.

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Our Mission

Sharing God's good news with others so they may develop an intimate relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This ministry is to God's honor and glory, now and forever more!

Our Beliefs

Abide in Christ (John 15:4)
Our Lord tells us what we are to do as branches in Him. Abide in me, he said, and I in you. Remain in me and I will remain in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

Abiding requires a belief in the sacrificial work for Jesus Christ on our behalf. It is a dependence upon His provision of life and strength that is emphasized in John 15:4 - if you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want, and it will be done for you.

Praising God!

The Common Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. -Amen.*

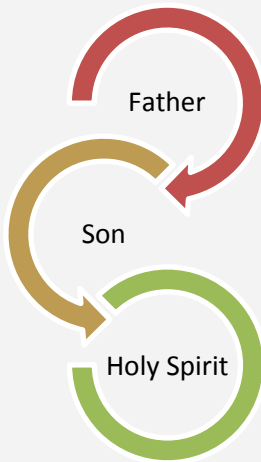
Holy, Holy, Holy is a [Christian hymn](#) written by [Reginald Heber](#) (1783-1826)... Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity! Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be. Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see: Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea; Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Thank you!

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ~Colossians 3:16 ESV

Thank you Father!

Living by Faith (connecting the dots)



Now faith is confidence
in what we hope for
and assurance about
what we do not see.
~Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)



Jesus said to him,
"Have you believed because you
have seen me? Blessed are those who
have not seen and yet have believed."
~John 20:29 ESV



The Old World songbird...

It was a beautiful sunny day to be painting and to receive an unexpected visitor. An old world songbird (Robin redbreast) approached me as I was well into my painting project.

As I turned toward the bird, it appeared to be injured in some way. The songbird continued to approach me, within just a few feet, which drew my attention even closer; I could see more clearly that its eyes and beak were covered with a soot-like matter. The songbird was not only blind, it could no longer sing. My heart was broken.

As the songbird continued to approach me, I could almost hear it calling out to me in spirit. I stood there in shock and awe, almost frozen in time; and immediately came up with reasons why I couldn't bend down to help the Old World songbird. I needed to set down the things in my hands; my hands were soiled and needed to be cleansed before I could lovingly engage the bird; I needed gloves to receive the bird, and many other thoughts entered my mind; or perhaps, I just needed to stand there and keep it company.

Ultimately, I made the decision (in the flesh) to run inside, wash my hands, grab a few paper towels and rush back outside to receive the bird; knowingly it would likely be gone when I returned.

With hope and expectation I was eager to return nonetheless to find the bird patiently waiting for me. Instead, the songbird was gone – forever.

I immediately turned to my Lord and Savior with a burdened heart, reflecting upon my relationship with Christ - my Faith in Him.

Because my Faith is strong in Christ, surely I could have called upon my Lord sooner, to save the songbird – through my faith, in the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps, if I had trusted my Lord and Savior enough, the Robin redbreast could have received an earthly healing and be on its way with a joyful song. After all, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13).

Although I will never know the outcome of an earthly healing for this Old World songbird, I am confident in my faith that its ultimate eternal healing will occur.

In the background there stood the unfinished painting project and birds singing joyfully all around me as I returned to my duties with a humbled heart.

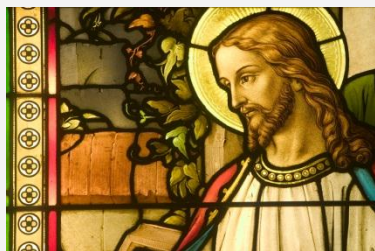
Like the songbird, many times in our lives, we turn our back on God's children when they need us the most.

Forgive us Father and teach us to faithfully trust in you with hopeful hearts and purified thoughts for the ultimate healing that only you can provide through eternal salvation.

Author ~M. Daly

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strengthens me (Philippians 4:13).*

His Saving Grace (testimonial truths)



*Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
~Ephesians 4:7 KJV*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.
~Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV*

*I am sure of this,
that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
~Philippians 1:6 ESV*

*"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."
~Matthew 23:12 ESV*

*For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord will give grace and glory;
no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
~Psalm 84:11 NKJV*

Are you listening God?

I know that I have always loved and believed that the Lord existed. I was raised in a Christian home and went to church every Sunday, was involved in the choir, and youth groups. I had plenty of friends and thought the world was a playground and I was just one of its fortunate playmates.

Growing up for me was like many other teens, sure of our own decisions, and trusting on our own understanding. After getting married and having two beautiful gifts from heaven, (my two sons), I thought that all was well with my soul. Then, life and all its problems showed up. My marriage was no longer one that I knew Christ could and would be proud of, and it seemed no matter what we did to make it work, nothing changed.

I must tell you now,, that I did pray, read my Bible, and talk to God a lot, but still things were not to be and soon my husband and I were no longer as one. This was the beginning of a journey that I had no clue where it would end.

Over the next 20 years or so, I was in control of my own life – did you hear me? I was in control of my own life; and the consequences that came with that fleshly decision showed up along with all its problems. I spoke with God often about me and my troubles. Oh, I am sure he heard me; I was still in control, telling God what I wanted, and what I needed, and if he could grant me this or mend this and that; all would be well.

This was my understanding of my relationship with God; I talked, he listened, I asked and then waited to receive. Done deal. Right? Wrong!

The insecurities and bad decisions that we make when we are walking in our own understanding wears us down; makes us tired and steals our Joy. Remember John 10:10 "The enemy comes to kill, steal, and destroy; the Lord comes to give you life and a life more abundant".

I began to pray with new meaning and thirsting for a new understanding of my relationship with the Lord. I asked him, "Lord, what am I doing wrong here, I have loved you all my life, I have talked to you, I have loved others as you have asked me to do, but somehow, something is missing. I do not have that peace that surpasses all understanding. I do not feel the Joy that I felt when I was a child, are you listening to me God? Do you hear me?" Not long after that prayer, during a quiet time at night alone in silence; God showed up.

"My child ", he said, Yes I have heard you, I have always been here and I have never left you, I promised you that I would never leave you nor forsake you. My promise stands true. My child, he said, Are you listening to me? Do you hear me? I have spoken to you many times, but you were too busy to stop and listen; I have sent others to show you that it is I who sent them, but you had your own ideas, and missed my efforts to show you important things that I wanted you to know. I have given you signs along your life's journey, but your eyes were not fixed on me; you could not see past your own desires for your life, and not the blessings that I wanted you to have. My child – are you listening to me now? I still have wonderful ideas and a life full of blessings of abundance for you, but it will require something on your part.

You must be a good listener, I am your father, your friend, your guiding light, and your eternal home, but I cannot do this without your cooperation. When I speak you must hear me, when I ask something of you, you must be obedient, when I tell you to trust me with everything, that requires giving to me your days – all of them. I will lead you in the ways of happiness, Joy, Peace, understanding, and a relationship with me that will grant you all the desires of a life that is better than anything you could ever dream of or imagine on your own. Yes my child, I am here and I am listening, Are you?

Author ~Valinda

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. ~Philippians 4:19 KJV

Surrender All!

If you would like to accept Jesus Christ by faith as your Lord and Savior today, pray the following prayer...

LET GO AND LET GOD!

"Father, I know that I have grieved your Spirit and broken your commandments and that my sins have kept me from building an intimate relationship with you.

I am sorry Father, and I so want to turn from my sinful past and live a life that leads to you only. Please forgive me

Father and I ask that you help me from sinning against you again. I believe that you are God the Father, maker of Heaven and Earth and that your son, Jesus Christ died for my sins, was resurrected from the dead, and is alive today in our hearts through the Power of the Holy Spirit. I accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and I so want to live the life that you have intended in my life. I pray Father too that you will teach me to trust and obey you all the days of my life. I ask these things in Jesus' Name - Amen."

How to experience a New Life in Christ...

In order to begin a new life in Christ (i.e. be saved), you must believe that Jesus died for your sins and declare that you accept Him as your Savior.

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" ~Romans 10:9

This is God's promise to you -if you accept Jesus, He will accept you. "For whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" ~Romans 10:13

Everyone is a sinner and is separated from God. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" ~Romans 3:23

God loved us so much that He gave His Son to die for our sins. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" ~ Romans 5:8

Death means separation forever from God. Eternal life, however, comes by trusting Jesus Christ. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" ~Romans 6:23



Surrender All
to Him today!

You may not have
another opportunity in
your life journey.

Putting on God's Armor



What is God's Armor and why do I need it?

We are engaged in a spiritual battle - all believers are subject to Satan's attacks because we are no longer on Satan's side. This is why Paul tells us to use **every piece** of God's armor to resist Satan's attacks and to stand true to God, even in the midst of those attacks.

What are the pieces that make up God's Armor and how do we apply them to daily living?

- **Belt** (Truth)
- **Breastplate** (Righteousness)
- **Shoes** (Readiness to spread the Good News)
- **Shield** (Faith)
- **Helmet** (Salvation)
- **Sword** (The Spirit; the Word of God)

Etch God's Armor into your heart, mind and soul, forever...

Ephesians 6:11 NIV
Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

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Puzzled?

Seek Him word search



A New Life In Christ	Holiness
Blessed Assurance	Holy Spirit
Choose God	Let go Let God
Christians	Prayer Life
Confidence	Salvation
Faithful	Serving others
Forgiveness	Spiritual Gifts
God Is Love	Surrender All

Let us pray...

Thank you Father for your overflowing gifts in our lives;
we recognize now also how overflowing your gifts have always been – we are blessed.
Father, thank you too for all your dedicated saints (followers of Christ) whom we have the experience to love today, here on earth. We are especially grateful Father for the earthly elders (whom you know and we know) that have led us nearer you by Faith.

And Father, thank you so much for your Word of Truth! Wow!!!

We are so very thankful Father for your love and a steadfast relationship that we can always cling to – your Word of Truth, and Christ, who is all sufficient in our lives. Thank you – thank you – thank you Father! Words cannot express our reverence and gratitude Father – and so now, may we fulfill your calling in our lives – and become open, living water vessels for you, whereby your gospel, the Word of Truth may reach many as you've commanded, and may they experience peace that surpasses all understanding that we too have already experienced.

Father – we will honor and glorify you only all the days of our lives.

Agape Love Father! Agape Love!

Bless you, and may you be glorified Father knowing and seeing that you indeed have faithful and obedient followers – we recognize that we are not perfect, but we aspire to be more Christ-like each and every day; steadfast in your Word of Truth Father! And since our words alone cannot simply express our gratitude Father, may our actions honor and glorify you always!

In Jesus' precious name – Amen.

Why/How should I pray?

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. ~Psalm 145:18-19 NIV

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ~Philippians 4:6-7 ESV

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." ~Matthew 21:22 KJV

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." ~Matthew 7:7-8

"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it." ~John 14:13-14 ESV

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. ~Ephesians 6:18 NIV

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open upon their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. ~1Peter 3:12 KJV

"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me. When you seek me with all your heart, I will be found by you," declares the Lord. ~Jeremiah 29:12-14 ESV

*Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children."
~Luke 18:16*

Daily Morning Prayer

Thank you Jesus for today
Walk with me each step of the way
Hold my hand in work and play
Protect and guide me, this I pray.
Amen

Meal-time prayer

God is great; God is good; let us
thank Him for our food. By His
hands we are fed, give us Lord our
daily bread.
Amen



Bed-time prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray
the Lord my soul to keep. If I
should die before I wake, I pray the
Lord my soul to take.
Amen



Matthew 28:20 NIV

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Meditating on God's Word

Do you have a Holy Bible to keep you grounded in God's Word?



Meditating on God's Word on a regular daily basis is absolutely essential in a believers life. If we try to manage in our own strength, we will soon find ourselves drifting away from God. Pray daily that the Power of the Holy Spirit will guide your way as you begin your journey anew, following Christ. And then, thank the Father often for the blessings He sends your way.



If you do not have a Holy Bible, please contact Sowing the Word Ministries via e-mail at prayerfully@sowingtheword4HIM.org, or by writing to us at 1063 S. State Route 157, Suite 2-110, Edwardsville, IL 62025. May God abundantly bless you as you trust and obey Him today.

Books of the Bible...

Old Testament

Law:

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy

History

- Joshua
- Judges
- Ruth
- 1 Samuel
- 2 Samuel
- 1 Kings
- 2 Kings
- 1 Chronicles
- 2 Chronicles
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- Esther

Poetry:

- Job
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Solomon

Major Prophets:

- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Ezekiel
- Daniel

Minor Prophets:

- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos

- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

General Letters:

- Hebrews
- James
- 1 Peter
- 2 Peter
- 1 John
- 2 John
- 3 John
- Jude

Prophecy:

- Revelation

New Testament

Gospels

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John

History

- Acts

Paul's Letters:

- Romans
- 1 Corinthians
- 2 Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- 1 Thessalonians
- 2 Thessalonians
- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.

~Psalm 15:18 NKJV

Sowing the Word Ministries (2012 Fundraising Events)

We are grateful to Papa Murphy's Pizza (Edwardsville, IL) for providing STWM an opportunity to sponsor these fundraising events at their establishment this year. Every pizza purchased will help to raise money for **Soles for Jesus** and **Operation Christmas Child – The Greatest Journey**. And, with all praise to God, STWM has been blessed with the opportunity to spread God's good news, as each packaged pizza will include a fundraising flyer – with God's Word of Truth. Two weeks prior to these scheduled events, every packaged pizza will include a STWM flyer (as shown below). On the backside - "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. ~Matthew 25:40.

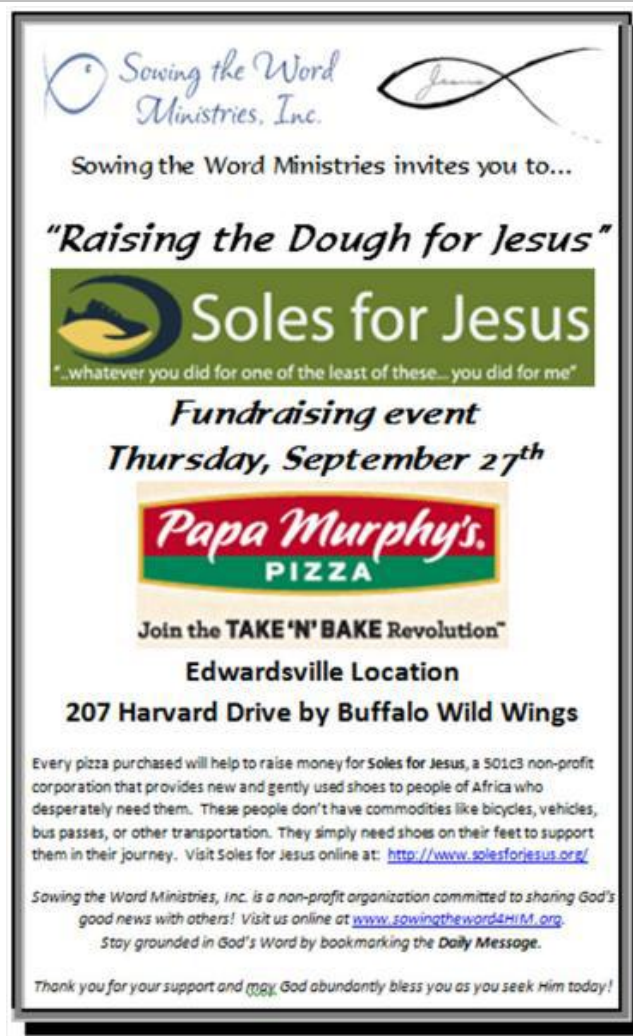
Based on God's leading this year, the ministry has obediently embraced two fundraising opportunities. ALL proceeds earned will go directly to the following organizations:



- **Soles for Jesus** – a non-profit organization that collects gently used shoes and delivers them to people of Africa who desperately need them.

- **The Greatest Journey** – an exciting discipleship program that teaches children to become faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

Please join us in prayer – that God will abundantly bless those involved in these efforts and especially those that are directly in need of these programs.


Thank you!




 Sowing the Word Ministries, Inc. 

Sowing the Word Ministries invites you to...

"Raising the Dough for Jesus"

 **Soles for Jesus**
"...whatever you did for one of the least of these... you did for me"

Fundraising event
Thursday, September 27th



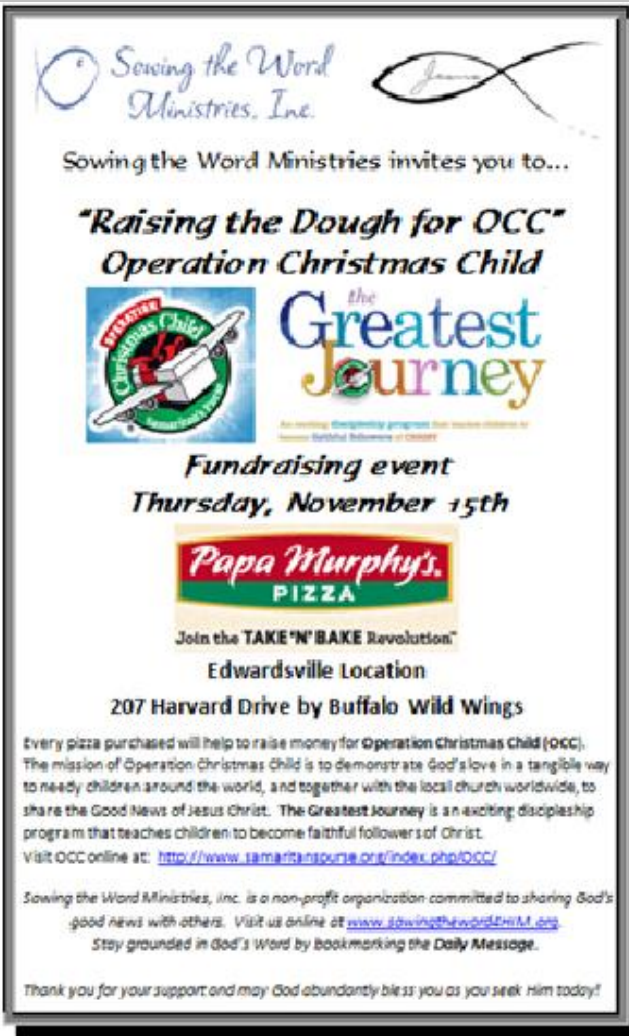
Join the **TAKE 'N' BAKE** Revolution™



Edwardsville Location
207 Harvard Drive by Buffalo Wild Wings

Every pizza purchased will help to raise money for **Soles for Jesus**, a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation that provides new and gently used shoes to people of Africa who desperately need them. These people don't have commodities like bicycles, vehicles, bus passes, or other transportation. They simply need shoes on their feet to support them in their journey. Visit Soles for Jesus online at: <http://www.solesforjesus.org/>

Sowing the Word Ministries, Inc. is a non-profit organization committed to sharing God's good news with others! Visit us online at www.sowingtheword4him.org.
Stay grounded in God's Word by bookmarking the **Daily Message**.



Thank you for your support and may God abundantly bless you as you seek Him today!




 Sowing the Word Ministries, Inc. 

Sowing the Word Ministries invites you to...

"Raising the Dough for OCC"
Operation Christmas Child

Fundraising event
Thursday, November 15th



Join the **TAKE 'N' BAKE** Revolution™

Edwardsville Location
207 Harvard Drive by Buffalo Wild Wings

Every pizza purchased will help to raise money for **Operation Christmas Child (OCC)**. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Greatest Journey is an exciting discipleship program that teaches children to become faithful followers of Christ. Visit OCC online at: <http://www.operationchristmaschild.org/index.php/OCC/>

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Thank you for your support and may God abundantly bless you as you seek Him today!

STWM will also be supporting 100 needy children again this year through Operation Christmas Child (shoe box drive). This means that 100 needy children will receive a shoebox full of love. If you are called by God to contribute to either of these needy causes, please contact us via e-mail at prayerfully@sowingtheword4him.org, or by mail. More Blessings!



Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. ~1 Peter 1:8-9 NIV