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**II Timothy 2:9**  
**...But the Word of**  
**God is not bound.**

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**The Conversion Center's**  
**Annual rally**  
**October 16th, 2014, 7 PM.**  
**North Stonington Baptist**  
**Church**  
**5 Rocky Hollow Rd.**  
**North Stonington, CT.**  
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Our main speaker that evening will be Dr. Phil Stringer, Pastor of Ravenwood Baptist Church, Chicago, IL. If you are able to attend, please come. You can call the office for more details. Come see us in scenic New England! We will have our newest tracts there, as well. Please pray as this is a time to rally for truth.

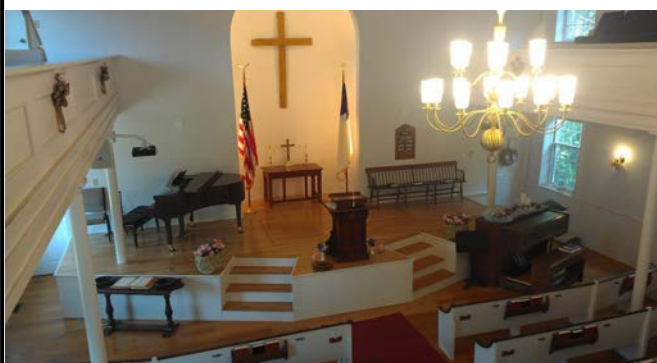
Dr. Phil Stringer has spoken at over 400 churches, schools and camps. He has spoken in 46 states and 15 foreign countries. He is a visiting professor at four different Christian colleges and has taught various

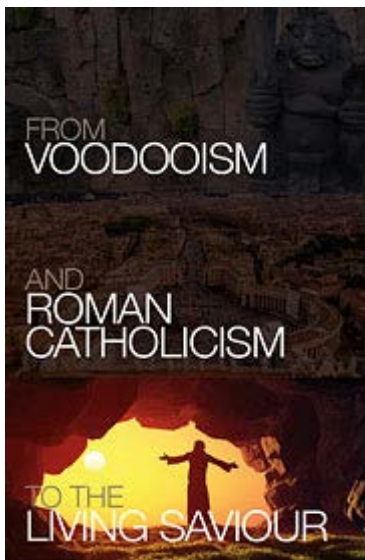
courses at 20 different colleges.

He has written 8 books, 22 college curriculums, 5 high school curriculums and 1 elementary school curriculum.

He currently sits on the boards for 3 Bible colleges and Institutes. He has received his PhD in English Bible from Landmark Baptist College and his D.R.E. from American Bible College. He has also

received 2 honorary doctorate degrees. Come hear him speak to us!





# FROM VODOOISM AND ROMAN CATHOLICISM TO THE LIVING SAVIOUR

BY CLARENCE ISMEY

*(This tract is available in English and Spanish)*

I was born into a Roman Catholic family in the south of Haiti, the pearl of the West Indies.

When I was four years old my family, living on a farm, sent me away to school. I studied at a Roman Catholic school taught by French priests. As my studies progressed, my desire was to become a Roman Catholic priest. After my studies were completed, I spent one year teaching in the school directed by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

During a holy day I went to visit my parents. While there I went for a walk with a friend and we met an old man who asked us the question, "Do you know Jesus Christ?" We thought that we did know about Jesus, but as he continued to witness to us we could not answer his questions. He told us that we needed to ask Jesus to come into our hearts as our personal Saviour for He died on the cross for our sins. He told us that we would go to Hell if we rejected Jesus. He witnessed to us for 35 minutes. At first we thought he was ridiculous, but he did not become discouraged with us. He continued to preach the Word of God to us. He invited us to his home and there he showed us many Scripture verses, and he asked us to read them. We were amazed to learn that this man could not read or write, but he had paid a man to read the Word of God to him and he memorized it.

The Holy Spirit convicted us and we both accepted Jesus as our personal Savior and Lord. The old man prayed with us and for us. When we finished praying, I knew I was a new person in Christ.

(May I mention here that many Roman Catholics in Haiti are both Roman Catholics and Voodooists? I was one like this. At one time I had nine nails placed in my upper arm to keep the Voodoo demons from hurting me. But when Jesus came into my heart and really saved me I put all of this evil under the blood of Jesus.)

The next day I went to a Bible preaching Christian Church. But when my family learned of my conversion, I became a Protestant, —as they put it. They told me that I must leave home, for they had one son who had become a Roman Catholic Brother.

So I had to leave home the second day after my conversion. I had no money and you can imagine my situation. However, I met a friend and told him of my problem. He gave me some money and I went to the Capital of Haiti, Port-Au-Prince.

After being there for six days I was again destitute. I had no place to live and had to sleep outside. I prayed and asked God to take care of me, and He certainly did. The very same day I found a Christian family who took me in, and I was able to stay with them for six months. During this time God called me into His ministry. I went to a Bible Seminary to study the Word of God.

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(From Voodooism, Continued from page 2) After my seminary training, I preached four times a week and taught twice a day in a Church in the south of Haiti called Cayes. Later, the Lord opened the way for me to work at a Christian radio station with the West Indies Mission.

The Lord blessed me and continued to direct me to a deeper consecration and He led me to Prairie Bible Institute in Canada to further my studies in the Word of God. While there the Lord impressed the burden upon my heart to work with The Conversion Center, Inc., as a missionary to the 100,000 Haitians living in New York City, for I have a very great burden for the salvation of Roman Catholics. I am now seven years old in the Lord, and my greatest joy is winning souls to the Lord Jesus Christ. Proverbs 11:30—"He that winneth souls is wise." Do you KNOW that Heaven is your home? I trust that you will give your heart to Christ.— by Clarence Ismey

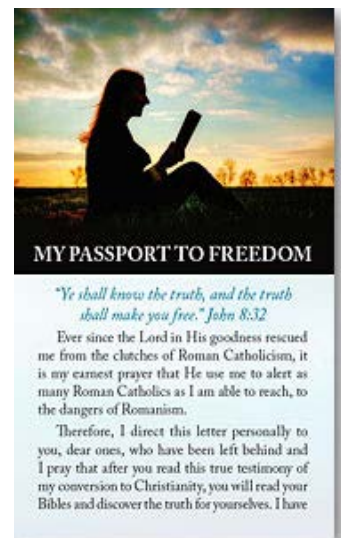
# *My Passport to Freedom*

*By Jeanne Lunkowskli*

(This tract is also currently available in English and Spanish)

"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32  
Ever since the Lord in His goodness rescued me from the clutches of Roman Catholicism, it is my earnest prayer that He use me to alert as many Roman Catholics as I am able to reach, to the dangers of Romanism. Therefore, I direct this letter personally to you, dear ones, who have been left behind and I pray that after you read this true testimony of my conversion to Christianity, you will read your Bibles and discover the truth for yourselves. I have made my story brief and to the point. Here it is:

Not very long ago, while I was still a Roman Catholic, I was sorting out some old papers I had accumulated in a shoebox and I came across a Catholic Church Sunday Bulletin. It was only about two years old and I had kept it because it was from the church in which I had been married. In glancing at it, my eyes fell upon a paragraph and I paused to read it. It said that if we read the testimony of the Acts of the Apostles and the writings of the early fathers, we would see that Peter himself and his successors in the Papal Office from the very beginning, exercised authoritative leadership over the church, etc., etc.—it became worse as I read on. Something inside me strongly urged me to get out my old Catholic Bible and find the particular passage in Acts that would show Peter in the Papal Office. I searched and searched and a strange thing happened. I read Acts from beginning to end and could *not* find Peter in the Papal Office. I was stunned. I just could not believe it. Several weeks went by but somehow this upsetting incident never left my mind. I took a part time job in our apartment complex and there I made the acquaintance of a fine Christian lady who sensed my interest in churches. (Cont. on page 4)





**(My Passport to Freedom, cont. from page 3)** She presented me with a copy of the New Testament which was to become my passport to freedom as I would soon find out.

I read and read and I could not believe my eyes. The reason being that although I always believed the Bible to be THE BOOK, I never really sat down to read it. I just believed that whatever the Roman Catholic Church taught us was the Word of God. So you can understand why I was so shocked after I read the entire New Testament. Masters at deception is a pretty strong phrase to use, however, I am at a loss for a better one to describe my feelings toward Romanism. With horror, I suddenly realized that the present state which I was in would lead me straight to Hell with no stops along the way. Here are just a few things I learned from the New Testament:

1. We gain eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ when we accept Him as our personal Savior (1 John 5:11,12)—not by works such as penance, fasting, observance of Holy days, etc. See Ephesians 2:8,9.

2. There is no mediator between God and man, save Jesus Christ. This means no Pope, priest, departed saints, or anyone else they feel is qualified to make intercession for us. See 1 Timothy 2:5.

3. Nowhere in the New Testament did the early Christians line up for confession. Confession is to God alone (Luke 5:21). Our sins are always against God and not against the priest. The priest *cannot* take God's place and forgive or retain sins, nor for that matter even ask God to forgive someone else's sins because the priest, himself being a mortal, has his own sins to be concerned about. Every sin that I could possibly remember that had been confessed to a priest, I have re-confessed to God Himself because all those sins had never been forgiven God's way.

4. There is no such place as Purgatory. Purgatory is a fictitious place conveniently used by the Catholic Church for extorting money from believing, trusting and unsuspecting people. I beg you—do not give another penny in masses for the dead. Our eternal destiny is sealed *before* we die. We can choose now whether or not we want spiritual life or spiritual death!

5. Jesus Christ is the "Rock" in Matthew 16:18—not Peter. See 1 Corinthians 10:4 and 1 Peter 2:4-8. As you read your Bible, you will find many more verses attesting to the fact that Jesus is the Rock.

Whom do you choose to believe? God or the Pope? Remember well, however, that your answer will mean the difference between Heaven or Hell after death.

6. God hates and I repeat, hates, idolatry. Yet, idolatry is practiced in Romanism as if it were most pleasing in God's sight. Our Lord has no intention of sharing His Glory with plaster statues. **READ YOUR BIBLES!**

I could go on and on but the above is sufficient for a starter. After I decided to obey the Word of God rather than that of the Pope, I accepted Jesus as my Savior and I followed Him in Baptism.

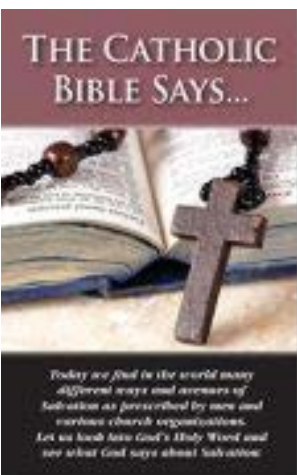
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(My Passport to Freedom, cont. from page 4) As a former Roman Catholic, I believed everything I was taught until the Holy Spirit urged me to "search the scriptures" (Acts 17:11) the day I found the R.C. Church bulletin. As a Catholic I was spiritually dead because deep down I knew I could never attain Heaven. I could never be good enough to see God. Eternal life is attained by faith only. This is His gift to His sinful children, delivered by Jesus on Calvary. I shudder to think of the coming doom for the millions still in the clutches of Romanism. I pray the blindness now being caused by Satan will be removed from the eyes and minds of the Roman Catholics who read this.

Seek Jesus and you will find peace, joy, and an eternal home in heaven with God who loves you. Jesus does not lie and He does not deceive. As you read your Bible, pray for the Holy Spirit to teach you and help you understand the Scriptures the way in which God wants them understood.

The time to accept Jesus is now! Isaiah 55:6 says "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near"



## THE CATHOLIC BIBLE SAYS....

BY JOSEPH ZACCHELLO

*Today we find in the world many different ways and avenues of Salvation as prescribed by men and various church organizations. Let us look into God's Holy Word and see what God says about Salvation: (All scripture texts are taken from the Douay-Confraternity Catholic translation of the Holy Bible)*  
*This tract is available in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian*

**1. Do I Need To Be Saved?** Yes, for all men are sinners, "as all have sinned and have need of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." (I John 1:8)

Sin separates man from God. "But your iniquities have divided between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you that he should not hear." (Isaiah 59:2)

**2. Can I Earn Salvation?** No. "Then not by reason of good works that we did ourselves, but according to his mercy, he saved us..." (Titus 3:5) "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not from yourselves, for it is the gift of God; not as the outcome of works, lest anyone may boast." (Ephesians 2:8,9) Man cannot save himself. "For by the works of the Law no human being shall be justified before him, for through law comes the recognition of sin." (Romans 3:20) Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved..." (Acts 16:31)

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**3. How Can I Be Saved?** Acknowledge and repent of your sins. “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.” (Acts 3:19)

**4. When Should I Make my Decision for Salvation?** Immediately—Today!  
“Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation!” (2 Corinthians 6:2)  
Tomorrow may not come for you. “Boast not for tomorrow, for thou knowest not what the day to come may bring forth.” (Proverbs 27:1)

**5. How Do I Know I Am Saved?** Because God’s Word says those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour are saved. “He who believes in him [Christ] is not judged; but he who does not believe is already judged, because he does not believe in the name of the only-begotten Son of God.” (John 3:18)

Those who receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour are taken into God’s family. “These things I am writing to you that you may know that you have eternal life—you who believe in the name of the Son of God.” (I John 5:13) Your own experience of a new life in Christ. “If then any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the former things have passed away; behold they are made new!” (II Corinthians 5:17)

**6. What Should I Do After I Am Saved?** Commune with God in earnest prayer and read God’s Word daily. The Lord Jesus Christ said, “It is written, Not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4) “But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.” (II Peter 3:18) Confess the Lord Jesus Christ before men. “Therefore, everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 10:32)

**7. Summary.** We could look much further into God’s Word and find many scriptures on salvation and God’s plan of redemption, but they all lead up to and point to the only One who can give us eternal life and that One is God’s Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ is the only way of salvation. “I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but through me.” (John 14:6) Christ is the only mediator between God and men. “For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, himself man, Christ Jesus.” (I Timothy 2:5)

There is no salvation outside of Christ. “Neither is there salvation in any other. For there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12) If you reject Christ, then God’s Word condemns you. “He who rejects me [Christ], and does not accept my words, has one to condemn him. The word that I have spoken will condemn him on the last day.” (John 12:48)

If you are not sure where you will spend eternity, you may have this assurance by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ right now and accepting Him as your personal Saviour. Remember, God’s Word promises you salvation, for we read in Romans 10:9,10: “For if thou confess with thy mouth that Jesus is the Lord, and believe in thy heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart a man believes unto justice, and with the mouth profession of faith is made unto salvation.” —By Joseph Zacchello



Dear Reader,

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this edition of “The Gospel Catholic”. I hope and trust that you were blessed by the three tracts I’ve chosen to include in this edition. I want to remind you of our Annual Rally being held in North Stonington, CT on October 16th. Dr. Stringer has been a real friend to me and my family as well as to The Conversion Center. We are blessed to be able to have him speak on the one night he had free on a speaking Crusade. Dr. Stringer is in high demand and we are grateful he is stopping in CT to speak as he travels from Florida to Toronto. If you are in the area, please make every effort to come see us and hear of how God is working in The Conversion

Center’s ministry.

I will have copies of each of our English tracts with me. We have been working very hard to get all of our tracts into digital format for print on demand. We currently have 24 in English finished, 14 in Spanish, 6 in Portuguese and 4 in Italian. I am praying to have another 8 finished in Portuguese before the year’s end. I have asked you to pray that we would be able to get 200,000 tracts printed this year. Currently, we are at 141,000. I would ask that you please pray for the funding to carry on this massive task. We had been given a large gift that enabled us to start this but currently need thousands more to finish. The financial support for The Conversion Center has suffered some in the summer months and we are asking you to pray that God would intervene on our behalf. It is such a real joy to be able to receive a request from a missionary or pastor for tracts in bulk and be able to send them right away. Souls are dying lost and going to hell every second, we need to reach them before it’s too late. A Roman Catholic dies every 2.5 seconds; I want to reach them with the word that “Jesus Saves, Keeps, and Satisfies”.

On a personal note, thank you for praying for my family. I think this is the most current picture of all of us together. Stephen has started first grade, Katie is three years of age and Patricia will be 18 months soon. These are such fun times as parents as we watch our children grow and mature. Rachel and I have enjoyed good health and the children have as well for the most part. My trip to Southern Texas was the most interesting and educational trip I have taken yet. I was able to speak in a Missions Conference and in another church. Due to some unforeseen circumstances, my previous plans fell apart and I went on the trip with few contacts and no plans. God saw fit to put me in contact with 4 churches, a Christian school and numerous missionaries who may be able to profitably use our tracts. I started the trip with 3,100 tracts and returned empty-handed. It was such a pleasure and joy to see missionaries, pastors, and their people take the tracts to reach Roman Catholics for Christ. I have since sent 2,000 additional tracts to the border area.

Please pray for me as the months of October and November will be very busy. I will either be gone, filling in for my pastor, or be in our Missionary Conference 47 out of those 61 days. I will take great care to have a slower December.

I appreciate your prayers on our behalf. Thank you to those who financially support this work. I am thrilled with what God has accomplished through us this year already. We need to press on. To those of you who write notes, thank you for taking time to do so.

Yours for the Kingdom,

Mark T. Reno, Director

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# The Gospel of Grace

## God's Word, the Bible, Tells We Need To Be Saved

"For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." *Matthew 18:11*

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." *Romans 3:23*

"Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God." *John 3:3*

## Even Religious Works Cannot Bring Salvation

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us." *Titus 3:5*

"...not of works, lest any man should boast." *Ephesians 2:9*

"all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." *Isaiah 64:6*

"This is the work of God that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent." *John 6:29*

## Jesus Christ – God Himself – Has Provided Everything For Our Salvation

"Who (Jesus) His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree..." *1 Peter 2:24*

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." *John 14:6*

## We Must Accept Christ To Be Saved

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever Believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." *John 3:16*

"He that believeth on Him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already because he hath not believed....." *John 3:18*

"...and him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out." *John 6:37*

## We Are Saved By Faith Alone

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." *Romans 3:28*

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ...for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. *Galatians 2:16.*

# "For by Grace are ye Saved through Faith"

**HAVE YOU....**Been converted to the Lord Jesus Christ? Is He your personal and all-sufficient Savior? If not, you are invited to trust Him NOW. Then unite with a Christ-centered, Bible teaching, Missionary-minded, Separated, Fundamental and Protestant, New Testament Christian Church.

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