



LAME EXCUSES FOR REJECTING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

BY DR. PHILIP
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Text: Romans 1:20-“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, SO THAT MEN ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE”

People give various excuses for rejecting the God of the Bible and His plan for our salvation through the finished work of Christ on the cross of Calvary. Let us look briefly at some of these lame excuses.

1. Personal: Some people just hate God and want nothing to do with Him. Friedrich Nietzsche, the German atheist said, “Even if you could prove God to me, I would believe in Him all the less”. Jean Paul Sartre, as a boy, was playing with matches when he accidentally set fire to a piece of rug. According to him, he felt God’s intense gaze inside his head. He resented such intrusion and proceeded to curse God repeatedly. For John Paul Sartre, God ceased to exist that day. Nietzsche and Jean Paul were guilty of mindless rebellion. It is important to know that Hitler was influenced by the writings of Nietzsche.

2. Ideological: Karl Marx, the architect of Communism hated religion in any form, describing

it as “the opiate of the people”. This godless ideology has wrought destruction of lives all over the world. The promised communist Utopia has proved to be a mirage. Millions of people have lost their lives in revolutions across the world. They are still dying in pockets of communism across the world – China, Cuba, Viet Nam, Laos, etc.

3. Disappointment With God: “How could a God of love allow this to happen?” That was Charles Templeton’s reaction to the Nazi devastation of Europe, He had gone to Europe with Billy Graham to preach to young people. From that point onward, he gave up on God. We are not robots; God has given us freewill, and many choose not to obey him. A man like Templeton who was familiar with the Bible should have known the consequences of the fall of man in the Garden of Eden. Jeremiah 17:9 sums it up: “The heart of man is deceitful and desperately wicked”. Two of the books he wrote were: “The Case Against God” and “Farewell to God”. What a tragedy of eternal proportions!

4. Cultural: In Malaysia, you are expected to be a Muslim if you are Malay, and in Bhutan, you are expected to be a Buddhist. A 14-year-old Bhutan girl was given an ultimatum: Give up Jesus and return to Buddhism or leave Bhutan. She chose exile rather than deny Jesus. Jesus transcends culture, race or any man-made categories. Jesus Christ is for the whole world.

There are no excuses for rejecting God’s plan for us, “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).



PRAISE REPORT

BY PASTOR KIKELOMO TOGUN

1. We thank God for our branches abroad and their successes. The one in Abuja, Nigeria, will be celebrating their 3rd anniversary this month. The one in Ibadan, Nigeria will be celebrating their 10th anniversary, while the one in Gbarnga, Liberia will be celebrating their 8th anniversary. We give God the glory.
2. Our website is finally up and running at www.christloveinternational.org. You can purchase our books, read our newsletter, listen to our messages and make donations.
3. We are also on YouTube.com at Christlove International Church. Our photo will pop up. Please subscribe and like.

We also thank God for a lot of responses to our international radio program at www.praiseradioglobal.com. Below are samples:

- a. We have you on the channel today and are glad we have this technology. Thanks for reaching out!
- G.H., Bonn, Germany.
- b. I hope that you don't mind me writing to tell you simply that your program is excellent. You lift my spirits and I feel like I am really growing in the Lord's way. Thanks.
L.A. Toronto, Canada.
- c. Joyful Christmas wishes for you, your team and your families. J.C. Liverpool, England.
- d. As I listen to you, I imagine you are not fully aware of the impact you have. My husband Jeff and I listen and are dedicated to your broadcasts. Your teaching and informative messages are delivered into our lives for our Lord God. M.A.R. Tampa, Florida.



BIBLE QUIZ

BY PHILIP ADEMOLA TOGUN

1. What were God's first words as recorded in Scripture?
2. Which Prophet said to God, "I am only a child"?
3. Dr. Luke wrote two New Testament books. Name them
4. He was Naomi's grandson and the grandfather of David. Who was he?
5. In which book of the Bible is the verse: "A friend loves at all times"?
6. Who said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth"?
7. Which Angel appeared to Zachariah in the Temple?
8. Whom did Abraham marry after Sarah's death?
9. How long did Methuselah live?
10. To whom did God Say, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you"?

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY MARCH 19TH

2:30 PM-5:30 PM

22nd church anniversary
Guest speaker: Pastor Lorraine Holliday, Light Worship Center, Shreveport, Louisiana



SUNDAY APRIL 9TH

Easter celebration.

Food served.

Children 0-12 years will receive gifts

TUESDAY MAY 16TH

TO MONDAY MAY 22ND

Mission to Sialkot, Pakistan.

Host Pastor: Simon Sohail Bhatti of Jesus Real King Ministries, Sialkot, Pakistan

MONDAY MAY 29TH 5 PM-7 PM

Neighborhood Outreach with Barbecue at 332 East 68th Street (Vacant Lot) in Shreveport



FRIDAY JULY 7TH

Pastor Philip Togun's birthday

SUNDAY JULY 16TH 11 AM-1 PM

Backpack and school supply giveaway at Christlove church, Shreveport Louisiana

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH (LABOR DAY) 5 PM-7 PM

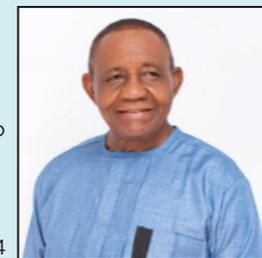
Neighborhood Outreach and Barbecue at 332 East 68th Street (Vacant Lot)

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH

TO MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH

Medical mission trip to Benin City, Nigeria

Host: Pastor Peter Adigwe Also 10th anniversary celebration of Christlove Church Ibadan, Nigeria, and Pastor Kikelomo Togun's birthday September 24



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH 2023

Pastor Kikelomo Togun's birthday

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19TH

Thanksgiving celebration, Food served

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24TH AT 12 NOON

Christmas celebration. Food served. Gifts to children 0-12 years and church workers/helpers



THESE BONES SHALL LIVE

BY PASTOR KIKELOMO TOGUN

This is the first newsletter of the New Year 2023 and I would like to wish you all our readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The title of my article is, “These Bones Shall Live” as found in Ezekiel 37:1-14.

Ezekiel was taken, in the spirit, to a valley of dead dry bones – this is like being in the valley of the shadow of death; death all around and nothing alive. That was where God took Ezekiel to make His point.

God then told Ezekiel to prophesy over the dry bones so they could live. From this we can see that spoken words and prophesying are very powerful because as Ezekiel prophesied over the dry bones, he said in verse 4, “O ye dry bones hear the word of the Lord!”. As he prophesied, what happened? There was vigorous shaking of the bones, and they came together. At the end of it, it was like a great army. It shows how powerful prophesying is.

Through the power of the Almighty God, the dead dry bones lived.

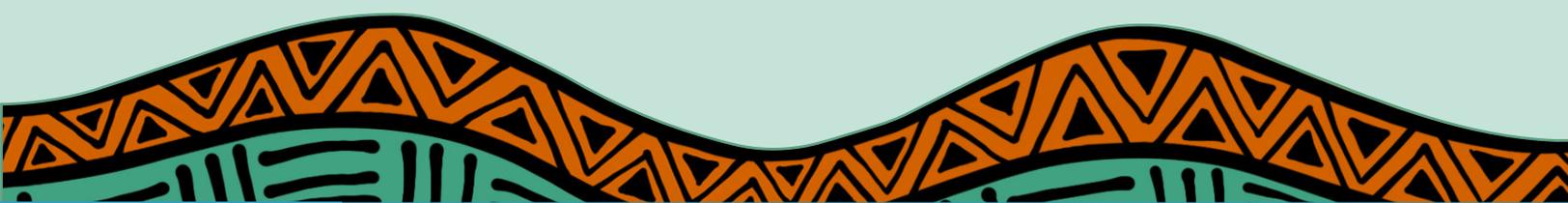
God is the One who can make alive again; He is the one who can restore broken and hopeless lives again, The only One who can raise the dead – “Lazarus come forth!”. Lazarus came forth with the grave clothes and Jesus said, “Loose him and let him go”.

These dead dry bones were referring to Israel in captivity, feeling hopeless. They felt hopeless and could not see their status changing. They felt that their situation would not change. That is how we feel sometimes. He brought those dead bones back to life again. What can God not do? Psalm 30:5 states, **“Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning”**.

He will turn your mourning into dancing, just be patient, be prayerful and continue to trust Him no matter how bad the situation. He is the source of our lives, In Him we live and move and have our being **HE CAN MAKE DRY BONES TO BE ALIVE AGAIN**.

I pray that in this new year 2023, He will turn all your hopeless and dead situations around, into joy!! Believe it and prophesy over your dead dreams and dead situations, and they shall live again!!!

HALLELUYAH!!! AMEN!!!





Pastor Togun & Sandra Choyce



Christmas gift to Jarrell



Christmas gift to LaDarius



Christmas gift to a child



Children at the service



Pastor Togun with Children Praise Team



Praise Team from Spirit of Life Church



Pastor Togun at the service



Ibukun receiving her Christmas gift



Pastors Togun & Paden



Pastor Togun & Pastor Omerror Dawson



Pastor Togun & Pastor Dwayne Williams

CHRISTLOVE IN PICTURES



Pastor Togun singing



Pastor Togun with Cynthia LeJay (L) and Janie Moss (R)



Pastor Philip Togun



James Patterson II



Adult Praise Team



Pastor Dwayne Williams



Pastor Togun with Adult Praise Team



The Toguns, the Pattersons and Pastor Williams (Center)



Pastor Togun with the children's Praise Team



Pastor Togun with guest family



Jeremiah Kizer



Bible reading by Tope Oladimeji



Pastor Matthew Akoh,
of Christlove Church, Abuja, Nigeria



Godson, Wale, on National Service in Nigeria



Jannie Moss praising God



The Toguns after church service



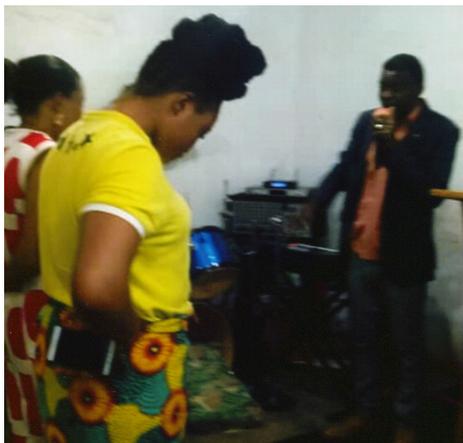
Thanksgiving dinner in our daughter's home
in New York



With Pastor Philip Togun's niece and grandniece
from Texas



Sandra Choyce on the keyboard



Christlove Church, Abuja, Nigeria



Christlove Liberia children with their Christmas gifts



Pastor Olusegun Fakolujo of Christlove Ibadan, Nigeria
praying for children at a crusade

COME TO CHRISTLOVE CHURCH

WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY (VIP)

CHRISTLOVE BRANCH IBADAN, NIGERIA

We thank God for our church branch in Ibadan, Nigeria. Pastor Olusegun Fakoluyo. To reach him, call 08022945255, or Deaconess Olukemi Ajayi at 0905362082.

CHRISTLOVE BRANCH GBARNGA, LIBERIA

To contact the church please call Pastor Moses Myakpan at 0886928487.

CHRISTLOVE BRANCH ABUJA, NIGERIA

We Thank God for the branch in Abuja, Nigeria under Pastor Matthew and Mrs. Gloria Akoh. To reach him call 08038692817.

CHRISTLOVE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Christlove Church is where the love of Christ is demonstrated and the Word is preached without compromise, whether you are rich or poor, whether black, white or yellow; no matter what you have done, Jesus loves you and we love you too. Come and be a part of the Christlove family at 900 Francais Dr., Shreveport, LA 71118. Call us at 318-617-1294 or 318-617-0812 if you need transportation, and leave a message or call Jarrell Collins at 318-762-7651.

MIRACLE SERVICE NIGHT

Our miracle service night is the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Come for your miracles!!! Our God is a miracle worker!!!

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER

Is 11 am to 12 noon in the Sanctuary of Christlove, 900 Francais Drive, Shreveport, LA 71118.

TV & RADIO PROGRAM

Our television program is on: Fox33 TV on Sundays at 7:00 am, CW21 Sundays at 7:30 am, CTN New Orleans at 9:30 am, and International radio at www.praisradioglobal.com at 2:30 pm central time, 3:30 pm New York time and 8:30 pm Nigerian time.

PARTNERSHIP

We would like those who want to partner with us to send a monthly pledge of \$25, \$30, \$50, \$100 or more. This is a tax-exempt ministry and you will be given a tax receipt at the end of the year. May the Lord bless you as you give.

www.christloveinternational.org.

You can purchase our books, read our newsletter, listen to our messages and make donations.

CHURCH SERVICES

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
Sunday mornings at 10 am
- **SUNDAY WORSHIP**
Sunday mornings at 11 am
- **BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MEETING**
Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm
- **MIRACLE SERVICE NIGHT**
6:30 pm 1st Wednesday of the month
- **CHRISTIAN MOVIE NIGHT**
6:30 pm Last Wednesday of the month
- **EARLY SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER**
11 am to 12 Noon
- **CHOIR PRACTICE**
SATURDAY 12 noon
- **FASTING**
First 7 days of Every Month, except February and 30 days in January
- **REFRESHMENTS SERVED**
after Sunday service

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Let there be light (Genesis 1:3)
2. Jeremiah 1:6
3. Luke and Acts of the Apostles
4. Obed (Ruth 4; 16-17)
5. Proverbs 17:17
6. Paul (Romans 1:16)
7. Gabriel (Luke 1:18-19)
8. Keturah (Genesis 25:1)
9. 969 years (Genesis 5:27)
10. Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:5)

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for Mighty Revival in America. America started with God, pray that she will end it with God.
- Pray for wisdom for President Biden and all the leaders of this nation. Pray that Biden will make wise and godly decisions.
- Pray that "In God we trust" will remain on the currency of this nation.
- Pray for God's blessings on Nigeria and Africa. Pray against corrupt leaders in Africa.
- Pray that prayer and Bible reading will return to schools in the USA.
- Pray for Revival all over the world.
- Pray for Israel, pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Pray for God's blessings on Christlove International Ministry and church and all our outreach programs and branches.
- Pray for revival in India, Nepal, Philippines, Asia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Uganda, Africa, Europe, North & South America & Australia.
- Pray for persecuted Christians all over the world, that there will be freedom of religion all over the world.
- Pray for all our events this year

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

This is to give our readers the opportunity to give their lives to Jesus Christ, or rededicate their lives if they have not already done so.

Dear Jesus, I acknowledge my sins; I believe you came into this world to die for my sins. Please forgive me my sins and come into my life and take control of my life. Satan I renounce you in Jesus name, from today forward

I belong to Jesus Christ. Thank you Jesus for forgiving me my sins and coming into my life. Amen.

Believe He has come in. If you said this prayer in faith, write us and we will send you a Bible and some Christian Literature to help you with your walk with God.

We would like to thank those supporting us prayerfully and / or financially. May God richly bless you. Amen.

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- Prayer requests/counseling
- Books
- Events

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