



# Shiloh Messenger

December 2019

## *Following Jesus' Footsteps By Fulfilling Our Commission*

*"And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'*

*Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons." (Matthew 10:7-8)*

Not your typical Christmas opening Scripture, But yet so vital. The Most important decision that one will ever make is what will you do with CHRIST? Time is short, and the reality of Eternity is before us. The World is Chaotic and Scripture has been fulfilled and being fulfilled before our very eyes. We all will stand before The Lord. We all will bow before HIM. Will your life have mattered? Have you and are you making an impact for HIS Glory? Are you living to represent HIM? Are you desiring to truly live out Matthew 22:37- 40? Loving Him with all your heart soul, mind and strength and loving others as yourself? Or are you living for yourself, only caring about yourself ? Are you ready to meet HIM? And will you hear well done my good and faithful servant? The Best Christmas Message is a year round Message. "For God so loved the world that HE gave HIS only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in HIM shall not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16. That one word believe is deep and has more in it that just believing that Christ exist and what HE has done for Mankind. It means to TRUST completely and hold unto unswervingly and to follow undeniably by taking up our cross (anything that would interfere with us being an apprentice of Jesus) and following HIM. Our destiny is to be conformed to HIS image. How much like Jesus are you looking like today? Does your actions portray that you are a Christ Follower? DO YOU KNOW HIM?

We want to continue highlighting certain men and women that have made an eternal impact in our world for The Sake of The Gospel . They are true heroes of The Faith having made and continue to make an Eternal Significance. In closing this year out and for the month of December we believe it is very suitable to feature William and Catherine Booth. In the following paragraphs we will share portions of their biography from The Revival Study Bible.

William Booth ( 1829-1912) Founder of the Salvation Army, and one of the world's greatest social reformers, was born in Nottingham England, on April 10th, 1829. His Parents were members of the Established Church, and his Mother was a devout Christian. His Father made considerable money but had the misfortune to lose it, and could not afford to send Booth to school. As a result he was apprenticed to a pawnbroker at the age of thirteen and later in the same year, his Father died. Being the only Son, Booth became responsible to provide for his widowed mother and his sisters. It was through his having lived in poverty that Booth became personally aware of the sorrow and suffering of the poor. During his teenage years, Booth was a Social Reformer, longing to do something to alleviate the sufferings of the poor. He left the Church of England at an early age to become a regular attendant at a Wesleyan Chapel, where he yielded his heart and life to God Saying, "The HOLY SPIRIT had continually shown me that MY REAL WELFARE FOR TIME AND ETERNITY DEPENDED UPON THE SURRENDER OF MYSELF TO THE SERVICES OF GOD, After a long controversy, I made the submission, cast myself on HIS Mercy, received the assurance of HIS Pardon, and gave myself up to HIS service with all my heart. The hour, the place, and many other particulars of this glorious transaction are recorded indelibly in my memory." This craggy, baggy, General of The Salvation Army God raised up under HIS Leadership made an ongoing mark against the sin and suffering of the world that still continues to this day. Combining a militant vision with might compassion that reached out to myriads in the slums and streets. Booth brought a Revival based message of hope and restoration to those written off by Society. He said, "My only hope for the permanent deliverance of mankind from misery in this world or the next, is the remaking of an individual by the power of The HOLY GHOST through JESUS CHRIST."

Catherine Booth (1829- 1890) Evangelist, and Co-Founder of the Salvation Army. Methodist. England. Catherine had a strong Christian upbringing, having read the Bible eight times before she was twelve. In 1865, together with her husband, William, they founded the East London Christian Mission (today known as the Salvation Army) to help the destitute and hungry. She began to preach, breaking the tradition that disallowed women from preaching, and to minister to those in need. Catherine was a champion of a woman's right to minister and was a powerful and passionate voice in her time. Her writings still affect generations today.

When you see many Salvation Army Buckets in front of local Stores during this Christmas Season, Know this, The Founders were Godly People who feared The Lord and were an extension of HIS Heart to lost and Needy Humanity. WE have often asked those whom are standing by those buckets ringing those bells if they know who Founded The Salvation Army. As of yet, No one can tell us correctly, We therefore give a History lesson on spot as a testimony to Heroes of The Faith and what God can do with surrendered vessels with pure motives who passionately want to serve HIM and humanity.

We encourage you to spend quality time praying and seeking The Lord and to wholeheartedly give yourself to serving and adding to your faith moral excellence, knowledge, perseverance, self control , godliness, brotherly kindness and Love. The Apostle Peter tells us in 2nd Peter chapter 1 if we do not add these virtues to our faith then we are short sighted even to blindness and have forgotten that we were cleansed from our old sins. JESUS PAID THE PRICE FOR OUR REDEMPTION. HE IS WORTHY TO RECEIVE HIS FULL INHERITANCE FROM OUR LIVES.

## Shiloh Graduate

Hello, my name is Alan Jarman. I am 33 years old and originally from Chattanooga, TN and I am proud to be called a Minister of Reconciliation. However, this was most certainly not always the case. From the age of fourteen onward, my life could be condensed into a series of extreme highs and lows characterized by two profound and contrasting hallmarks: a crippling drug addiction and an awareness of the reality of God in my life. This incessant battle between my spirit and flesh defined the struggle of my life and it became apparent throughout adulthood that I could only choose one. Fast forward to March 2018 and I was in a place of desperation incomparable even by my own lofty self-destructive standards. I had essentially lost it all due to a precipitously debilitating heroin addiction that had completely consumed my life. My marriage, career, children, familial relationships and very well-being had been sacrificed at the altar of my own self-idolatry, which in my case was manifested by simply "leaning onto my own understanding" and allowing the musings of my own frail mind to deceive and misdirect myself from the calling on my life, which was to simply share the gospel and live as a disciple. It was at



this low point in my life that the path to Shiloh became strikingly clear, and I had to walk in it. I made the decision to come, and it has easily been the best of my life. I knew early on that I was to serve the ministry that transformed my life, and since graduation I interned and subsequently was given the privilege to serve in the capacity of office manager and outreach leader, positions that I would have never dreamed myself capable of operating in! Thank God for His multiplied grace, peace and mercy! My exhortation is simply this: How do you know you have faith? The Bible is clear in its teaching. Hebrews 11:3 says, **"By faith we understand that the universe was created by the Word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible."** If you don't believe that the Word of God frames the universe, then I must question the legitimacy of your faith. It is the very essence of God's spirit that divinely inspired men to write it down, and we have it readily at our disposal, yet so many of us neglect the application of it beyond a cursory glance. I'm here to tell you that interpretation without application is abortion, and a sense of urgency to know the Creator of the Universe must be of paramount concern for the Body of Christ. To know His Word is to know Him, and if you do not know Him you will never fully know yourself. It's that simple. Aside from the Word of God there is no real understanding or wisdom, no real substance to existence. Moses said it best in Deuteronomy 32:47: **"It is no empty Word for you, but your very LIFE."** Disregarding the Word of God is tantamount to a prolonged suicide. You must have your daily bread to live! Choose life!

**Shiloh Ministries is one of The Lord's many Ministry tools to reconcile men for restoration. We are blessed to be used of Him to preach the un-searchable riches that are in Christ Jesus (Eph. 3:8). Everyday we are hearing such wonderful testimonies of our Graduates pursuing their calling of a Godly husband, father, missionary, Staff person at local Churches and a minister of reconciliation in the work place. We are asking that you prayerfully consider financially supporting Shiloh Ministries every month. The Lord's ministry at Shiloh has always been financially free for the man who desires freedom from his addictions. Because of this, we simply trust The Holy Spirit to lead people to give financially. This ministry is grateful to those who express gratitude to God by co-laboring with us in discipleship. The expenditures are huge managing a campus that houses over 30 students, staff & interns. Please prayerfully consider Shiloh Ministries every month as good ground for your financial seed. We invite you to visit our web-site and read our Testimony section. It bares witness of our graduates fruit that is on display, for The Glory of God. Thanks for your giving to The Lord's Ministry at Shiloh!**

Shiloh Ministries is recognized by the IRS as a 501c3 charitable organization. All financial gifts are tax deductible at the end of the year.

### **Contact Us At:**

**Shiloh Ministries,  
PO Box 10226,  
Liberty, TX 77575  
Phone#936.334.8616,  
Fax:936.334.0061  
E-mail: [shilohmin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shilohmin@sbcglobal.net)  
Visit us on the web for information about us & to give financially on line at:  
[www.shilohmensministries.com](http://www.shilohmensministries.com)  
View our classroom teachings on **YouTube!!****

*We love you and are thankful for your love and financial support of The Lord's Ministry at Shiloh.  
Blessings multiplied back to you!!*



**Rocky & Debbie Fondren  
Founders & Sr. Leaders**