



Hope for Muslims in Christ

Dear Friend of Jesus to Muslims! On Easter day, the Pakistani Taliban targeted Christians at an amusement park in Lahore, Pakistan. They murdered 72 people and injured hundreds more, including Muslims. Of the 36 children murdered, 10 were from Christian and 26 were from Muslim families. Among those killed in the blasts was also a family of Ex-Muslim Christians who had decided to follow Jesus back in the 1960's.

Like several of our friends, I have been thinking about why Islamic terrorists around the world are attacking more and more Christians. I believe they are afraid. Islam is actually losing its grip on its adherents. Islam is collapsing. Some Christians may not realize that since 9/11, more and more Muslims have left Islam, something not seen before! Islam has not faced such a crisis of 'apostasy' since Abu Bakr's reign (632-634 AD) after Muhammad's death. Although Abu Bakr had been successful to suppress the movement by war, the present situation is unstoppable.

In record numbers, many are turning to Atheism, often calling themselves Muslim Atheists – ironically. Some Muslims feel trapped between Atheism and Islam. Still as many become Atheists, many are also embracing Jesus as the Messiah. Some believers in Christ keep their new faith a secret, as the harsh punishment for apostasy lingers over their heads. Others boldly face martyrdom.

Some Ex-Muslims, before finding the real Jesus, erroneously considered Christianity to be a dead sinful religion, since they associated the media and life on the streets in the West as "Christian." However, when they discover real Christianity and understand who Jesus really is and who His followers truly are, they are drawn to Him. They compare the life of Muhammad with that of Jesus and see Islam for what it is – an evil deception.

While it seems that Islam is poised to hurt the West, Christians should not be afraid of Islam. Islam is not the judge of the West; God is. Islam is bound to fail. Its violence is the final sign of its collapse. Much of the violence is due to devastating ignorance.

Saul did not realize the harm he was doing when he "began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison." - Acts 8:3 (NIV). When Jesus confronted him, that's when he was transformed.

Even when we were His enemies, God gave His Son for us (Romans 5:10). Jesus' painful death and victorious resurrection are the reasons why we are Christians today! He is the Lamb of God who has taken away our sins (John 1:29). He understands people's pain; it is by His wounds that we are healed (Isaiah 53).

Christians are called to be the salt and light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16) - reflecting Jesus. We may see

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big waves of immigrants and the collapse of the Western economy but God is seeing a harvest (Matthew 9:37-38). For example, Nabeel Qureshi's Muslim parents immigrated to the USA from Pakistan. Formerly a sincere Muslim, Nabeel came to know Jesus Christ and serves Him as our brother in Christ!

So, fellow Christians, as the Middle East continues to be in turmoil and as the migration of refugees overwhelms us, what is the hope we have in Christ? Can we overcome all of it through Christ? Yes, we can because Jesus has overcome the world (John 16:33)!

Like many Christians, I too become exhausted. Possibly Paul felt this sometimes. Inspired by God, he wrote to encourage God's children as we

A great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me
(1 Corinthians 16:9)



endure difficulties, people rejecting God's truth, and persecution at the hands of people who hate us:

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." - 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV)

Jesus Christ will return! Until then, let us keep praying for the lost. Let us keep sharing the Good News. Let us use the armor of God as we fight against "the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." – Ephesians 6:12b.

Let us keep encouraging each other as the body of Christ. Let us praise our wonderful Creator who sees each tear, understands each frustration, and who one day will say to His good and faithful servants, "Well done" (Matthew 25:21). Thank you so much for all your prayers and support! May God greatly bless you and your investment in sharing the life-giving Gospel with people all over the world!

MINISTRY NEEDS:

1. Due to family responsibilities, our book keeper will leave by the end of April. Please pray for the new bookkeeper, that a smooth transition and progress will be made. We still need a mission minded administration person who can come at least 3 days a week to help us with filing, phoning, making appointments, day to day office e-mails and database computing. We really need a team member with a vision to expand the ministry.

2. We need helpers to write programs on some heart-searching subjects for Muslims relevant today.

3. Leaflets translated into Spanish were sent to several Calvary Chapel missionaries working in Latin America. Please pray that Muslims will read them and come to know Jesus Christ, and for a final version to be printed and distributed.

PRAISE POINTS:

- ❖ We praise and thank God for the students who faithfully studied the course, *Jesus or Muhammad: A Question of Assurance*. The 12 weeks study was held at Highlands Baptist Church in Ocala, FL.
- ❖ We continue to thank the Lord for using Steven both on Radio and Satellite/TV ministry
- ❖ We thank the Lord for the continuous queries we receive from Muslim truth seekers. We put them in contact with Christian friends to help them to know Jesus as the only Savior

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ❖ Please continue to pray for Muslims all around the world to come to know Jesus. Please don't be afraid to share boldly the love and Gospel of Jesus with Muslims you meet
- ❖ Please continue to pray for those who contact us, both Muslims and Christians.
- ❖ Steven will be launching a 12 evening study on the Gospel of John (in Urdu language mainly to help Muslim background believers) in May. Please pray for guidance.
- ❖ We receive many requests for providing material to help in deep studies on the subjects between Islam and Christianity. Please pray that we can faithfully continue to help.
- ❖ Counseling Karen gives to women married to Muslims and to those who are considering marrying Muslim men.
- ❖ Support for printing and distributing Spanish leaflets and books.
- ❖ Ongoing ministry needs with administration and help.
- ❖ Conviction of Americans to share the Gospel with Muslims.

JESUS TO MUSLIMS: FINANCIAL ASPECTS

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We praise God for His providence and expect a rescue according to His will.

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