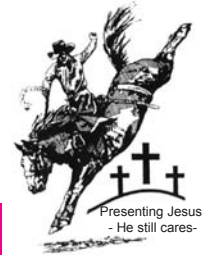


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INTRODUCTION: My name is Ronnie Christian. I am a rodeo cowboy who loves Jesus and wants to bring others to know Him. I am a Lifetime Gold Card Member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

VISION: Reach rodeo cowboys and cowgirls with the Good News that Jesus loves them and Jesus Saves. Through this, their families, friends, and the many people they contact around the world, including ranchers and others in the horse and livestock industry will know God cares for them and Jesus is Lord.

EXPECTATION: See people saved, set free, healed spiritually, physically, and emotionally, filled with the Holy Spirit, and living a life pleasing to God.

Wes Ward-Cowboy and Man of God Overcoming Obstacles To Fulfill His Purpose

Wes Ward grew up in Oklahoma in a ranch and rodeo family. His family owned Ward Rodeo Company, one of the oldest rodeo companies in Oklahoma, based in Colgate, Oklahoma.

So naturally Wes had a good opportunity to be a rodeo cowboy himself. He excelled in the Bareback Riding event. In the 1980's and 90's he had success in PRCA Rodeos across the country. In 1980 he won the Oklahoma State High School Finals Rodeo in the Bareback Riding. Also he qualified for the PRCA Texas Circuit Finals Rodeo 10-12 times. Wes was the PRCA Texas Circuit Rodeo Champion Bareback Rider in 1985 or '86 and Runner-up once. He has also won the Year End Championship in Bareback Riding at the Mesquite Championship Rodeo. And he is a two time BB Rider at the IPRA Finals. That was at the IPR FINALS #13 and #28 fifteen years later.

When Ward was nine years of age his 4th Grade English teacher asked him to write down in a letter what he wanted to be. He wrote, "A

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Wes announcing at a Ward Rodeo Company event.

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Preacher". Many years later that teacher contacted Wes through Facebook and asked if he remembered the letter? She gave it to Wes' mom. It was Wes' birthday; he was having a down day, but that lifted his spirit up. After the first service that Wes preached his mom presented the letter to him. That letter had been on his mind for many years. He ran from it, but finally yielded to God's call on his life. Wes asked God, "Why didn't I grow up

in a preacher's home if you want me to preach? The answer was, "I don't call the qualified, I qualify the called."

But let's go back a few years. Wes was not ready then for his assignment from God as a

young man. He still had some flesh and wrong desires he wanted to please. Drugs were his demise as it has been for many. He lost pretty much everything including his family and most of his possessions. He was living in Texas at this time.

Then Wes Ward had an encounter with the living Savior of

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Wes at the National Western PRCA Rodeo - Denver Colorado.

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First off we are saved by grace- it is the grace that saves us. We do not work for it, we do not earn it; we simply receive it from the Lord Jesus Christ. Salvation is His to give and ours to receive. Grace has often been termed "unmerited favor" from God. Let's see what the Bible has to say about the grace that saves. 10 For we are His workmanship, ***Ephesians 2:4-10*** ***"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, (5) even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), (6) and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, (7) that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (8) For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, (9) not of works, lest anyone should boast."***

As I mentioned above we do not get saved (receive our salvation) by our works or else grace is not grace, so if it by works it is a payment due to us. ***Romans 4:4*** ***"Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt."*** And see this-***Romans 11:5-6*** ***"Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. (6) And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work."*** It can't be both ways. We do good works because we are saved, not get saved. We are saved by grace, and we are blessed by works. We do reap what we sow, either good works for blessings, or sinful works for curses (or at it will least cause us to miss the blessings). When we are obedient to do the works of God as His children there is a reward and when rebel we open ourselves for defeat from our enemy, Satan.

Note: Mercy means we do not get what we deserve and grace means we get what we don't deserve. God is good to us. And He is rich in mercy. The Bible tells us that where sin abounds, grace abounds more. God has more mercy and grace than we have sin. So receive from the Lord His mercy and His grace.

Receive God's grace- forgiveness of sin and eternal life given to us through His Son Jesus Christ.

The second kind of grace we will look at here is the grace that teaches us.

Titus 2:11-14 ***"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, (12) teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, (13) looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, (14) who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works."***

When we listen to the grace of God that teaches and do what He says and what His Word teaches us to do and not to

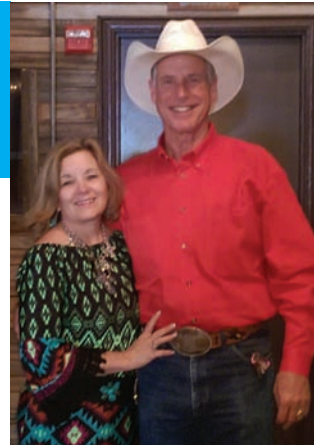
do, we won't need to go for the first grace that forgives because we will be living life in His will. Oh that we would receive the grace that teaches us and be obedient children and servants of the Most High God and who is our Father in heaven. Life would be on earth as it is in heaven, and the blessings would flow into our lives. We have our moments when we live this way. Let's determine to live in God's will more often the way he teaches us through His grace.

The third kind of grace is the grace that gives us power to win in life!

We can shout grace to our mountains of problems and watch them go into the sea.

Zechariah 4:6-10 ***"So he answered and said to me: 'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts. (7) 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"' (8) Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying: (9) "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you. (10) For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the Lord, which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."***

Zerubbabel was building the foundation of the house of the Lord. He had a challenge to obstruct his efforts. It was his mountain to overcome. We have our mountains to overcome. God let him know it would be done in the strength which God supplies-by His Spirit. Zerubbabel shouted, "Grace, grace" to his mountain, and it became a plain. We see in verse 10 that God rejoiced to see the plumb line in his hand. A plumb line was used to see if the wall was straight. So we know Zerubbabel



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did build the wall. The temple of God was built. After shouting, "Grace, grace" to his mountain the work was completed. So if you have a mountain you are facing, begin to shout, "Grace, grace" to it and watch the power of God move in your life. The mountains will fall. And if your efforts up to this point seem very small, remember the word of encouragement to Zerubbabel from the Lord in verse 10- "For who had despised the day of small things (beginnings)?" Keep speaking blessings over your challenge and see the blessings of God overtake the situation. Hang in there until victory is complete. Do not despise the day of small things-see your small things become big and completed in Christ Jesus. Also speak life over your challenges. Jesus always spoke life. Let's speak life! **John 6:63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."**

This grace of God is for all of us who take hold of it so we will have is the grace that saves us, the grace that teaches us, and the grace that gives power to win in life!

In the garden the night Jesus was betrayed He knew it looked bad in His fleshly eyes, but He said to His Father in heaven, "Not My will but Your will be done." Death was staring Him in the eyes, but he knew God's grace would bring Him victory over death. And He knew His resurrection from the dead would bring eternal life to those of us who would receive Him as Savior and Lord. We can all shout, "Grace, grace!" in the face of death and come out winners for eternity. This is for everyone


who receives Jesus as Savior, everyone who confesses Him as Savior, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord.

Will you except God's grace given through His Son Jesus Christ now? If so, Pray-Lord God I ask You to forgive my sins. I repent; I turn from my sins to You Lord. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to shed His blood on the cross to wash away my sins and give me eternal life. I receive Jesus Christ as my Savior and confess Jesus is my Lord. Thank You for giving me eternal life and a home in heaven. Thank You for Your grace to save Me, Your grace to teach me to do your will, and Your grace to give me power to serve you and be an overcomer in life. Jesus, baptize me in the Holy Spirit for the power to be what You want me to be and to be a powerful witness of who You are. Holy Spirit help me to live a life pleasing to the Father. In Jesus Name-Amen.

Now read Romans 3:10, 3:23; 5:8-9; 6:23; 10:9-10, 13; John 3:16-17; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:38 and do as it says. Get water baptized, read your Bible, pray daily, meet often with other believers, confess Jesus before others-tell them the good news of Jesus Christ.

Cowboy Partners: I join with you in shouting, "Grace, grace" to your mountains. We believe for victory in your lives. I thank those of you who are financial and prayer partners with this ministry. We believe God to cast your mountains into the sea. He is for you, not against you. You are well able to overcome through Jesus Christ. Because you stand with us for the gospel of Jesus Christ it puts you in the position to receive blessings. Luke 6:38 says, "Give and it shall be given..." So expect God to move on your behalf. He loves a cheerful giver and He loves to bless His servants. The Bible says if you serve Jesus, the Father will honor you. (John 12:26) We thank our current Cowboy Partners and we welcome you as a new Cowboy Partner should God lead to come along side of us with finances, prayers, and helps as we present Jesus on the rodeo trail, at Cowboy Churches, and other points along the way.

Service: What about your group? Is there anything that we can do for you? Let us know


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Phil 4:19

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the world, Jesus Christ. He got on fire for God. He was delivered from drugs and addiction. Leon Adams a Specialty Contracts Acts performer and Steer Wrestler at rodeos took Wes in. Wes worked on his ranch in Oklahoma. Leon and Vicki Adams helped Wes live the Christian life. Wes says, "My Dad taught me to be tough; Jack Wiseman (a Champion Bull Rider and Steer Wrestler) taught me to win; Leon taught me how to live." God puts people in our lives to help us.

In 1974 I opened a business known as Ronnie Christian Rodeo Equipment Company. We had T-shirts with rodeo designs on them. I put a photo of Wes on one of them showing him making a good ride in the Bareback Riding with the inscription in big letters saying, "Jesus-Don't Miss Him Out". Years later, about 2008, Wes remembered that T-shirt and realized that for a long time God had wanted to use him to spread the good News of Jesus Christ. I had a few of those T-shirts left and presented him with one.

He is now able to be a blessing at his families' ranch and rodeos once again. He dove into the Word of God. He would eat the Word every day as a hungry person will eat when he has not eaten for a while. The Holy Spirit began to help Wes change radically. Jesus baptized Wes in the Holy Spirit and gave him great boldness to be His witness. Everywhere he went he would tell how great Jesus is and how much He loves people. He would give people his testimony to let them know what Jesus will do in a person's life. He got under a good Pastor and Bible teacher, Darryl Baker in Fort Worth, TX. And he continued to grow in Christ **II Peter 3:18 "but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."**

Now Wes was in a new good season of life. New doors began to open. Wes began a career as a Rodeo Announcer. More rodeos each year began to hire him. His finances improved greatly. His relationship with his two daughters was re-established in a healthy way. Life was looking good for the first time in years. The future looked bright.

But just like in rodeo when you ride a good one at one rodeo, then you go to the next one to face a new challenge. In 2014 Wes was diagnosed with colon cancer. He was in treatments for one year which has been rough on his body. But he constantly eats the Word of God and meditates and confesses the promises of God from the Bible. He speaks healing Scriptures over himself. The battle is tough but Wes is fighting the good fight of faith, **(Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, ...)** And he is winning. Without the Word Wes believes the results would be much,



Photo by Hubbell

Wes on Khadafy Skoal - Bucking Horse of the Year.

much worse. Sometimes in the pain all he had was God's Word to get him through. And it has. Wes is strong and steadily feeling healthier. He has a steady schedule of rodeos to announce. He was named Announcer of the Year in 2012-13-14 in the Cowboys Regional Rodeo Association (with rodeos in Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri.) God has blessed him abundantly. **John 10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I (Jesus) have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."** We do have a thief that attacks us, but the Name of Jesus is above every name including cancer and all manner of sickness. And **"by His stripes we are healed."** (I Peter 2:24)

Wes Ward now lives with purpose to help others. He has an assignment as a father to his children. He has an assignment from God to share Jesus and be a light in a dark world. **Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."** Wes has been doing that. He encourages people every where to trust God, trust His Word, and in the name of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit we will be over comers and winners in life. Plus we get eternal life through Jesus! What a great deal. Just ask Wes Ward-he will more than happy to tell you.

Wes Ward -Rodeo Announcer-AND- Good News Announcer

- Colorfully announcing the rodeo action
- Excitingly announcing the Good News of Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God!

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Deuteronomy 28:1-15 Blessings on Obedience

28 "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. (2) And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God: (3) "Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. (4) "Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.(5) "Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. (6) "Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. (7) "The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. (8) "The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.(9) "The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways. (10) Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. (11) And the Lord will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give you. (12) The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. (13) And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them. (14) So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

Curses on Disobedience

(15) "But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His

statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: (and there is a list of curses in verses 16-68- basically it is opposite of the blessings listed, plus more.)

Psalm 35:7 Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let the Lord be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

Proverbs 10:22 "The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it."

Proverbs 11:25 "The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself."

2 Corinthians 9:7-11 (7) Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (8) And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; (10) Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; (11) you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God."

Philippians 4:19 "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." This verse was written by the Apostle Paul to those who were giving into his ministry and helping take care of his needs.

Be involved in the kingdom of God with your finances, time and talent. Find a good church and good ministries to be a partner with. As you give to them you are helping everyone they help, and you will receive blessings as they also receive them for serving Jesus. In John 14:26 Jesus said, "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him."



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- March 3-5 -Bay City, TX-PRCA Rodeo-Carr Classic Pro
- March -Boerne,TX-(date pending) The Church at Boerne-Paul Tuttle
- March 10-12 -Marshall, TX-PRCA Rodeo-Carr Classic Pro
- March 18-20 -Goliad, TX-PRCA Rodeo Stace Smith
- March 24-26 -Nacogdoches, TX-PRCA Rodeo-Carr Classic Pro
- March 27 -Trinity, TX-Risin Sun Cowboy Church-Ron Conatser
- April 1-2 -Huntsville, TX-PRCA Rodeo-Stace Smith
- April -Boerne, TX-(date pending) The Church at Boerne-Paul Tuttle
- April 8-9 -Ft Worth ,TX-Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame
- April 20 -Lufkin,Tx-Cross Timbers Cowboy Church-Ford Adkins
- April 20-23 -Lufkin,TX-PRCA Rodeo -Stace Smith
- April 24-27 -Sealy, TX-(pending)
Cowboy Ministers Conference-Huffman/Rice



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On The Trail

The busy spring Rodeo schedule is here again. Cherlyn and I will be at rodeos and other events several days each week during this time during March and April, right on into May and June also. Texas has plenty of events here to keep us busy. We will be presenting Jesus as mankind's only hope of true peace and eternal life.

We started the year at the Texas Circuit Finals Rodeo in Waco, Texas. We had good crowd in the contestant's area before the rodeo for Cowboy Church on Jan1-2, 2016. We have some excited cowboys and cowgirls who are ready to learn more and grow in Christ. (II Peter 3:18)

Next we were guest ministers at Ridin' With Christ Fellowship in Waller, Texas for their January Revival. Pastor Art Musgrove and the people there are growing in Christ and doing a good work for Jesus in that area. Over the last eight years I have been able to preach, teach, and minister to this bunch of people that are hungry for the Lord. We have seen salvations, healings, deliverance, and a move of the Holy Spirit in peoples' lives. Some have come out very bad situations and are now set free by the power of Jesus in their lives. It is always a blessing to be there. They do honor God and His Word. And the gifts of the Spirit are welcomed.

As I write this On The Trail article we are preparing to go to the PRCA Rodeo in San Angelo, Texas. This year it produced by Pete Carr Pro Rodeo Company. It should be good. Pete does a

great job at his rodeos. The contestants and fans alike always enjoy good performances. Pete has always welcomed us at his rodeos to hold Cowboy Church and other ministry we do. He is now, and has been a blessing to this ministry for several years, ever since his first PRCA Rodeo in Louisiana about eight years ago which he co-produced with Scotty Lovelace and Stace Smith. We are glad he is a Cowboy Partner with Christian Cowboys and Friends. We see lots of good fruit for the kingdom of God at these rodeos. Besides Cowboy Church we do a lot of personal one on one ministry with the contestants, their families, the rodeo committees, and fans.

The Cowboy Ministers Network hosted it's annual Conference held in Irving, Texas this year. Dave Simmons, Ann Smith, Corey Ross, Ted Currington have been doing this for several years. It is a place where Cowboy Ministers and Pastors and their spouses can come together to encourage one another. See their Ad in this issue. It states: "A network of cowboy ministers and churches uniting together and connecting with other ministers in fellowship, strength, counsel, and encouragement." Check this organization to see if you would like to be a part of it. Check them on the Internet for more information. Or call one of the Directors whose phone number is listed in their AD.

We will have a steady schedule of places to go again this year. Believe with us for good reports On The Trail. See Mark 16:20 "And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen." That is what we believe for and see.

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When you help the poor God sees it and will move in your behalf. **Here are seven ways – (1) God will deliver you from trouble, (2) preserve you, (3) keep you alive (it produces life), (4) bless you, (5) protect you from your enemies, (6) strengthen you if illness comes, (7) heals your body.**

God watches over the poor and blesses us for helping them.

Proverbs 19:17 "He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, And He will pay back what he has given." And God always pays back in multiplied form. He always gives us more than we give. He is a good God that cares about the affairs of people on earth.

Help the poor when it is possible and when the opportunity arises.. God will bless them through you, and He will bless you as well.

Proverbs 3:27 "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so."

James 2:14-20 Faith Without Works Is Dead. (14) "What does it

profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? (15) If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, (16) and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? (17) Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (18) But someone will say, 'You have faith, and I have works.' Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works."

I was taught that "people don't care how much you know until they see how much you care." A good witness for Jesus is to care about others and help when possible. You will enjoy the life of a giver and the blessings that come with it. Helping the poor brings blessings all around to all involved-the receiver and the giver. And when you give be a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:7 " ...God loves a cheerful giver."

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