

# The Invitation Newsletter-

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"Go to the  
street corners and  
invite to the banquet  
anyone you  
Find."  
-Jesus

It's hard to believe we are well into the Christmas season and at the close of another year. It is equally difficult to comprehend our new direction for this country. Whatever political side of the aisle you are currently on, we have to admit one thing. These are truly turbulent days. However, for those who trust in the saving power of Jesus Christ, we know we are more than conquerors (Rom. 8:37) through His shed blood on the cross. His life gives us new purpose, new vision, and new destiny.

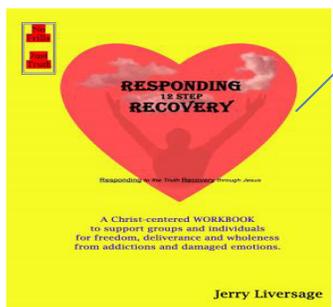
In Romans 6:18, the Bible says, *"having been set free from sin, and have become slaves of righteousness."* For those who claim Jesus Christ as Savior, should also know He is to be Lord of their life. You cannot have one without the other. It is impossible to be neutral. Every person has a master — either God or sin. Though a Christian might fall into a sin, he or she is no longer a slave to sin. This person belongs to God and passionately responds to Jesus. Believers are set free from the control of their evil desires and their selfish habits, free to become enslaved to righteous living. We serve the righteous God who is in the process of transforming us to become more like Him, so that we can be reflective to a lost world and one day share in the glorious resurrection to eternal life. That's not a bad master to have! But Holiness and sin do not and cannot mix. Before Christ, we were wholehearted sinners. After receiving Jesus, we respond to His Holiness and become wholehearted servers. But doing so requires grace, repentance, forgiveness, the Lordship of Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit, restraint of our desires, and disciplined effort by His Grace that works in us (Philippians. 2:13). We have a new passion because of the Holy Spirit within us. He convicts us away from the appearance of evil (1Thessalonians 5:22) and drives us into the arms of Jesus. In 1Thessalonians 5, Paul did not expect the Thessalonian believers to do this in their own strength. The apostle Paul prayed for them that they would continue to know the presence of God through Jesus Christ, and the God of peace who would sanctify them through and through. This included separation from the world and mankind's definition of truth. Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 5:23, *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through [that is, separate you from profane and vulgar things, make you pure and whole and undamaged—consecrated to Him—set apart for His purpose]; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept complete and [be found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

As we are now in the Christmas season, and in a new era regarding this country and the world affairs, there is and never has been a time for a watered down version of sin and the cross of Jesus Christ. He is Emmanuel, God with us, who is ruler over sin, death, hell and the grave. He (Jesus) stands supreme. He gives us a clear voice to respond to His Holy call upon our lives, or walk in a way of destruction. There is no neutral ground! Some say that is a narrow opinion. However, consider the words of Jesus who said in Matt 7:13-14, *"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."* NKJV

May this Christmas season bring about a new form of consecration in your personal life. Don't be misled by the opinion of others. Become a student of God's Word into this New Year. Have a Merry Christmas while you walk in His Promise into the New Year!

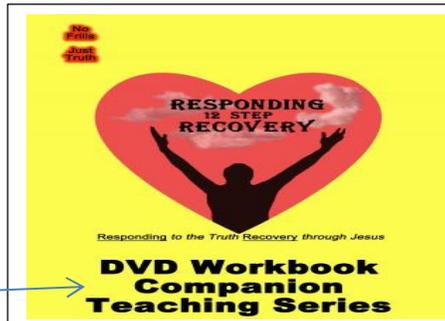
Would you please consider becoming a prayer partner with this ministry? We have a new burden of equipping Bible students with the truth of God's Word in these perilous times. What the world needs is not another smooth talker of re-hashed worldly humanistic view points, while calling it so called Biblical truths. What the world needs is a clear exposition of the Word of God. As finances are available, I have a new manuscript ready for publication. It is entitled - Presence, Power and Purpose in a Lying World. The subtitle is - The TRUTH vs. the Devils Song of Seduction. This publication will be used as a foundation to equip Christian students with a desire of becoming a Christian Drug and Alcohol Addiction Counselor. As you know, I serve as a part-time Evangelist and Pastor. Recently, I have accepted a part-time position as a Certified Instructor/Teacher with the Association of Christian Alcohol and Drug Counselors College (ACADC). I will be teaching a satellite class for Christian students. Part of this vision is due to the need of equipping Christian counselors with a true Biblical view concerning the foundation of Jesus Christ as "The Counselor" vs a humanistic approach to recovery. This spiritual recovery class is not about a Band-Aid approach from dysfunctional behaviors but reconciliation to the Power of God through a relationship with Jesus Christ. You can partner with us as you pray for us as we seek the timing of God in this direction. For more info, go to: [www.respondingrecoveryministries.org](http://www.respondingrecoveryministries.org)

**What does the call concerning the message of Christmas mean to the follower of Jesus Christ?** To a long time friend, Dr. Stephen Manley, it can include the *righteousness* of God in Jesus Christ. He states "In both the Old and New Testaments, it is a state commanded by God. It is exclusively determined by God and tested by His judgment. This means *righteousness* exists when we conform to all that God commands or appoints. In other words, *righteousness* is the standard to which God calls us. Since in both the Old and New Testaments the required standard is God, He becomes the standard of the Christian. In the Old Testament God said to Israel, "**For I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy**" (Leviticus 11:44). He continued, "**For I am the Lord who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy**" (Leviticus 11:45). Peter echoed this same quote in the New Testament context (1 Peter 1:16). Jesus is the visible expression of this holiness. He is the standard; I must be intimate with Him! I am a Jesus pusher!!!"



Want to make a lasting Christmas gift to someone? Order your copy of Jerry's workbook designed for individuals and small groups for the purpose of God's Prescription of Recovery. Send it to someone in need of a fresh "no hype" view of Biblical recovery. For more info, go to: [www.respondingrecoveryministries.org](http://www.respondingrecoveryministries.org)

Also purchase the companion DVD teaching series with your order.



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Do you love Gospel music? Then you will love this little recording of Jerry and Holly Liversage and their daughter Reanna. It is a collection of old Gospel favorites. Purchase through this website.



**New Uploads Soon to Appear on [www.respondingrecoveryministries.org](http://www.respondingrecoveryministries.org)**

In December, the completion of new uploads from **Responding Recovery Television** will be placed on our ministry website for those who do not have access to Spectrum Cable (formerly Time Warner Cable). We will make a few recordings available on this ministry website for those who cannot tune into the Monday thru Friday broadcast on channel #39 through Spectrum Cable based in Costa Mesa, CA. Because of a new ministry volunteer addition, we are in hope of a long awaited vision to increase our media message of the cross, to include training classes in the arena of Biblical Deliverance from drug and alcohol addiction, taught by Jerry Liversage. Also, our new Jerry Liversage Ministries **YouTube Channel** is almost complete, which will include preaching/teaching messages from Jerry.



*As you pray for this ministry, please remember:*

- \* *the Liversage family* \* *Responding Recovery Television* \* *Jerry Liversage Ministries YouTube Channel*
- \* *An expanded vision of Responding Recovery Center in the Inland Empire* \* *the preaching ministry in various churches/venues* \* *Responding Recovery national small group meeting locations.*

**A Thought to Ponder.....**

**Greeting the King** - Noblemen were gathered together in London waiting for the King of Great Britain. They all knew him personally, yet they all honored him as their king. When he entered, they stood solemnly to their feet. "Take your seats, gentlemen," he said, "I count you as my personal friends." And then joking he added, "I am not the Lord, you know!" Immediately one of the noblemen, a Christian, said, "No, sir, if you were our Lord, we would not have stood to our feet; we would have fallen to our knees."