**I Have Called you by My Name and Created you for My Glory**

 I came from America: Land of Plenty. I come with deteriorating eyesight, hearing, walking & failing ability to learn the Haitian Creole language.

 But **I come in the name of the Lord our God & Creator** **with His great message** in His Word in **John** **3:16** “For God so loved the world..” For God so loves you and everyone else very much the same. Amen? (Look at those around you.) Shouldn’t we love them too? **How much does God Care**?

**Isaiah 42:1** “But now thus saith the LORD that **created** thee.. **I have called thee by My name, thou art mine.”** How blessed we are that our God, who formed us, loves us & wants to be involved in our lives.

 But what about all the troubles, trials, corruption & suffering we endure? What does God say?

 **Isaiah 42:2-5** “When thou passest through the waters, **I will be with thee:** and through the rivers, **they shall not overflow thee:** When thou walkest through the fire, **thou shalt not be burned**; neither shall the flames kindle upon thee. **For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Savior: .. Since thou was precious in My sight, thou hast been honorable, and I have loved thee.. Fear not for I am with thee. Vs. 7 Even everyone that is called by My name: for I have created him for My Glory; I have formed him; yea, I have made him.”**

**Isaiah 42:10-13** “..**I am He: before Me there was no god formed neither shall there be after Me**. I **even I, am the LORD; and beside Me there is no savior. I have declared, and have saved and have showed.. therefore ye are My witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God. Yea, before the day was, I am He; there is none who can deliver out of My hand; I will work and who shall let ( hinder) it?”**

It was Jesus who warned us of an enemy who would steal what we have in God: in **John 10:10 “Jesus said,** ‘The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:

 **I am come that they may have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”**

 How about you? Are you on God’s side? Do you want the abundant life He offers as LORD of your life?

The enemy will tell you that you can’t right now. But God says in the Bible, that all things are possible with Him. Who will you believe? How can you have the abundant life He offers? Start at the beginning:

**Truth 1. God: our LORD and Creator of All Good**:



**Rev 4:11 “Thou art worthy, O LORD to receive glory and honor and power:**

**For Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.”**

 God is the one true living LORD of all that He created and He rules with generosity and justice. God chose mankind to take care of the world and be responsible for it as we

Gave thanks and honored Him as LORD over all. **What happened**?

**Truth 2. The Rebellion of Mankind Against Our LORD God: Sin**

 **Isa 53:6a “All we like sheep have gone astray;**

 **We have turned everyone to his own way..”**

Everything that goes wrong is because of choices mankind has made.

We rejected God as LORD; We didn’t thank Him for being our generous Creator and Provider; We are our own little god selfishly trying to change the world & other people according to our will. Self-rule will fail.

**Truth 3. What will God do about our Rebellion Against Him? God’s Justice:**

**Heb 9:27 “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”**

We are accountable to God for dishonoring Him, for treating others poorly & ruining

His world. The judgment is death. We will face Him at a judgment day when He will give the unsaved what they want: separation from Him: the source of life & good things forever. We are all guilty of rebellion against God. **Heb 10:31** “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

**Truth 4. God sent Jesus Christ the Lord to die for us.**

**Isa 53:6 “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”**

**John 3:16 “For God so loved the world (you) that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus Christ) that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish (shall not be left to suffer the consequences of his rebellion)**, **but have everlasting** **life.”**

Jesus,thankful, honoring & obeying God in all things,loved us and died in our place on the cross.

**Truth 5. Jesus is our Risen Lord and Savior**

**1Pet 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”**

God accepted Jesus’ death as payment in full for our sins& raised Him from the dead as Lord & judge of all. Jesus is Savior for all who trusting in Him ask for forgiveness of sin and receive new life in Him. **John 3:36 “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him.”**

 Do you want this new life that **Jesus offers to us, His: to be called by His name** “Christian” or child of God? In this new life that Jesus offers, **God Himself comes to live within us** **by His Spirit** so we can experience the joy of a new restored relationship with the LORD God and our Creator. **Come to Him through faith in Christ as your Lord and Savior**.

**Rom 10: 9-10, 13 “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness: and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Our Heavenly Father and Creator says, ‘I have called you by name and created you for My Glory. Will you come?’**

**2Thes1:11-12 “Wherefore also we pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith and power: that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”**