Christian Haiku Group Writing Project
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Introduction

Faithful Bloggers is a community for Christian bloggers. Our purpose is to provide a common ground where we can encourage one another to use our blogs for the glory of God. While we want to mix and mingle and have fun, our purpose is to help you build a blog that will glorify the Lord while also strengthening your relationship with Him.

Why was Faithful Bloggers started?

As blogging continues to grow in popularity, a wonderful benefit to this “hobby” has arisen. The ability to meet new friends and form relationships is easier than ever. For those who are in rural areas or are housebound in some way, meeting someone is as easy as turning on your computer and relaying your thoughts. For Christians a challenge becomes apparent. Due to the rampant ungodliness that abounds on the Internet, the world of blogging is an overwhelming and often scary place to be. Where can a person who is striving to live the Christian life find an online area of common ground where she can build those godly relationships? Searching for Christian bloggers can be achieved through a simple search. It is overwhelming, however, to find that sense of community with a common purpose – becoming holy and serving our God – when we limit it to just searching through a search engine. Thus, Faithful Bloggers was born.

The Project

Faithful Bloggers issued a group writing challenge to write Christian Haiku. Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry which originated in the 16th century. It is a pattern of 3 lines of poetry. The three lines contain specific numbers of syllables, the first line has 5 syllables, the second 7 syllables and the third line has 5 syllables. Here is an example from Tom DiFrancesca III of http://www.4u-lord.com.

*Immeasurable*

*Like snowflakes falling quickly*

*God's grace pouring down*

Many contributors accepted the challenge to write Christian Haiku, the following pages are filled with the outpouring of their faith beautifully expressed through Christian Haiku. Each contributor was allowed to submit up to 10 Haiku. Some submitted just one, others submitted anywhere up to 10. We hope you enjoy them and they bless you.

Thank you to those who contributed.
I’m such a sinner
Saved by His amazing grace
Wrapped in forgiveness

Yahweh sent His Son
to die for us on the cross
and opened Heaven

God hopes we choose Him
to spend eternity there
Heaven can be home

Love in such a way
displaying heavens kingdom
bringing joy to all

Be a positive
influence on your city
demonstrating love

The silver lining
in all tragedy around
is Gods perfect love
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Unfathomable
The depth of his love for us
Children of The LORD

Inexplicable
His presence alive in me
Grace pulsating life

Undeniable
The finished work of the cross
His blood ransomed me

Impenetrable
The fortress of God my King
Secure by His Might

Excruciating
Bearing the pain of my sin
Loved me to the cross

Impermeable
Death has lost its power
Blood retains the keys

Majestically
Jesus ascends to heaven
To prepare my home

Exhuberantly
My heart listens for His call
I am Homeward bound

Gratuitously
I was created for love
To be loved by Him

Indispensable
Life’s necessity for God
Without which I die
**Title: Temptation**
Nothing to be faced
That is not common to all
Christ paid the way out

**Title: In Recovery**
One day at a time
He strengthens me for battle
Overcoming lusts

**Title: Saved!**
I'll never forget
That moment of salvation
My world turned around

**Title: A Joyful Noise**
Sing a song of praise
A joyful noise accepted
I give all I have

**Title: The Twelve Steps**
Admit. Believe. Turn.
These are the twelve steps

**Title: Serenity Prayer**
Accept what I can't change
Courage for changing myself
Serenity is found

**Title: Overcome**
By the blood of Christ
And sharing testimony
Good news is heard

**Title: Creator God**
A creator God
The maker of ev'rything
He made me to love

**Title: He Brings the Rain and Sun**
Rainy days will come
But they won't last forever
He clears clouds away

**Title: Faithful Bloggers**
Faithful Bloggers write
Spreading the Good News around
All the earth will read
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He walked on water
why then when waves loom do you
sleep with the fishes

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A pit of despair
Jesus met me in that place
His arms around me

Little Zacchaeus
Small Stature didn't stop him
Climbed a tree to see

Mary and Martha
Invited him to their home
Close Friends to Jesus

No warm reception
She washed his feet with her tears
True love in action

Abram and Isaac
Traveled far to sacrifice
God supplied the lamb

Murdered on a tree
Crushing death he rose day three
Saving sinner-me

In six days He did it
Created a lovely world
Still working on me

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The smell of flowers,  
the earthy scent of Spring rain  
speaks to His mercies.

Submitted by: Anonymous

I’m fighting to win  
I don’t know the war inside  
Is already won  

So dead in my sin  
I shun the arms open wide  
Of God’s only Son  

I’m fading away  
I don’t know that I am weak  
In darkness I roam  

So I turn to pray  
For strength from God I must seek  
His arms are my home  

Wipe their tears away  
Comfort them in their despair  
Fill them with your strength
Undaunted I rise
From within the tomb of woe
Risen once for all!

He lived, breathed, and walked
Amongst us; the Perfect Lamb
Of God, our Saviour.

I once was lost but
Now I’m found alive in Christ
Redeemed forever.

Easter lilies bloom
Triumphantly rejoicing
Near the empty tomb.

I wept in despair
Trapped in sin, until His Love
Claimed me for His own!

The Three Crosses stood
Testament to Golgotha’s
Pain but Christ’s Triumph.

The mountains declare
His Glory, His Majesty
Beyond any words.

Darkness has no hold
When Light overpowers it.
Rejoice in the Son!
Legacy

Ripe fruit hanging low.
Promises whispered softly.
One bite shared with all.

Courage

Guarded doors, gilded columns. Breath suspended, the scepter will decide.

Faith

Storm clouds looming and darkness gathering, then comes a ray of soft light.

Forgiveness

Hair unveiled over alabaster shards and tears quiets all save one.

Regret

A wooden boat on solid ground. A closed door and a fat drop of rain.

Hope

Warm, dry hay and warm wet noses nestled against tiny hands unpierced.
1. Bless my breath, Oh Lord
   Rescue my words from hell's grip
   Whisper to my lips.

2. Stomach says, "Stay tight"
   Lips are pinched like parrot's beak
   Heart stay soft, let in.

3. Give up! Give in! Lead!
   All in my life swims around
   Reach! Grab! Hold to God!

4. To have and to hold,
   And marry the true, without...
   God, leaves hole inside.

5. The bitten apple
   Partaking in the bad fruit
   Then produce bad fruit.

6. Breathe, breathe, holding breath
   Rigid body, rigid face
   Pleading, praying... God.

7. Dove resting in son
   Lamb, white wool, peacefully sleeps
   Lion, sees, guards, roars!

8. Showing my passion
   Not striving for perfection
   I will be the Church!

9. Stomach draw the pain
   What sustains, feeds, fills, comforts?
   Heart accept His love.

10. God is my healer
    He's my restorative touch
    Dove, Lamb, Lion, my shield.

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Holy Spirit come
Today answer my Prayer
And bring to me peace

My light shines for you
Be still and know I am God
Do not be afraid

Lord never leave me
Send your Angels for comfort
In peace I will be

Gifts of the Spirit
Come from the heavens above
To bring joy and love

Oh Lord your presence
Comforts me in my weakness
And provides Guidance

Wipe their tears away
Comfort them in their despair
Fill them with your strength

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Shining rays of Love
Roses by the garden gate
Bow to His glory

His blood covers me
Erases my many sins
Makes me white as snow
Make room for Jesus
Your heart will overflow with
Love that knows no end

With mercy and grace
He can meet your deepest need
Make room for Jesus

Jesus, sent from God
Humbly took on human form
Love personified

To a darkened world
Jesus, loving Lamb of God
Came with light and life

**The Gift of Love**

A night spent in prayer
Then came a kiss to betray
What a bitter taste

But all was not lost
Lips of evil would bring death
A taste of turmoil

Out of death came life
A resurrected Savior
Taste this kiss of light

Jesus, born to die
Offered Himself in our place
Taste this gift of love

Everything is fresh
Death’s hold has lost its power
Come taste of new life

Morning breaks in song
Dew sparkles with sun kissed light
Taste of untold joy
"Marvel"
Fix your eyes upon
Your God and Your Creator;
Marvel at His work.

"Your Ways"
Your ways are true Lord.
Put a longing in my heart
I will seek your will.

"Thankful"
Forever thankful
How awesome is my Savior
He has gave me life

"From Darkness to Light"
I was in darkness,
But then He came and found me
I am now in light

"His Love"
How wretched I was
My works were as filthy rags
Yet you still loved me

"He Is Worthy"
Worthy is His name
Pure and perfect sacrifice
Paid the debt for me

“Grace”
Your grace continues
Like a stream that softly flows
It never runs low

“Thank you, God”
Forever thankful
For blessings that you give me
For grace that was free

“Purpose to Glorify”
You give me purpose
This is my reason to live
Glorify the king

“Abundant in Love and Mercy”
In this I find joy
Your mercy is plentiful
Your love never ends
If death were His end
we'd all be shattered vessels--
Resurrection is!

A tired pilgrim
falls asleep on the tour bus
clutching his Bible

God shines joy! Big! Bold!
Earth umber haloed in gold--
Sunflower. Full bloom.

Lion of Judah--
God's Face in a sunflower;
His mane is ablaze!

Somewhere in Heaven
there's a bottle of my tears--
even the dry ones.

My sad sunflower
nods its golden head in prayer
it's nine/eleven

Ocean Grove morning
A multitude of angels
somersault to shore

On Ocean Grove beach
A Cross atop a sand dune
is a seagull's perch

It's Rosh Hoshanna--
Shofars blow beneath the moon
and crickets join in

You are the dear lamb
the Shepherd holds near His heart.
Oh! How He loves you!
Encounter with God
Surrounded with Love and Grace
Stand in His Glory

Abiding with God always
Building strength through your trials
Living the Love of God

Breathing in God’s grace
The fragrance of forgiveness
Filling with perfect peace

A kite needs the wind
Stars shine brighter in the dark
Growth after the rain

Forgiveness through faith
Perfection found in His peace
Bitterness removed

Abide in God’s love
Treasure your relationship
More than religion

We’re one in the flesh
Dreaming. Hoping together
God’s Love in the world

Abiding as one
Our Hopes, dreams, laughter, sorrow
Living the Love of God

Journey to your joy
Forgiveness, love, faith, and peace
The light for your path

Declutter your heart
Grudges all handed to God
Perfectly peaceful
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God renews, restores
dew drops, raindrops, morning sun
Refreshing the soul with love

Always loving you
a far way off grace sees you
welcoming you home

Forgotten, let go
waves wash over the sandy shore
Heart of forgiveness

House built on a rock
Sandy soil makes one to sink
Be a wise builder

Too busy to hear
slow down, listen, learn of Him
The housework can wait

Faithful diligence
all aboard, God shut the door
His promise revealed

Unknown history
Where you are God will meet you there
refreshing the soul

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Irresistible
Addicting love from above
God is all I need
Almighty Father
Holding me, His baby child.
His love keeps me safe.

Sunshine, dirt, and rain.
Flowers bloom fresh in the Spring.
God's beautiful world.

Take out your sword now.
The word of God is alive,
Sharp and powerful.

Sweeter than chocolate.
God's love is better than life.
Sparklier than gold.

Infinite wisdom,
Omniscient, omnipotent.
He is the true God.

Smarter than Batman.
Jesus, my superhero.
Stronger than the Hulk.

I am moved by Him.
His love makes me dance in streets.
Like David, I whirl.

He wants us with Him.
Revelation is coming.
Jesus will be back.

Cast your nets and lines.
We are now fishers of men.
What will your catch be?

Peru to Asia,
All around the whole wide world,
God is always there.
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Inescapable
His eyes, watching over us
Not for harm, for good
2 Chronicles 16:9, Jeremiah 29:11

Undeniable
His love, laid down on the cross
Broken for us all
John 3:16

Unbelievable
His life, offered to us all
if we just believe
John 10:10

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His grace is enough
Passing through my soul
Living in thankfulness

Guided by a voice
Calm as a whisper, gentle
Not in the earthquake or fire
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