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- realizing the power of a life in Christ-



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THE ROCK OF OUR LIVES

Anyone who reads or hears the words of Jesus and obeys them is like a wise person who builds their house on the rock. No matter what comes, whether rain pouring down, rivers flooding over, or wind blowing hard against that house, it does not fall because it is built on the rock. Said more directly, a person's life built on the words of Jesus is built on absolute truth and can stand against the attacks of the world. But anyone who reads or hears the words of Jesus and does not obey them is like a foolish person who builds their house on sand. When rain pours down, rivers flood over, or wind blows hard against that house, it falls down. And the fall is terrible (see Matthew 7:24-27).

A life not built on the truths of the Lord cannot stand. Always remember, the words of Jesus are absolute truth. Live as if you believe them because you do believe them. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Ask the Lord, the Father, the Holy Spirit to guide your understanding of all his words, to bring them to your mind whenever they are needed, to keep you focused.

Always, as is written on all our ministry documents including the bottom of each page of this newsletter, **KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS!**

JESUS IS ALL THAT MATTERS – THAT AND YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO HIM

By now after all these years of newsletters and videos and television programs and postings on X and in-person programs and recordings and so on, I hope you know this deep in your heart and soul and mind. It is truth, absolute truth. But, you may say, what about God? Well, have you forgotten, Jesus is God. Jesus said once, "The Father and I are one." God exists in three forms – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All three are God.

This has all been said in other ways. One famous phrase is: When you get right down to it, Jesus is all that matters." Well, yes, true, that and your relationship with him, your knowledge of and understanding of him.

Jesus. Just saying the word in a room increases the peace and calm there. Just say it – out loud – say it several times. Praise the Lord. He is your hope and your future. He is your life. He is your only hope.

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!

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DOING OUR PART

All believers have the ongoing responsibility to tell others about Jesus as we can, to help God the Father lead others to a saving knowledge of the Lord.

God has known from the beginning who will be in his Kingdom and who will not.

⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸that he lavished on us. – Ephesians 1

But you and I do not have that knowledge, so we work to get the truths of Jesus and the gospel out to as many as possible.

¹⁵He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. ¹⁶Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. – Mark 16:15-16

The Lord truly has equipped each of us for this, with different skills and talents and opportunities.

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. – 2 Corinthians 5

Indeed we are God's representatives on earth, seeking to do his work here.

²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. – 2 Corinthians 5

Ask the Holy Spirit to arrange whatever encounters he would have you have and to guide you in any discussions regarding Jesus, salvation, the gospel. These are the very last days of this age. God is reaching the last ones to come into his Kingdom before the Tribulation, and he is doing that through us.

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS MIRACLE

On the next page is my account of the wonderful and extraordinary miracle of God stepping into Cathy and my lives many years ago one day in the Christmas season. Each year I send this article out or a link to it. If you have ever wondered just how much God is involved in your daily life, just how much he keeps up with details of your life, this will answer your questions. If you have ever wondered just how much he loves you, this article is for you. Share this article with others who need to know all this!

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CLEMENTINES

God loves us. He really, really does. That's a key part of the Christmas message. Why else would He ever have sent His son here to go through what he went through? And why else would Jesus ever have willingly gone to the cross?

I was reminded of that this past weekend in a way only God can arrange. Sunday afternoon a friend was coming to visit us at home. Late in the afternoon the doorbell rang, and I opened the door. There stood our friend, holding out a box of clementines. For those of you who do not know, clementines are small citrus fruit, like small oranges, and they seem to make an appearance in grocery stores about this time of year. They come in small but clearly distinct boxes.

Our friend handed me this box of clementines. "God told me to get this for you," she said. And she went on, exclaiming that God was very specific and strong about it. "So I went into a grocery store and I couldn't find them. I thought that I would just get a poinsettia, but well, God said to get clementines." So she stuck with her search, and she found them. Later in the kitchen she spoke with Cathy and asked if clementines were my favorite. Our friend couldn't get over how insistent God had been.

Later I thought more about this. I remembered how as my children grew up we would always get a box of clementines sometime around Christmas. It was a regular feature in our house. The box could always be found sitting somewhere in the kitchen. Everyone liked them. To this day when I see a display of clementines in a store, I want to buy a box.

And I thought some more. Here we are in the ministry involved in our usual activities and praying for guidance from God on key issues, like where and how to proceed in the expensive television ministry, where and what meetings to arrange, whether to begin another regular meeting in southeastern NC, and more. For months, even years, we have been going steadily forward, always fighting and overcoming attacks of the evil one which do come whenever anyone steps out for God. Into the midst of all that God sent an obedient woman friend to bring a box of clementines. Even when I write this the Holy Spirit is so strong in the office I keep stopping and reflecting. Is that love? Yes! And much more. That is God saying - John, even in the midst of all this, I'm still here, and I love you, and look, I even know little things about you, like how you like a box of clementines and what that means to you.

So I've been feeling really warm ever since. God sent me a box of clementines for Christmas. God knows where you are and what you're going through. He knows every hair on your head. Every day, if we'll just look around and take time to see with spiritual eyes, we'll see God directing our paths.

What a heavenly Father we have!

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LOOKING BACK AND FORWARDS

Our sincere thanks to all who have supported this ministry with your prayers and your donations this past year! This is the way ministries like ours operate – with costs covered from donations by people like you and the entire ministry being blessed by your prayers.

Our primary focus as you all know for years has been to tell people who Jesus is and that he is coming soon. That is a specific assignment he gave me right in the midst of a service many years ago. Over the years the Lord has led us through many seasons in ministry – in person programs, television, recordings, always writing and publishing in various forms, and much more, always focusing on all aspects of the full gospel and Jesus and his coming return. Throughout that journey we have been overwhelmingly blessed to see and participate in all sorts of healings and wonders. And now in the past couple of years we have been amazingly involved in reaching millions in many nations throughout the world by our videos on Jesus and aspects of his imminent return presented over the X (formerly Twitter) system. This has been extraordinarily encouraging and even amazing as so many often in truly non-Christian countries have been reached. I have written in the past of all the miracles and openings that had to happen for all this to occur – with X, with the technology, with the countries themselves. We all know who did all that.

We intend to continue in this effort as we can and to the extent we have the funds to do so. Nothing can be more important than reaching those who do not know about Jesus and about what is soon to happen. Before the creation of the world God chose those to be holy and blameless in his sight and predestined them for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ (and thus to be in the Kingdom of God). My thought is that while we do not know whether a person is in that chosen group, we must try to get the truths before everyone in order that none of the chosen will miss Jesus and the Kingdom because they have never heard the truths of the gospel.

Please help us reach more and more for Christ in this dreadfully lost world. Many years ago the Lord said to me “Don’t let them go into the night.” We are trying to fulfill that, but it is so hard. If you find it in your heart to donate or to increase your donation, please do so. You can simply mail it in to the ministry address or go to our website and use the donation page to donate by credit card or PayPal. We are so very grateful for any donation. And again thank you to all who donate; one in particular I know has done so from the very beginning of our ministry. God is so good.

HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS!

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