

How to learn to serve and to Love the Lord!

In Service To Jesus



To those who are searching for their purpose in this life and the Life to come!

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Is the Bible outdated? I don't think so!

Wednesday, August 06, 2008

Nearly every important document in our nation's history has some reference to the Bible. Our ancestors came to this country for religious freedom, to serve and worship as they chose to do. The Bible is not a "human inspired history or made up tale", it is the inspired Word of the Living God. The Creator of the universe and of every human being since the beginning of time.

I do realize that the stories recorded in the Bible are hard to accept since the educational system in this country has been pushing the Bible out of the classroom for the past eighty years or so. In some areas of the country, even trying to teach "intelligent design" may get you fired if you are a teacher.

The Bible is the one guide which all mankind can turn to for guidance and truth, and it has stood as such for over two thousand years. The advice given in most, if not all, of the self help books on bookshelves today is echoed in the Bible. The words are different, but the message is the same. Psalms and Proverbs are two of the most influential books in the Bible, with advice about almost any topic contained in both.

Our children and their parents and teachers need the wisdom found in this "outdated" book, and need it desperately. If our society is to survive much longer as a society, our government officials would do well to go back to the practice of opening sessions of Congress with prayer and reading from the Bible.

The Bible is the only religious book which shows that our God loves us and cares for us, all of us. It should be one of the first books required to be read and studied in school from elementary through college. It doesn't have to be the major point of study, but all other studies should branch from its principles. I know this is not going to be a popular view of education, but it would serve our world much better, and we could serve Him better as well, if it were the center of education rather than being pushed out as "antique" and outdated.

The stories in the Bible reflect the human condition and our struggle with ourselves and the struggles we all face on a daily basis. The nation and people of Israel went through these struggles while on their way to the land which God had promised them. They fought Him almost every step of the way. God would get angry at them like a father does with his children, they would repent. Then "not many days hence", they would be off on another rebellious act doing something they were told not to do. Exactly the way we behave today, as children and as adults.

What has always puzzled me is that they SAW the miracles that God performed with their own eyes. How could they possibly have been so disobedient? Because they were human and until we realize just how much we depend on God's grace and mercy just to get through every day, or even to wake up every morning, we will always be just as disobedient.

His love for us is like that of a parent for a child, unconditional. Without regard for our faults, our foibles, or our sinful nature. If God had not loved us, all of us, He would not have sent His son, the perfect Lamb of God, to cleanse the world of its sins. "He became sin who knew no sin."

Jesus, Creator, Son of God, Prince of Peace

Wednesday, August 06, 2008

He was born of a virgin who was betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the family line of David. A carpenter who raised his "son" to be a carpenter as well. Jesus fulfilled all of the prophecies about Himself which were written hundreds of years before he was born. How can any person, hearing a sermon from the Bible choose not to believe?

There are many answers to that question especially today when the sanctity of life is in question and so many crimes are committed for even trivial things. These times were told about in the Bible by Jesus Himself. I am not going to quote scripture here but I will refer you to Matthew 22 through 24 as well as John 21. These chapters contain enough truth from the Creator of the universe to change the hearts and minds of millions, if you will believe.

God created mankind in His image and we should strive to be more like Him every day for that is what we are here for. All of creation shows the power and majesty of God, from the smallest bacteria to the blue whale to the largest stars and galaxies. Everything which God created fulfills its purpose, even the angels and demons and Satan himself for he was once an angel. Man has a choice, just like the angels, of whether to serve God and His purpose for our lives or to rebel against Him and do what we "feel" like doing.

Our purpose in life is to seek His will. To many people that is a confusing and hopeless proposition, but if you read the Bible you can discover His will for us and for yourself as well. There are no magic potions or spells which give you complete satisfaction in life and there are no other ways to do His will other than to be what He intended for you to be. I have discovered that if you ask Him to show you what your special ability is and what He wants you to do with it, He will answer you. The answer may not come on your time table, but it will come by His.

God loves all of humanity, no matter who you are or where you are from. He created all of us and He knew us even before we were born. He can see what you will do in the future as well as everything we do every day, no matter how small or insignificant you might think it is. God put your DNA together bit by bit while you were in the womb because He knew you would be a child of His. He also knows what you will do with your belief. Whether you will use it for Him or not. If you do, your reward in Heaven will be great; if you don't you may still get to Heaven but your reward will not be as wonderful. Just being there will be enough reward for me because I will be able to see the family that has gone on before me and I will be able to see Jesus. That is enough for me.

God richly bless all of you and your families and I will see you when we get there!

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My life as a blogger for Jesus!

Saturday, August 09, 2008

This blog and its content are new but the message is old. Jesus came and died for our sins, ALL OF THEM for people everywhere! I thought that Jesus only died for the sins we committed before we were Christians, but He died for everyone's sins no matter when

they were committed! Isn't that fantastic!!

God knew who would reject Him and who wouldn't. He can also see into the future and know who will accept His message and who will reject that as well. He doesn't pick and choose and never has. We are the one's with free will and the choice of whether we will follow Him and believe Him or not. Our reward for this is eternal life and the indescribable pleasure of serving Him and His purpose, not only here on earth but throughout eternity.

The alternative is separation from God and the knowledge of what could have been had we made the right choice. Unfortunately, in our world, there are many religions which say that there are many paths to Heaven. But there is only one and that is through our faith in Christ, not in ourselves. We can never be good enough, humanity is not capable of that and never will be without the spirit of Christ dwelling in your heart after you believe.

I have been asked, "How do you know you are saved?" If you truly believe and have accepted Him, you will know. Just saying the words, going to church on Sunday, being a good person, giving to the poor, etc. are not enough!

Please accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior! Read the New Testament, especially Romans, all the way through! If you can get through it without being saved and accepting Him, I will pray for your soul to be stirred even more! Your eternal future is at stake, don't think you are going to be partying in Hell because that is not what it is. It is a place of torment and pain and it never ends, ever!

I pray that anyone reading this will get down on their knees and invite Jesus into their hearts as soon as possible. Because, you are not guaranteed tomorrow or even the next minute in this life you must at least read the Bible. Open your heart and mind to God and let His love and mercy flow from Heaven to you. You will never know how great it feels to know that the God who created everything, including you molecule by molecule, loves you.

Olympic sized faith!

Tuesday, August 12, 2008

I have been reading the autobiography of Dr. Billy Graham and his testimony of the power of God is truly Olympic in proportion! I have had God answer my prayers many times too, but never in proportion to what Dr. Graham had to happen when he was conducting a crusade in Los Angeles. God truly is awesome!!

He has to be, He is the Creator of the Universe and everything in it! There is nothing too small or too big for Him to take care of or to create whenever He chooses to do so.

The story of salvation is spelled out for all

Sunday, August 17, 2008

I have read a book by Dr. D.James Kennedy about the true meaning of the constellations. God outlined the path of salvation in them so that if people could understand and take the time to understand His ways, the constellations would spell out salvation for all.

In ancient times, the "pole" star was in the constellation of Scorpio which is a representation of the devil. Earth was under the influence of Satan up until the time of Christ and His crucifixion and resurrection, and it still is to a certain extent. After Christ's time, the pole star shifted to the constellation of Ursa Minor. We see this as the little dipper but it is represented as a little bear in most paintings of constellations. It is actually a sheep-fold or pen, representing the church after Jesus' time, waiting for the shepherd to come back.

God named all of the stars and placed them where they are so that they would serve their purpose of showing all the people the way to salvation. Unfortunately, the message and the constellations themselves were perverted into astrology and myth by the pagan world and that is what has caught on and become popular. Their true message, if looked at from the perspective of the message in the Bible, is an outline of salvation and the struggle between Satan and Christ and Christ's ultimate triumph over Satan.

There is so much more to add to this, but the bottom line message is that we can be saved from our own sinful ways and the temptation which comes from Satan through the acceptance of Jesus as our savior. After that, we should serve Him and further spread His word and message to all who will accept it. He loves all of you like His own children because He formed all of us in the womb bit by bit and He knows exactly who will come to Him and when, whether you know it or not. We are not to take our lives for granted because tomorrow is not guaranteed to you much less next month or next year. Please consider the words of the Bible from John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whosoever would believe in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Believe in Jesus and the fact that He came to pay the penalty for all of our sins. He was not just a "good man or a great prophet". He was and is the Son of God. "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him were all things made; without him nothing was made that has been made." John 1: 1-3

So many souls, not enough time

Friday, August 22, 2008

Christians have been given the greatest commission of all, to spread the gospel of Jesus and his plan of salvation for humanity. In the world right now there are so many people who need Christ, but there are so few willing or able to bring His message to them all. I am hoping that some of you who read this blog will consider being a witness for Him. If you are not a Christian, please find someone who has a Bible and read it. The plan is in there and the purpose for your life is in there too. Don't neglect your immortal soul. Eternity is a long, long time. Spending it in hell would be horrible since accepting Him and His Son is what will keep you out of it! Once you have accepted Him, you can serve Him by showing others what He has done for you.

I had "accepted" Jesus, or thought I had, many years ago but it wasn't until I went to a Promise Keepers rally that my soul yearned for Him and His word. Ever since then my life has changed drastically. I am no longer working in the vocation I was trained for, although I am still working in a hospital. I am working in the IT field now which I believe He called me to as my ministry and since working with computers is something that I truly enjoy. So now, my work is not so much "work" until something REALLY goes wrong. But, He gives me the ability to handle even those times as well.

Please consider your options and read the Bible, at least parts of the New Testament like Romans and 1 Corinthians. They contain some passages which should prick your heart and your soul. 'Til next time. In Jesus' name.

God knows you and cares for you!!

Monday, September 08, 2008

There are many who say that there are many paths to heaven. I believe that there is only one "path" and that is through belief and trusting in Jesus. Our lives are hard enough without having to walk so many paths trying to find our own way to heaven. The fact is that "we" can't find our own way. Only through putting our trust in Jesus, like a child puts their trust in their parents, can we have the assurance of our salvation.

I have heard many people say that they don't want to give up control of their lives to someone they can't see and don't know if they are real or not. God's word is real! He and his son were both there at the beginning. They created everything around us, above us, and below us so their reality is our reality! Just because they are spirit at this time, doesn't mean they aren't real. You can't see cell phone signals either, but your cell phone works. You can't see electricity but if you grab an electrical wire with your hand, you will know that it is there.

Our creator put each molecule inside your body as he formed you in the womb. He knows exactly how you will react to certain situations, what you will do and how you will do it. He can see the future because he is outside of time and space and not limited by anything. There are so many miracles which happen everyday and all of them come from Him. God loves you and wants what is best for you if you will only trust Him. He knows who will answer His call on their lives and who will not. But, He also knows who He has given talent to for his kingdom and the specific talents that he has given them.

Our lives are miracles just because He allows us to live! The penalty for sin is death so without Jesus taking that penalty on Himself, we should all be dead. But God knew each of us and knows each of us today. He doesn't want any of us to go to Hell, yet if we don't answer the door of our hearts when Jesus comes knocking, we will. No amount of water, or emotional displays in the church will bring you to Christ unless you answer the call of the Holy Spirit. Your life will change and there will be no turning back. When you do sin after a true conversion, you will know it instantly and will repent because your heart and spirit will convict you of it. There are many who think they have "found" the Lord but if they came when they wanted to, it is a lie. Search the scriptures, pray a true sinners prayer meaning every word, not just repeating what someone tells you to. A truly repentant heart is the sacrifice which is required, after which you will gladly serve Him in whatever capacity you can. It may only be in your job by being a reflection of Him. You may be called to the mission field or into service as a deacon or pastor. Whatever your gift is, he will perfect it in you through Christ Jesus.

Think on these things and know that He is Lord of all.

Do you believe in the existence of Hell?

Sunday, September 14, 2008

I have heard many stories of people who don't believe in Heaven or Hell, though I can't understand why. I guess if I weren't a servant of God and didn't believe the Bible as the word of God, I wouldn't either. There are many passages in the Bible which point to the existence of Hell and describe it as well. I just finished a book entitled, "23 Minutes in Hell" by Bill Wiese.

The reality of Hell is not whether or not it exists, just that it does! Jesus referred to it, the prophets of the old Testament referred to it. It is a real place. I know that many people say that a loving God could not send people to hell, but He will! The simple act of refusing his gift of eternal life through belief in Jesus will send you there, God doesn't want any human in hell. He created it for Satan and his demons, not us. Through rejection of His Son and the sacrifice made in our place, many people will go to Hell that would not have gone there by making the choice to accept Him as their savior.

I know that in many churches, the existence of hell is not preached but that doesn't mean that it is not there. Fire looks pretty but if you put your hand in it you will still be burned. The fire of hell is just as hot as any fire, if not hotter than that on earth, but your life after death is eternal and that is a LONG time!! The fire of hell does not consume you it just tortures you forever. God is not the one who sends you there, you do! By accepting Jesus as your lord and Savior you can escape that fate.

I know some will think that I get some compensation from a publisher by putting a link to Bill Wiese's book in this blog, but I assure you that I do not. I only put the link there to encourage you to get the book and read it. Then check the references to the Bible and other works that he uses and you will see that hell is a real place. If you don't believe after that, you will find out personally when you die. Instead of an angel coming to get you, there will be demon. I don't have to go into any more detail than that. Please, consider the validity of the Bible and the message in it's pages. It is true and Jesus is waiting. Don't wait until it is too late because no one knows when their time will come. It may be tonight or tomorrow. Don't put it off, please!

It has been a stressful week

Saturday, September 20, 2008

I have been buffeted by some attacks from "the dark side" this week and they have been particularly stressful. The power of God is awesome in spite of this and He has given me the strength, both physically and spiritually, to stand against them. Through the prayers of my family, myself, and dear friends I have come through and will be stronger for it.

Jesus can do all things and I can too as long as I allow Him to work through me and not try to do it on my own strength. It is the "allow" part that most people have trouble with. We are not programmed that way by the world. We are told from a very young age that we can do anything and that it is up to us and no one else. That is one way of looking at things but it is not the way that God wants us to look at life.

Our lives are meant to be used in service to Him, no matter what occupation we have. He intends for us to use our occupations, such as policemen, firefighters, home-makers,

factory workers or medical personnel to ultimately serve Him. Your service for God can be as little as showing that you are His by not arguing, or letting someone on a bus have your seat. Speaking with an elderly person about their life and really listening. Taking the trash out for your parents or your neighbor without being asked to do so and not asking for money. In other words, show that Jesus lives in your heart by what you do not what you say or by a cross on a necklace.

You can be a child of God just by asking Jesus into your heart and life. It really is that simple. There are many who don't think that they can be forgiven by Him, but since He forgave even those who rejected and crucified Him, He can forgive you too. Won't you let Him in to show you just how good it feels to be forgiven? Even if you don't know how to pray, God can tell when you are sincere about your repentance and are ready to receive Him.

There are many ways to Heaven????

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

I heard today that many people in America, even born-again Christians, believe that there is more than one way to Heaven. Have any of you ever been to a church service where the Bible is taught? And that it is the literal word of God?

I can't believe that anyone who thinks the Bible is the word of God, and that it is true, could possibly think or teach that there is a possible way to Heaven that doesn't involve the acceptance of Jesus as Savior! The Old Testament confirms that belief and faith in God's promises were the only possibility of being justified by God at that time. Nevertheless, they went to the "pit" until Jesus went down to "release the captives" while he was in the tomb.

There are those who don't think that could have happened but the Bible says so, so I believe it.

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and The Life. No one comes to the Father but through Him. (Paraphrase of John 14:6) You can be as good as you can be and still not be able to get into Heaven. Our "righteousness" is as filthy rags to God, no matter what we think or what others think of us.

I know that sounds like a very narrow-minded way of looking at things, but the road to Heaven is narrow and the door to that roadway is narrow as well. That "door" is Christ, and He is the only way to get there. If you still doubt me, read God's word in John, or Luke, or Romans as well. They all say the same thing, just in different words.

A blessed life

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

I am writing today to express my joy. Not only has God blessed me and my family in ways that I never considered, but He has blessed me as well. I am not speaking of money or any material possessions but of spiritual blessings. He has revealed to me that my life is His and His alone. I am a Gideon and very proud of it, and yet I humble myself before God because He is the one who put me where I am and at the time that He put me.

My ministry is here on this blog and elsewhere so I pray that my ministry will bloom like a field in the desert after the rain. Please, consider your salvation and ask Him to come into your life. The time is growing shorter all the time and if you are not ready when He comes.....the tribulation is not going to be fun.

According to the Revelation of John, it will be a time of great upheaval all over the world, both spiritually and by other means of warfare. The "god" of this world will not stand by and watch, he will be there controlling all, even though the Christians and the church will already be in Heaven. Likely because of that fact, life on earth will get much worse than it already is. Because there will not be a restraining spirit on earth anymore, there will no longer be any moral compass for anyone unless they have given their life to God. Even then, they will have to hide because Satan and his followers will hunt them down so they will not be able to bring the news of salvation to anyone.

Your salvation, no matter who you may be or where you live, is of utmost importance. Your life is very short compared to eternity, consider where you would like to spend that time before it is too late. Don't put it off, you may never get another chance for redemption or salvation.

Good Morning, World!

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Our lives are blessed, regardless of the religion you cling to or believe in. God loves you all and wants you to come to the knowledge of Him and His Son, Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Your life and vocation, whatever that may be, should be done as in service to Him.

In living the life that He wants us to live, through His Son, we serve in His Kingdom and we are able to do His will for our lives. The sooner more people come to realize that we are not puppets, and that God uses people for His purposes regardless of their belief in Christ or not, there is only one reaction that means anything.....coming to faith in Jesus! You know that God used the pharaoh in Egypt in order to display His power to the whole world, even though he didn't know the God of the Israelites.

He even uses other religions of the world to prove that He is the only God who loves and cares for all. He knows how many hairs are on each person's head because He put them there! He formed you in the womb from your mother and father's DNA into an individual with all of the attributes that He wanted you to have. Please consider reading His word and learning about Him and His Son, Jesus.

God loves you because you are His creation, no matter where you are or what religion you claim.

My life in His Service

Monday, September 29, 2008

There are so many ways of looking at service to our Lord. The most important is that you look at your job, whatever it may be, as an outlet for service to Him. Everything we do should be a testimony to our life in Him and our service to Him. If you ask God to empower you to do His will every morning, then your day can be filled with opportunities

for witnessing or for showing your faith.

God loves all of humanity regardless, as I have said before. No matter what religion you follow or what "denomination" you happen to be, He loves you because He formed you in your mother's womb. An artist has affection for his creations and so does God. He is the creator of all things and no matter what or where your life happens to be, in service to Him or not, He still cares about you more than you could know or even realize.

In the Bible, God says "My ways are not your ways and my thoughts are not your thoughts." (Is. 55:8) That is why it is hard to understand the Bible, but if you read it without trying to make it harder than it is you can understand it. That is why Jesus said "Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16) The faith of a child simply comes to Him with no "baggage" like an adult. That is also what makes it so hard for scientists and political leaders who may not know Christ to come to Him. They can't understand how it can be as simple as believing in Him and the salvation He brings to us without cost.

Our lives would be so much easier than they are if we would simply come to Him in prayer every morning and start the day that way all the time. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you." (Luke 12:31) My life and service to Him has not been perfect. I "gave" my life to Him twenty-eight years ago, but I didn't really begin to serve Him like I should until about five years ago. Why did I wait so long? I am not exactly sure, but I know that by the time I started serving Him I was a father and my son was starting to ask questions.

So it was a child who started the process, not me. I had been able to feel His influence on my life but I was still doing mostly what I wanted to and not what He wanted me to do. I don't mean that I was out drinking or other things but I wasn't serving God like I should. My spirit knew it and I knew it too, but it took a long time before I really did anything about it, and now I have and will continue to do as much as He will give me the strength to do. Please don't wait like I did. Ask Him to come in and give you the will and the strength to do what needs to be done so your soul won't be tormented forever for refusing His call on your life.

A prayer for us, all

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

Our Father in Heaven, who created all that is and was and is to come. I know that you can see through time as we see through a window, regardless of the direction you look. You knew well what people would do with your servants and prophets and your Son. Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of commitment and will to do Your will and not our own. To believe in Your Son and that He gave Himself for our sins and the sins of the entire world is all that you ask and that is too simple for many to accept, yet it is all that you require.

We are but puffs of smoke and our lives are nothing more than the tick of a clock compared to eternity. Even the "time line" that scientists say there has been on earth shows that the time of mankind is only a few thousand years compared to the length of four billion years which they believe our planet has existed. You could destroy and create the entire universe in less than a week and it would still appear as it does now if you chose for it to.

The amount of time that you allotted to man to live is but a puff of wind compared to eternity. In your word you said that "The days of our life are three score years and ten, or if we have strength, four score" (Psalms 90) Seventy years or, if You allow us, maybe eighty, but after that we are living on grace and nothing more. For it is by your grace and mercy that we live at all. We deserve death, but we are given life through your Son, Jesus, and through the grace which you extended to us through His sacrifice on the cross. Father, I know you will not forget your promises to us, your adopted children, or those made to your chosen people, Israel.

My prayer is simply....Come, Lord Jesus! Stir the spirits of those whom you will call to be yours so that they will come to you before the trumpet sounds for the gathering at the banquet for the marriage of the Lamb. In Jesus' name I believe and hope and I know that all these will come to pass in your time, not ours.

Thank you, Lord for the blessings which you bestow upon us daily and for the grace and mercy extended to us through your son. In Jesus' Holy name I thank you for all who will read and believe in Him and for all the blessings we receive every day we are alive. Amen.

Our Service to Him....

Friday, October 03, 2008

Should be out of love for someone who created us just the way we should be. Your life is not just yours but it belongs to God, whether you have given your life to Jesus or not. Everything on the earth no matter what it is, including everyone who is or is not a follower of Christ, belongs to God because He created everything and everyone. There are no animals, no bacteria, no insects, or fish or birds or anything on the earth that He did not want to be here.

I have never quite understood how some non-believers could come to the conclusion that man can make himself into a god. There is no possible way, because even the angels can't do that. They are heavenly beings created by God and they are very powerful, but they are still His servants.

Our lives are intended to be extensions of His will, even though we are not forced into this. We are to give ourselves freely because that is what Christ did. He subjected Himself to His Father's will, not His own. He went to the cross to die for us, all of us, so that when we believe in Him and His sacrifice for us we will have eternal life with Him. It is that simple!!

Simplicity makes some people scared because they think if it is too simple it must not be worth much. **YOU ARE WRONG!!** Our salvation is worth the price of God's son and His death and resurrection. I don't know of anything that could be named that would be worth even the price of my own son's death and being human we can't comprehend God's ways or His thoughts about His son's death. Of course, He knew that He was going to be resurrected and ascend to Heaven. But that is beside the point.

Would you sacrifice something so precious for beings that reject you and your ways! Even when you have given them every chance over and over and over, that is exactly what YAHWEH, Jehovah, God did for all of us. We should get down on our knees every day and thank Him that He allowed us to even get up from our bed. These facts are hard

to accept, yet they are in the Bible which is the written word of God and He does NOT lie.

Please forgive me if this post is too forceful but time is running short and if you expect to be allowed into heaven, you have to get your heart and soul right with God. Once the door is shut by God, no one else can open it.

The Time to act is now!

Wednesday, October 08, 2008

I have been writing here for a couple of months now and have wondered if anyone is listening to the message. I know that God has blessed those who have read and I am grateful for that, but I am hoping that somewhere there is someone who will put this into practice in their lives. I know in my heart that God loves you all and wants the best for you, all you have to do is believe in his Son, Jesus and in who He is. To many, this is just too simple and I suppose that is why it is so hard to grasp.

God's unchanging love for all of us, regardless of nationality or the religion we practice, is evident in that He gives you life everyday! As long as you use it for some purpose other than serving Him, you are serving the enemy of God. You may not worship him (satan), but what you are doing or not doing will go against God if you are not serving Him. Many people think that if they don't have the "calling" to be a missionary or preacher that they can't serve God, but that is not true. You can serve Him and His kingdom by doing your normal everyday job with the joy the Lord gives you because you have Him and His Son to guide you.

He is not a task-master who cracks a whip every time you do something wrong, although the spirit within you may convict your heart of it. Some people call this their conscience, but whatever you call it, it is a part of you that cannot be taken away or shoved out of your life. If you don't have a conscience, I pity you and those around you. God loves all of humanity because He created each one of us. That is why it says in the Bible that "the hairs of your head are numbered" Luke 12:7 and "Aren't five sparrows sold for two cents? God doesn't forget any of them." Luke 12:6

If the Creator of the universe doesn't forget even the sparrows, don't you think He cares for you even more? Our lives were put here for a purpose, to serve Him and His kingdom in whatever we do. Many try to find their purpose in life and look in many different places, or books or even jobs. Our purpose is outlined in God's word, the Bible, if you will take the time and the chance to read it. Don't read it as a history book, although it is to some extent. Read it with an open mind. Most of the self-help books on the shelves just repackage the wisdom found in the Bible. Their authors dress up that wisdom in modern language, but the message and the meaning is the same. Don't let another day go by without, at least, giving God's words a chance to speak to your heart. The Bible was written nearly two thousand years or more before our time but the message is just as true today as it was then and just as relevant.

Today is a wonderful day!

Thursday, October 09, 2008

Every day we wake from sleep should be considered a glorious and wonderful day to serve our Lord! He is the rock on which I stand and the one I count on in times of stress or good times too. Our creator knew us all before we were ever born because He determines who will be born and what their life will ultimately be. In service to Him or not, truly one way or another everyone serves God in some form or fashion. Even Hitler and Pharaoh in the Holy Scriptures served Him and His purposes regardless of the cruelty they both perpetrated on the Jewish nation.

Truly, even Satan himself serves God's purposes whether he likes it or not. I am sure he wouldn't admit that he serves God since he wants to supplant God, but he does! Every ruler, president, dictator or prime minister serves God in some way because He is responsible for them being where they are. God dethroned Nebuchadnezzar when he became too proud of his place in the world and He can do the same today to whomever He chooses.

Our world, not just the United States, needs to wake up to the fact that God is angry at humanity for rejecting His Son. He allows all of us, by His grace, to go about our lives hoping that we will see the error of our ways and repent. How arrogant we are to thumb our noses at Him and say, "You don't exist!", "I can do it myself!". I know, that sounds like a toddler or someone who just doesn't care. Truly, if we could actually see God and feel His wrath without it destroying us, I am sure that the whole world would get on their knees and turn to Him by the millions. I am also sure that there would be some who would just ignore Him, regardless.

Our time is not long in this world. I know that many people have said that over the centuries but the events in our world are proving prophecy to be right, especially those near the end in the book of Revelation. The time is now! Don't wait until the church, the body of believers in Christ, disappears from the earth! Because when that happens, the problems you are seeing now will pale in comparison to the ones that will come after. The series, Left Behind, was written as a fictional story but it was based on the book of Revelation and the prophecies contained in it. The horrors and other atrocities mentioned in the series could be far worse in reality, so make sure you aren't left behind.

Our service...is it really all that hard?

Monday, October 13, 2008

What would you say to someone who offered you an eternity to live if you would only do one thing? Sounds crazy, right?

Well, that is exactly what God did when He sent His son to die for our sins and pay the penalty for us all. Now, if it involved some monetary gain in this life before we died, there would be more converts daily than the churches of the world could handle! But, isn't eternal life much more valuable than that!

I know that there are those who would like for me to stop posting here, but this is my calling from God Himself and I will not stop. There are too many of you out there who have not heard or maybe you are looking but don't know who to ask about these things. I

am going to try to answer as many questions as I can and if I can't answer them I will find the answer somehow. Fair enough?

The people of Israel know God and know about Him but some are not willing to admit that the messiah has already come. I have heard that there are some Messianic Jews who believe that Jesus is the Messiah and they believe that He came when the scriptures and the New Testament say He did. I hope that this is true and I pray that some of you will let me know about it. My e-mail is posted here so you can reply to me about anything which I have stated wrong so I can correct it. If I have offended anyone, I apologize in advance and ask your forgiveness.

Our Lord and Savior is waiting for you. Please let Him come into your life, He will make it so much more rewarding than it already is! The Scriptures really do spell out how much God loves all of us, regardless of being gentile or Jew. Let Him show you just how much by coming to Him in faith as Abraham did when he believed God about the promise of a son in his old age. Give Him a chance to melt your heart and write on it with the Holy Spirit who He truly is and why He loves you!

Our life is not our own, but His!

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

I know I may have written on this before but it bears repeating since many people don't seem to be listening. I am not being rude, but there are many who have not heard or just don't care to hear God's message. I said it at one time myself, "I am not interested.", "Don't bother me with that religious stuff." "I am going to do what I want to do, whether you like it or God likes it or not!"

I was a rebellious teen at the time that I said those things but I should have known better. I grew up angry. Angry at my dad for leaving and angry because..I just wanted to be. It took a long time for those feelings to finally be conquered and it took God's presence in my life to do it. Folks, God has more patience than anyone can imagine but time is running out. The prophecies from the Book of Revelation are coming true now or at least the ones leading up to the time of tribulation are.

Please, find a church and listen to a message from God. Read the Bible, the Holy Scriptures, let God speak to your heart and soul. Don't wait until it is too late! We are not guaranteed even the next minute of life. Your soul may be called home right after you read this, please don't wait. I know the attraction of this world is strong, but your life is short, not much more than a puff of wind, compared to eternity in Heaven or Hell. Your soul doesn't die, regardless of where you end up. But if you find yourself in hell, you will wish for death and it will not come for he is already there with you.

God doesn't want to punish people but He will be fully justified in doing so because the way to avoid it is so simple. Believe and trust in Jesus. Not just believe that He exists, I mean ask Him to come into your life and trust Him to take care of your spiritual needs. Once He does that, your physical needs will be taken care of as well. He won't make you rich, but you will be rich in Heaven and the rewards that come after the physical body is no more. Trust Jesus, He will guide you home and He will be there now when you are hurting or grieving or when you feel that you can't go on. He loves you more than anyone on earth could possibly comprehend. Give Him the chance to prove His love for you, you won't regret it.

God Loves You!!

Monday, October 20, 2008

It seems that every time I post, the devil himself gets offended. Which is fine with me as long as he leaves my family alone. I know that many people don't think that the devil or Satan exists but he does. The problems in our country and all around the world attest to that. He has dominion over this world but God has dominion over him. The only way that he can hurt you is if God allows it to happen, if you are a Christian. Otherwise, he can do whatever he wishes until you realize that the only way to protect yourself and your family is to come to Jesus and ask Him into your heart and life.

Now, I am not saying that everything will be perfect after you accept Him but your spiritual life and your physical life will be under His protection from Satan's influence. And that is always a step in the right direction.

Christ said that when he came into the world it would cause conflict and that we, as Christians, would be hated because the world hated Him first. His love for us is spelled out in the Bible in so many passages that it would be hard to miss.

The Old Testament is usually seen as the history of the nation of Israel and it is to a certain extent but it is also where God shows just how much patience He has. He has far more patience than any human father would and He is our true father since He formed us in the womb.

Our universe was created by God, not some "big bang" or other random events. All of us and every star and galaxy was created by Him as well. The millions of species on this planet were designed by God to do exactly what they do and for the environment in which they live. There isn't enough time in the universe for all of these things to have happened by "random events" or evolution. God watches over all things that He created whether it happens to be something which He created in His image, like man, or not. You are special to Him because you were and are made in His image and the image of His Son! No one can take that away from you and if you would acknowledge it and accept Him as your Lord and Savior you will feel it! Like a BIG hug from your Dad, even if you never got one of those, that is how it feels when you surrender to Him. Give God a try....you won't be disappointed!

Our service is to our fellow man but it is also to the creator of t...

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

We have a responsibility to let people know about Christ and His sacrifice for us! He gave up far more than anyone on earth has ever given up. If you could imagine being in the presence of God Almighty and how glorious service to Him is, you might have a tiny idea of what Christ left to come and give Himself as a sacrifice for those whom He suffered and died for. Our human minds cannot comprehend the majesty and beauty of Heaven nor the love of the Father which He left to come to our rescue.

That is why the book of Revelation is so hard to understand, because Jesus took John up to Heaven and showed him what must come to pass. The descriptions which John gave

were the best he could do to describe what he saw and heard. The human mind just can't comprehend nor understand Heaven in its glory. God is now giving man the insight to see and understand the prophecies contained in His word because time is growing short. Jesus is coming soon. Regardless of what the world or television media or other "news" agencies may tell us, the Creator's patience is coming to an end.

This world has had two thousand years to come to Him and realize who He is and what our purpose is and it has largely ignored Him and His word. Mankind has made up gods or made gods out of animals or possessions or jobs or things such as cars, toys, computers, etc. Our imagination has run rampant over the past millennium or two to include things like ET, or dogs, cats, cattle, "wise men", or men who could coerce people into following their ideals and make them think that they were "prophets". None of these "gods" can do anything for you nor will they. There is even a "pseudo-religion" that says that we are gods in human form and that we were put here by some E T's who lived trillions of years ago. My Bible doesn't say anything of the sort!

If you add up the lives lived by Adam, Seth, Enosh, Kenan (Cainan), Mahalal, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, or Noah, the world before the flood was not here much more than two thousand years or so. Not TRILLIONS! God was around at that time, but nothing else was. Granted, I may have gotten their names out of order from the Genesis account but the fact is that our world, our universe has not been here for billions and billions of years. God can create a star fully formed as our sun is just by saying so.

The Creator...God who made all things knew that man would disobey Him and His commandments. That is why the Old Testament is the preparation for the Messiah's birth. The entire Bible tells of His coming and of His fulfilling of prophecies about Him. The Old Testament foretold His coming and how man should receive Him and the New Testament tells of His life and death and resurrection to give all of us hope and the ability to come to our Father as sons and daughters, regardless of our nationality or race.

These are truths found only in the Holy Scriptures, God's Word, the Bible. No other book could have been written by so many different men and women, in three different languages and all point to the same person, Jesus Christ!! Scholars may try to discredit it but there is no possible way anyone could explain how this book was written except to be the inspired word of the living God! Please read it today! Pray that God will show you that you need Him and His Son, Jesus, through the words of the Bible. It is the breath of life to all who find it and all who believe! I pray that God will richly bless you through the reading and hearing of His word and that all of you will come to know Christ.

God loves us all!!

Friday, October 24, 2008

How any one can possibly think that the creator of the universe could be a vengeful and unloving God I just don't know. He is the one who formed you in the womb from the genetic material of your mother and father. A creator who can do that for every living person has to love His creation! He already knows what color your eyes will be and your hair color too. He knows what you will look like and what your personality will be and even how you will respond to Him and His call on your life.

Our world and the solar system it resides in did not happen by chance, or cosmic accident or any of the other possibilities that have been bounced around over the years.

God put everything here just the way He wanted it to be and the only reason it is "running down" is due to the sin that Adam brought into the world. It wasn't Eve's fault like many men today would like people to believe. God told Adam which trees they could eat from and which ones they couldn't eat from and it was his choice when he disobeyed God's command.

From that time on to today, the sin which was brought into the world is the reason that people die, cancer spreads and changes, disease develops resistance to treatment, etc. Even the natural world where animals turn on people and weeds grow and bacteria and fungus have turned deadly. This was not supposed to happen and it wouldn't have happened if Adam had obeyed God.

But, God knew that he would disobey His command even before he did. God knew and has always known what we will do and when we will do it. Jesus was there at the beginning when all creation was created. He also knew ahead of time about the things that were going to take place. In His own words, "I and the Father are one" John 10:30

He cannot lie and there is no other way to get to Heaven except by accepting Him as your Lord and Savior. There have been many who claim to have "found another way" but they are wrong. Christ is the only way and it says so in the Bible. Belief in God's only son and the grace which God extends to all of us is the only way to be saved, period! I invite your comments and I look forward to reading them. I hope to hear about your decision to accept Jesus as your Saviour and Lord.

God bless you all.

Eternity! That is a loooong time!

Thursday, October 30, 2008

My life these past couple of years has been eventful and rewarding. God has taught me a lot about Himself and about me. I regret to say that there are still things about myself that I don't like but I suppose God looks over them and forgives me for them. I am not perfect and never will be until I am in Heaven with Him. At which point I won't have to worry about this world and its troubles anymore, and I will serve Him forever.

That word implies that our lives don't end and, if you are a child of God and have accepted Jesus as your Lord, they won't end. Oh, the earthly body will die unless Jesus comes before your time on earth is up, but either way eternity will be glorious. My acceptance of this was not easy and I did not come to this lightly. My grandparents and my parents died before I became truly committed to my walk with God. I am still not sure why I held so tightly to my own ideas and ways, but until my dad died about seven years ago, I wasn't ready to cling to God's way. I think God used my son and my responsibility to him as a way to get me to really commit to His service.

In reference to eternal life, whether you accept Jesus or not your soul will live forever. The big question is what will you be doing and where you will be for eternity? Eternity is a very long time and we cannot comprehend with our human mind the magnitude of it. It is hard for me to think about life as it was two hundred years ago or so. Jesus' followers lived two thousand years ago. Scientists say that our sun and planets are over four billion years old (although I don't believe it). Jesus is still alive and was alive before there was anything so regardless of the age of the universe, He is.

Just knowing that you will live forever is enough to make me commit my life to Jesus. I don't understand why anyone would want to spend eternity in hell. I know that many people think that it will be a big party, but it won't. There will be no laughter or merry-making there. If you have rejected God's provision of eternal life with Him through Jesus, you will be in torment and agony forever. Those are facts spelled out in God's word so they are set in stone and will not be changed. The only way to avoid that fate is to accept Jesus as your Saviour and live for Him and His kingdom.

Many people think that it couldn't be that simple and it really isn't. All you have to do is accept Jesus as your Saviour, then the work begins! Just because you accept Him your old nature won't go away, you will have to struggle against it for the rest of your life. But when you get closer to Him and study his word, it gets easier because you are becoming more like Him. You are not becoming a god, but you will become more like Christ by doing His will for your life. That can be as simple as doing a good job at your work whatever it may be. As long as you are following Him and studying His word to become a faithful servant of His, He will direct your life and "God causes everything to work together for the good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them." Romans 8:28

Christians need to rally together, now!

Monday, November 10, 2008

Our freedom of religion and other freedoms may soon be at stake. Not necessarily from our own government but from attacks outside of it. Our country will be under attack from terrorist groups, if for no other reason than our weak economy and our thinly spread military.

God loves us all and is in control regardless of what may happen. Our lives are in his hands and have always been. Jesus is our guide and our priest between us and God. He makes intercession for us along with the Holy Spirit, although God knows what we need and when we need it. You are His creation not just a collection of cells. God formed all of us in the womb and he knows us intimately. It hurts Him every time a child is aborted before having a chance at life. The life that He intended for that child to have and fulfill. Women have the right to choose, but not to murder and that is what happens when a child, not a fetus, is aborted.

America needs to get back to its Christian heritage and use the Bible as the center of our education system, not restrict people from exercising their rights as Americans. At one time in our history and up until about forty-six years ago, prayer was allowed and encouraged in classrooms. Once that was taken away, along with the study of scripture in high school, teen pregnancies began to skyrocket, violence in and out of the school and the home went up. In short, America began to lose its way. Away from God, and away from our forefather's dreams of a Christian nation in service to Him.

If our country can acknowledge other religions and their practices, why can't Christians exercise their beliefs too? Our beliefs are just as legitimate and more because our God created each of us and the universe too. He is the creator, not just some prophet or wise man, and when everyone finally comes to that conclusion it may be too late. Our lives are not our own, we were created to do His will and to glorify Him and His kingdom. When we do that, He will take care of our needs since He knows what they are before we do.

God loves us all, all His children of the World

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

People don't care what you know until they know that you care and that God cares for them. This should be our goal, to let the people of the world, the veterans, Americans, and most of all, people who feel they are without hope know that they have hope in Jesus and His salvation for their lives. No other religion gives people the hope and security of eternal life like believing in and trusting Jesus for our everyday lives and our salvation.

There is a concept of humanity embodied in an African word which comes from the Zulu and Xhosa languages. Ubuntu (pronounced "oo-boon-too") is seen as a traditional African concept, is regarded as one of the founding principles of the new republic of South Africa and is connected to the idea of an African Renaissance.

A rough translation of the principle of Ubuntu is "humanity towards others". Another translation could be: "the belief in a universal bond of sharing that connects all humanity". This description of the word and principle of Ubuntu comes from the version of Linux I use and it describes a concept from the Bible that we are all here because of the grace and mercy of God. He created us where we are and in the station in which we find ourself, whether we are writers, teachers, Senators or the President of the United States. The very concept of ubuntu is why there is no word for "cousin" in African language. Everyone is thought of as brother, father, mother, or sister regardless of their relationship.

Jesus regarded those who were his disciples as brothers, sisters, and mothers so why can't we? I know there would be some people who would be against it, but if Jesus did it, why not? Our enemies can be our brother if we can just learn to live and get along until He comes back. There are so many people we could help and show the love of God to if we would do the will of the Father and go to them. Let them know that He loves them no matter what their circumstances are. No matter where they live or what they have done in the past, it can be forgiven by Him who loves us even when we are sinners. He doesn't love what we do or our behaviour but He loves us because he formed us all in the womb. When we come to Him in humility and let Him into our hearts and lives completely, the whole of Heaven itself rejoices for every sinner who comes to the knowledge of Jesus and His saving grace.

God doesn't choose who He will let in or not. I know the Bible says that we who are predestined to be conformed to Him will be and those who are not won't, but that is there because God knows the future and He knows ahead of time who will choose Jesus and who won't. He doesn't create you and point his finger at anyone's life and say, "I will take this one but I don't want that one". That is our choice and ours alone, even though He knows the choice we will ultimately make, He doesn't interfere with our choices. Sometimes it is hard to hear God's small voice but it is there, and our spiritual hearing gets better as we read and study His word. Don't wait, pick up a Bible today. Read it, pray over it, read it again. God speaks through His word and it is powerful. He will not leave you or forsake you, ever. If you don't believe me, ask Him to prove it. I guarantee that He will.

We should all be Thankful!

Thursday, November 27, 2008

Thankful to our Creator who sustains us with his power for without it, everything which was created would fly apart. Regardless of the scientific explanation to the contrary, God is the one who is keeping everything going.

I read something the other day that quoted doctors as saying that they did not know what the reason was for people living longer who regularly attend church services. It is simply because they are serving their Creator and He is sustaining them, nothing more than that. But it is folly to those who don't belong to Christ because they can't understand it.

Our lives are to be living sacrifices to Him every day, not just when **we need Him**. Truly, we need Him every day and He desires our service and praise. He doesn't need us the way we need our spouses, but He desires to know the desires of our hearts like a mother or father desires to know and hear from their children.

The love of God doesn't depend on our service to Him nor does it depend on us at all. He loves us regardless. He desires our service to Him when we give our hearts to Him and to Jesus. We are not required to do this, but when your heart and spirit are changed by Jesus you will want to serve Him in some way. Being a deacon, a pastor, singing in a choir, teaching a class at church, cooking for the church, doing the best you can do at your regular job whatever that may be, these are all ways of serving Him daily. He doesn't require us to be missionaries to other people, just to those around us.

All people are important to Him because He created us all. He formed us all in our mother's womb from the bits of DNA of our mother and father. He knows exactly how you will look, how you will talk, what kind of temperament you will have, what choices you will make and why. The colour of your hair and how many there are on your head and the colour of your eyes are all things that He put there to make you who you are. He knows each of us more intimately than anyone else can. That is the God I serve gladly every day and I hope someday you will too.

The Holiday Season is upon us, do we remember Who this is about?

Sunday, December 14, 2008

All the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Running here and there getting presents, going to work or school, visiting family who we haven't seen in months or years...all these things happen during the holidays.

But, does anyone pay attention to Who the holidays are supposed to be about? Many people think that Christmas is for our pleasure, our benefit and in some ways it seems to be, but celebrating Christmas is supposed to be the birthday of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Our lives are so commercialized these days until we can't seem to focus on much else. God loves us all and He gave us His Son to take the punishment for us all so that all we have to do is accept Him and His sacrifice and offer Him our service, our life as a living

sacrifice to Him every day. Some people mistakenly think that they have to become a missionary or preacher to be a real Christian. Nothing could be further from the truth but in reality you become a minister of His when you truly accept Him into your heart. People who know you or knew you before you became a Christian will especially be watching you to see if there really has been a change in you.

You may not know they are doing it, but they are. And they will start spreading the news if your life shows a real change. They will spread the news even faster if you claim to have Jesus and your life hasn't changed! You will be the hypocrite that everyone talks about! Your life is a gift from God. He knitted your DNA together in the womb bit by bit. You are known more intimately by Him than anyone on earth could possibly know you. He knew before you were born how your hair would look, your personality, the way you would laugh, etc. Everything there is to know about you, He knows! He also knows when you will come to Him, if you ever do! He knows that too.

Our life is one of the greatest gifts that He gave us, but the greatest gift that we have ever been given is Jesus! We have the possibility of living with Him forever and serving Him now. The only requirement of us is faith in Him and acceptance of Him as our savior and Lord.

This holiday season, go to a Bible believing church and learn about Him. He is waiting for you. Your life is a part of God's plan and always has been. Make it a greater part by serving Him with your life and your work. Just the fact that you accept Him, makes you His servant. What you do as His servant is up to Him. You may just show the effect of Him in your life in your job or eventually you may be called to be a missionary or preacher. Whatever you do, do it for Christ, even if it is flipping burgers at a restaurant or cleaning the floors at a hospital.

Merry Christmas to you all!

God truly loves you!

Monday, December 22, 2008

How any one can possibly think that the creator of the universe could be a vengeful and unloving God I just don't know. He is the one who formed you in the womb from the genetic material of your mother and father. A creator who can do that for every living person has to love His creation! He already knows what color your eyes will be and your hair color too. He knows what you will look like and what your personality will be and even how you will respond to Him and His call on your life.

Our world and the solar system it resides in did not happen by chance, or cosmic accident or any of the other scientifically explainable way, it was created by God. Whether people choose to believe that or not is irrelevant. His word says it and I believe it. I know all about the "discovery channel" and it's so-called explanation for things as well as the "history" channel but they are both influenced by educators who likely don't believe in God or want proof of His existence. The proof is that we are here!

There are too many variables which have to be perfect just for our existence to continue and chances or so-called "evolution" just doesn't produce such perfection. It would take a perfect being to cause us and our world to work in such a fashion and other than God and Jesus, I don't know of any. God's love for us allows us to live each and every day so

that when we realize who it is that is giving us life, we will respond and accept Him as our savior.

God loves us all, this is true and He wants us to know it without any doubt. The conditions for our life on earth are just too exacting for it to have happened by chance and God did that for His creation, us! If there were any way that we could create life we would have done it by now, but He is the only creator, anything that we could do would be a very poor imitation and not viable either. God's love for us is boundless and He has immense amounts of patience but eventually the last person that will accept Him is going to and then the trump will sound! It could be tomorrow, it could be fifty years from now but I believe it will be in my lifetime and I am already near the half-century point. Be ready and willing to accept Him soon or you may regret your decision for eternity.

Hello world! It is time!

Monday, December 22, 2008

Time to start believing in God and His son, Jesus! There is no better time than around Christmas or Hanukka to give God the glory He so richly deserves. He is the Creator of everything and everyone, there is no other. He created each and every one of us and He knows all of us more intimately than anyone else. I have served Him for the past twenty years but I truly committed my life to His work about five years ago. My life hasn't been the same since.

Belief is not the only requirement. Satan believes as do his fallen angels in Hell. Belief doesn't save you by itself, but following through on that is faith in Jesus and His sacrifice for you. Belief in Jesus and His saving grace which was extended to all on Calvary and at His resurrection, is what saves your soul from Hell. Many people wonder how a loving God could send someone to Hell. The Bible tells us that He extends His grace and mercy to us through Jesus so that we can escape the punishment of Hell, punishment for not believing in His grace and mercy through Jesus is eternity in Hell.

Your body, physically, dies when you die but your immortal spirit lives on and it is that which is punished or rewarded based on your decision, not His! It is you and your decision that determines where you spend eternity, not God! Even the most vile, wretched person in the world can be saved from this IF they will repent and accept Jesus into their heart, even on their death bed (wherever that may be). Please, read or listen to God's word at a church or online, there really is no time to lose! We are not guaranteed to live past our next breath, only by the grace of God do any of us live day to day at all! I am not trying to scare anyone, but the time for Jesus' return to take the Church away is growing near and once it is gone, things on earth are truly going to get BAD!

Think about it, please! God bless you all and have a safe and Merry Christmas! Happy New Year too!

Jesus only wants to come in

Monday, December 22, 2008

He stands at the door of your heart and knocks waiting for your invitation, what will be your answer? Even if you have been one of the most sinful people on the face of the earth and you don't feel like you deserve to ask Him in, you can! Even though you are

right, you don't deserve it, none of us do! No one on the face of the earth deserves salvation no matter who you may be, not even the Pope!

Our lives are His creation and we truly do owe our lives to Him every day, not just because of the sacrifice He made on the cross. At this time of year everyone is more concerned with what they will get for Christmas, well at least those in Christian nations. Those who live in countries where Christmas is not celebrated may not think of anything at this time of year. Jesus may not have been born on December 25th but we celebrate his birth anyway. One day we will learn the date of His birth and know all about Him and His ways, but until that time we need to serve Him with all of our heart and soul and strength.

If you will give your heart to Him and ask Him to come into it, your life will be changed in ways that you can't imagine. He will soothe your fears, wipe the tears away and give you the strength to do what He asks no matter what it is or where it happens to be.

Give Jesus a chance in your life. He knows exactly what you can do and how. He loves you regardless of what you have done in the past or what you are doing now. He will forgive you if you will repent and turn away from those things and give your life to Him. Once you do, your life will never be the same again. He loves you more than anyone on earth can if you will let Him show that love to you you will know how much that is. Won't you give Him that chance?

A bit of wisdom for today

Wednesday, December 24, 2008

There are many sides to the title both positive and negative. If you have nothing at all, gaining something is truly an accomplishment. If you have little, then more usually is better whether it is money or friends. I think many people would agree with me on this matter, but some would not know if they had a little or too much.

The amounts are arbitrary. Regardless of their number, it is the usefulness that counts. Twenty million rocks would do you little good if you wanted to buy a house or some land, but if those rocks were quarters you would be in good shape. With the exception of the weight and the fact that you would have to have an armored truck to carry that many quarters.

Anything is possible if you believe it is, regardless of how much you have. By that I mean that it doesn't matter how much money, or rocks, or whatever you may have. As long as you believe in yourself and your ability anything really is possible! I don't mean to depend entirely on yourself, even if that is what it sounded like. You have to depend on someone greater than yourself, meaning that you have to let Jesus and God into your life and allow them to work through you to accomplish the things that will benefit the kingdom of God and you too.

If we depend on our own strength, it will never be enough. We will be a frazzled mess which is why the drug industry is thriving today. Not just illegal drugs but the legal ones as well. There are so many people in the world living chemically dependent lives regardless of whether they are "hooked" on the chemicals or not. They just don't realize how dependent they are until it is too late. We weren't created to live this way! We weren't created to do many of the things that we do, like work seven days a week or work nearly

twenty hours per day or even work all night long at our jobs. God does understand that those things are necessary but He didn't create us to live that way. When He sets up His kingdom on earth, we won't have to work or live that way, no one will. Please, during this season, go to a Bible teaching church and listen to the message. You might just get something out of it that you didn't expect, a relationship with your Creator and your God!

How much is too little?

Saturday, December 27, 2008

Do you have the time to give to God? He gives us twenty-four hours in each day and all He asks for is a bit more than one hour in the morning and in the evening before bed. Do we give Him that? Most of us don't unfortunately. I give Him my time while writing here and at my blogspot.com blog of the same name, but I don't post here everyday.

I am sorry to say that my life, or my perception of it gets in the way of my service to Him. I have to ask His forgiveness for this everyday and sometimes I just don't. I see my responsibilities to my family and the things I do for them as more important. They are NOT! My service to Him and His kingdom is more important than anything that I can do for my family.

We are a weak race of people, the human race not Caucasians, African-Americans, Indians, etc. These just separate us by skin color and culture and sometimes religion. But we are all of the same race, God made us that way although we can't see it that way most of the time.

Our lives, our service to God and to our fellow man should be our way of life. Our religion should be to follow Christ's example of service to each other not for ourselves. Selfish desires have caused far more pain and suffering in the world than all the war and disease combined. Religious wars and disputes have also caused their share but most of the real suffering was due to selfishness and greed.

Don't let your life be defined by things that don't belong in it. God put you where you are for a purpose, His purpose! Every person, every animal, every plant, and every microbe on this earth does the will of the Creator at one point or another. The human race is the only one that has the free will to do otherwise. He gave us that free will so we would come willingly to Him when He calls us.

If you are feeling that call or have heard it and not responded please consider doing so. God will bring you to Him once the call has been sent. You will answer Him but if it is a negative answer, you may not like the consequences afterward. He is not a vengeful God, but like your father here on earth He expects to be obeyed when He calls. Give your life to Him willingly and you will never regret it, I haven't. He has taken care of my family's needs ever since I was told I wasn't needed at a former job almost two years ago. He will take care of yours too! Give Him the chance and He can make your life more than you ever thought it could be. It won't be because of you, but because of Him.

Thank you, Lord for a wonderful year!

Monday, December 29, 2008

This year has been very different from all others. We have seen gas and oil prices reach levels that our parents and grand-parents never dreamed of. We elected the first African-American to be President. We have gone into a recession like none before it with the exception of the Depression of the thirties and are still coming through it. Banks have gone out of business, the auto industry is on the skids with possible bankruptcy looming. We had record heat during the summer, snow in New Orleans, more rain in December than we saw all summer and we are only half way through winter!

I know it sounds gloomy but God is in control of all of it! Every leaf that has fallen, every penny lost, every snow flake was His doing. But it was all planned to bring our attention around to realize that we are not in control, He is! Nothing that we do can change the color of the sky or the leaves, but He can. The salmon lives its life in the ocean until it is time to spawn, then it makes its way back to its birth stream to do so. Science says it is instinct, the real reason is that God is in control and the salmon does His will.

We are the only creation to which God gave a free will. We can choose to do His will or we can choose not to do His will. He knows which one we will do but He also knows when or if we will ultimately come to Him. He also knows the trigger that will bring us to Him and He will use it. It may hurt, it may cause us to doubt Him for a time but ultimately, no matter how hard or how far you run from Him you are always running to Him. No one can escape God or His will for their lives. You can put it off, but if He truly wants you to do something for Him, you will. It may nearly take your lifetime to bring it about but He knows when your time is up on this earth and He knows when you can do Him and His kingdom the most good. Even if it is on your death bed.

Don't let it be on your death bed! Go to Him in a church, in your car, in your closet....wherever you need to meet Him, He will meet you because He is always with you no matter where you are or what you may be doing. To me, that is a sobering thought. Knowing that God is always at my side no matter what! He always sees what you do and when. Tell Him you are sorry for doing something which is wrong in His sight, regardless of how small you think it is it matters to God. It should matter to you too.

Happy New Year, everyone!

Friday, January 02, 2009

We have started a new year and so far the same news is around today as it was yesterday, nothing new yet! Our lives are in God's hands and He knows exactly what will happen and when, and yet we worry needlessly about things we cannot control. The weather, the stock market, gray hair, aching joints, our job or whether we will have one in the next six months. These are things that we do worry about and there is nothing we can do to change any of them. Even our job is in His hands so actually we don't have control over it either. There are many situations where we feel in control but He is always in control. If He were not, the whole universe would be in disarray and our world would be dead!

Fulfilling lives and our destinies in the world are dependent upon God, no one else. Your mother can't give you those, neither can your earthly father. Only in service to Him can

you truly find fulfillment in everything you do, no matter what it is. If we really want to live out our lives with hope and confidence, we should put our confidence and our faith in God and His Son, Jesus! They are in control of everything and will cause every good thing to work for those who serve them.

There is no higher calling than to be a servant of God, the Creator of the universe and everything in it. He owns everything so I would rather work for the owner of it all than the one who only has a little! A few billion dollars is nothing compared to the entire universe!

In your service to Him, think about how small we are and the insignificance of our little planet in comparison to the universe. Yet, He knows you more intimately than anyone on the earth! He knows all of us on this planet just that intimately because He created us. He formed us in the womb and knows everything about us and our future selves. All the science and mathematics in the world can't explain why your personality is what it is or why, but He knows and He knew it before you were born!

No matter what your age or what "religion" you happen to believe in He still knows you and He will call on you at some point in your life. Listen for that call, it will be repeated until He has your attention no matter how He has to get it. Your Heavenly Father loves you and is waiting to hear from you. Make the decision today to come to Him in prayer, even if you have never prayed before, He is always by your side regardless of what you may have done in your life. He will forgive you if you will repent and believe in Him. That is all He asks!

Once you do that, He may inspire you to write or preach or be a missionary. Then again, you may just be a changed person and inspire someone where you work with what they see in your life. It could be a different job that He wants you to have but He has to have you first before you will be able to do it. Our Creator and our God is the best boss you could ever hope for because His retirement plan is eternal and has already been paid in full, it is not affected by the economy or the stock market either. Give God a chance in your life and you will never regret it!

How can I go on?

Sunday, January 04, 2009

There are many people who may be asking this question right now. What kind of advice would you give? What would you say to someone who is hurting from a loss of a family member? Or even the loss of a job?

I don't want to give some trite words about the love of God or that the answer can be found in the Bible although both of those do apply and are true. The words that many people need to hear is that **God does love you!**

I know that I said I didn't want to give that as advice but it is the truth. The only way to see these as the truth that they are is to look around the creation of God and notice the order and perfection that is there. This cannot happen because of a big bang! We did not "evolve" from chimpanzee's or from some primordial ooze or from one-celled organisms!

God created the world in six days! I know that is something that most scientists don't believe but with God, anything is possible! That is another one of those things that you hear that many people don't want to hear, especially during times of loss and grief. This is

the very news that everyone needs to hear!

Our lives are the miracles that everyone expects to see, although most people don't think of our lives that way. If God decided that He wanted to remake the world today, that would be the end of it all. Unfortunately, most people don't realize that we live because of the love and grace that He extends to us every second of our lives!

We go on because He wants us to go on with our lives. To be His creation is the ultimate joy for me because He created me and every person, every creature on this planet to serve His purpose! This is something that we all need to understand, God put us where we are at this point in time to do His will. If you don't know or understand that, get a Bible and read it! His will for everyone, no matter where you are or what your "religion" happens to be is in that book.

He gave us the freedom to choose our way and unfortunately many don't follow Jesus or the Bible or any of the teachings that are in it. God knows you and your decision, even before you make it. He knows this because He created you! Give Him your life, come to Him with your feelings, your problems, your grief. He knows about it already, He is just waiting for you to call Him and His phone is always on and always available. He is by your side no matter where you are or what situation you may be in. He loves you and cares for you like no one else can, give Him the chance to prove His love and you will never be disappointed and alone again!

I am not sure what I would do without Him

Thursday, January 08, 2009

This may be one of those "I told you so" posts but it is true! I don't know what I would do or be without God and His Son in my life! I do remember what life was like when I had not accepted Him and it wasn't pretty or anywhere near normal. I was trying meditation, incense, Eastern religions, alcohol, drugs, etc. If it made me feel better, even the slightest bit, I gave it a shot.

Then when I did accept Him into my life, it was a long time before my life and my witness for Him became real. My spirit had changed, but my life and what others saw had not really changed that much. I would hear a little voice inside telling me that something that I was doing was wrong, but many times I pretended not to hear. I "knew" I was saved so I figured I had my "fire" insurance and I didn't need to do anything else.

Man, was I WAY off base! It took the gift of my son's birth and his questions as a toddler to wake me up to the fact that he was watching everything that I did and said. I was responsible for him and his view of a good father and I wasn't even close to being "good". I should've been much closer to God and much more dedicated to serving Him at this point but I was still a babe in Christ. After more than a decade of being saved, I was still at the same point that I was the week after I accepted Him.

God knew it was time for me to change, actually past time. So the opportunity came and I took it. There is no getting away from God because the harder you run from Him, you will run into Him just that much faster. When God decides that it is time for you to serve Him, you will, one way or another. He will use situations or people or whatever He needs to use to get you to see things His way.

Now that I have come to know Him and what He wants me to do with my life, I have learned a lot. Just reading and studying His word from the Bible has taught me about His patience and kindness. And about His love for all of us and why we are still here. There are too many days behind to worry about the days to come. The future is a mystery and today is a gift, that is why it is called the present. The past is gone, as long as we learned from it what we were supposed to learn it served its purpose.

All we have to do is serve our purpose now. Daily, you have to get up and go to school or work or somewhere. Take God with you. He is there anyway so you might as well acknowledge Him. Ask Him to help you with your problems, even the small ones. He cares enough to do that even if He is the creator of the universe! He deserves your devotion and your love just as your parents do for He formed you in the womb. He knows you better than anyone, get to know Him and you will never be alone again

Our world is changing, not necessarily for the better.

Friday, January 16, 2009

The world is getting more and more violent and a good bit of that violence and hatred is directed at Christians. Maybe not so much in the United States, but in other parts of the world where being a Christian is dangerous. Our Lord is gracious and merciful to all but those who are being persecuted don't feel it on a daily basis. He knows what they are going through and gives them peace that He will be with them no matter what. That knowledge is comforting and as long as they can hold on to that, they will be comforted.

Our job, meaning those of us who are not being persecuted, is to pray consistently for them and for the areas where they are being persecuted. Their lives are at stake and they need our prayers, especially if we cannot provide any other support. God loves them and the ones persecuting them, but His wrath will be directed at those who are hurting His church and the people of the body of Christ.

I pray that anyone reading this post will begin praying for their own salvation and for the salvation of others. Especially in countries where Christians are being killed, or put in prison, or intimidated. There are more of them than most people realize and our prayers may be the only real help they will get. God will be with them regardless, but our prayers will add to His comfort which He will extend to them.

I hope in Christ and pray that anyone reading this will accept Him and lend a prayer or a hand to any brother in Christ who is in need, no matter what the need is. God bless you all!

We should also realize that God is watching too!

Sunday, January 18, 2009

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"Whenever you do a thing, act as if all the world were watching."

-- Thomas Jefferson, Third United States President

This is the very way we all should act on a daily basis. Not only as if the world were watching but as if Jesus was watching too. He is, whether people know it or not. Some of us realize it, some don't and many don't care. It is a sad state that the spiritual condition of humanity has gotten to the point of not caring, not only about whether God is watching but about the generation coming up is too. If you are a parent you know very well that children watch and see everything you say and do regardless of how careful you may think you are being.

Our children and other people's children are watching us closely, especially if they know of our faith in God. People watch preachers closely, but once they find out that someone that they work with claims to be a Christian they will watch you even closer. Any little slip will be brought to your attention if not immediately, it will be brought up later. But it will be brought up. Like a child who says, "But you said.....", particularly if they happen to be searching for something special about you and your faith.

Our forefathers founded our country on the faith and belief that all men were created by God and created equal. Some of them did not believe in slavery, others did but they were in agreement when it came to who the Almighty was and why. Our country would not have been "born" if not for the Christian beliefs of those men who wrote the constitution and the Declaration of Independence. God ordained the creation of this country for His purpose. We may not know exactly what that purpose was yet but America is here by Divine authority to fulfill His purpose whether the people of America follow His ways or not.

There are many in this country who would like to kick God completely out of any part of ceremony whether it is the inauguration or the pledge of allegiance. Yet, other so-called religions get air time on television and other mediums freely without restriction because of the first amendment right of free speech. God is watching and knows exactly who does what and when and it is **He** who is in control, not us.

God loves us all. He doesn't love the things that are being done by us, whether you are a Christian or not. Things that are wrong are wrong, there is no gray area with Him. There is no "little sin". Sin is sin, period. Whether it happens to be the "little white lie" you told your boss so you could stay home or stealing people's money in a fraudulent investment scheme or even by aborting your baby because you don't want "it".

God can forgive any of these if you ask Him into your heart and ask for His forgiveness. You must also be willing to repent and turn from your old life and move forward in your new life with Christ. There are many ways to serve Him and they will be revealed to you when you ask and seek His will for your life. Many people have asked me "How can you find out what God wants?" Read the Bible. His will for Israel and for believers is the same, turn your life over to Him as a living sacrifice daily and walk with Him. Doing this will not take away all of your problems but you won't have to face them alone.

Our lives belong to Him, especially when we have accepted Him as ou...

Monday, January 19, 2009

The way the world looks at Christians, we are narrow minded, intolerant, hateful of others' lifestyles and beliefs, yada, yada,yada, etc. The world sees us this way no matter how much we may do for others.

We are this way because if we are true to our belief, that is how we must be. God doesn't tolerate sinful lifestyles, beliefs which don't include Him or Jesus or those who believe that they can get to Heaven without Him.

I know this is a hard, cold way of introduction to a loving Father, but would your earthly father do any less? If there were others trying to teach my son differently than the way I have brought him up, I would be intolerant and narrow minded toward them too. Can we expect the Creator to be any different? He says all of this in His word, the Bible. Many people don't ever read their Bible much less study the meaning in the words.

Our loving Creator has left instructions for our lives and the way they should be lived, why not read them? It is much better than any "self-help" book and covers much more than most do. I know that many so-called men don't read the instruction book for doing things like putting something together, or how to program a VCR or DVR. But the Bible actually is the instruction book for life, our life. It will make nearly any situation easier to handle, if we let Him be our guide.

Give God and His advice for your life a chance to help. Because in all situations, He knows exactly what will happen and to whom. Let Him into your life and into your heart and your life on earth will never be the same, it will be better!

Today is a truly historic day

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

We have a new President and for the next four years he will be under watchful eyes from all over the world, as well as from God himself. It was God who put President Obama in the office which he now holds so we must respect His decision and the person He chose. We all had a part in that choice, but ultimately it was God's choice.

I pray that President Obama will begin every day with prayer and a consultation with his Heavenly Father **before** any decisions are made. In that way, our country and its people will be protected by the most powerful person in the universe. God Himself.

Our President has a lot on his shoulders in regard to responsibility for so many people and commitments. I urge all Christians who may read this to pray earnestly for God to give him the wisdom and the foresight to handle all that will be put before him in the coming months and years.

At least half of every person belongs to.....?

Saturday, January 24, 2009

Some more than others are controlled by **their own** lusts, pride, ambition or ego. There was a country song back in 1995 called "Cain's Blood". I don't know if it ever became very popular but it describes the human condition perfectly. On one side is our conscience telling us that we shouldn't be doing something we know is wrong and on the other is "Cain's blood" , or the bad side of us, telling us to go ahead if it feels good.

There are many temptations in our world and for many people there is no way out, as far as they know. The way out is there, you just have to ask for it. Jesus provides the way and the Bible is the instruction book. It has always been there throughout history. Some people find it and embrace it, others know it is there but take a long time to embrace it. There are some people who reject it completely and want no part in any church or service to Him.

Those teachings come from God because the Bible is His word written by human hands by the prompting of His Spirit. God has led me to write this blog, although some people may not agree with nor believe that. I have never been a "writer" for most of my life until a few months ago when I started this. Now, I can't stop writing!

Each person has the choice to make in their life which side they will follow. Nothing is ever forced on anyone regarding your spiritual condition. God left it up to us to decide. If we choose to follow Him and His Son, Jesus, we will have eternal life with Him in Heaven. If not, we will still have eternal life but it will be in torment because of the decision that **we** made **not** to follow Him. It won't be because of anything that we did in our life here on earth. Paul was a persecutor of the early church and stood by while Stephen was stoned to death for doing nothing more than preaching about the risen Christ. So the most prolific writer of the New Testament was a murderer, and yet Jesus saw much more in him.

Your life doesn't have to be just your job or where you live. It can be your service to Him! I would rather go into Heaven and hear the words from my Lord, "Well done good and faithful servant" than to have a billion dollars on earth. I still live in a "trashy trailer" and have all of my life. I am not ashamed of it. I would like to have a "real" house but that is not what a home is. Home is where you are loved and accepted and can enjoy being with your family in reasonable comfort. It doesn't have to be anything more than that. My real home is where Jesus is and I am looking forward to getting to see Him.

I AM.....

Saturday, January 31, 2009

I AM the Prince of Peace.

I AM the Alpha and Omega.

I AM before all things and through me all things were created.

I AM the Lamb of God.

I AM the babe in swaddling clothes born of a virgin foretold in Isaiah.

I AM the Lion of the tribe of Judah.

I AM the Prince of Peace.

I AM the Lamb that was slain for the sins of the world.

I AM the Lord, your God.

I AM the Counselor.

I AM the Son of God.

I AM the Christ, the Savior of mankind.

I AM the Messiah.

I AM the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

I AM Jesus, son of Mary betrothed to Joseph of the line of David.

I am waiting for you to invite me into your life and heart, patiently will I guide you through your life in service to Me. If you will let me in I can show you many things, won't you give me that chance?

Does God hear us when we pray?

Wednesday, February 04, 2009

This is a question I pondered for a long time before I decided to follow Jesus. The answer is YES! He hears you, but before you give your life to him He is only listening for the prayer that shows that you have decided to follow Him. Once you make that decision and let Him know it, He forgives you and changes your heart. Every prayer after that point is heard and answered, some sooner than others but the answer will always be His answer. It may not be the answer you were looking for, but it will be His answer for you and your life.

Our lives, according to His Word, are supposed to be living temples and sacrifices to Him. We have to subject our will to His in order to serve Him. We can't decide to give our heart to Jesus and then keep doing what we have always done before. The life we get after He comes into our heart is His, not ours. That is the reason that it is so hard for us to give our lives to Him. It really has to be done every day. Submission of our will and our lives to Him on a daily basis is not something that we do very well. Only with the strength that He gives us can we do it successfully.

God knows this and He knows exactly how we will respond daily. Being a dedicated Christian is hard for us to do. It is actually impossible for us to do without His help and the strength that He gives us, if we will ask for it. Our lives can be so much more than what or who we are if we choose to serve Him in whatever we do. It doesn't matter if we are pastors, deacons, missionaries, Gideon's, or just nurses, store clerks, doctors, lawyers, pc technicians, gas station attendants, etc. We can serve Him doing whatever we do as

long as we do it for Him and for His Glory and not our own.

Pride can be a terrible master that takes many things from us if we let it. That is what gets in the way of many people's service to Him. We don't like to admit that it is there but if you let Him search you and your heart and listen to Him when He speaks, you will know. Our lives, like the lives of every creature God created, should serve Him regardless of what our occupation is. God knows exactly what we are capable of but He knows that we are capable of much more if we let Him have control of our spirit and commit ourselves to Him each day.

Something died in me

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

I was prompted this morning to write about, of all things, death! I have never experienced the death of a sister or brother through war or by evil things that men do or even by accidents, but the feelings of betrayal and loss are the same. I have a half-brother and sister and I was very worried when she was serving in the Army because she spent most of her five year enlistment in Europe and some in Iraq. God answered my prayers and protected her, somehow as only He can do.

There are many people who have lost loved ones to the evil and hateful ways of men and I am sure that they question God's love and His divine love when things go terribly wrong. **He is still there and He does care.** In fact, He will avenge their deaths in ways that we cannot possibly imagine. "Vengeance is Mine, says the Lord."

The first death that I experienced was the death of my marriage, then my grandmother and finally my mother, grandfather, and my Dad. A few years later, my mother-in-law, my son's grandmother, died. I was questioning, searching for the answer when I came to realize that He had a plan in all of this. I did not like nor enjoy how His plan for my life worked out but after a while of prayer and crying out to Him, I came to know Him better than I ever had before. I know that death is something that we all have to come to grips with at some point in our lives, and it is not a pleasant part of life at all but it is necessary. Even the loss of someone by gun or by an accident on the highway or even by drugs is not overlooked by God. He knows when your life will end and how, unfortunately He can't prepare our family or us for it unless we let Him.

I wasn't ready for any of the deaths which occurred in my life, but He knew that unless I experienced them I would never grow into the person that He intended for me to be. I know, that seems to be a cruel way to cause someone to "grow-up" but even in the Bible there are times when people would die so that a new leader would be brought into their place.

Bitterness, anger, frustration, feelings of resentment, loneliness, grief, frustration....these are all feelings that we experience when someone dies before their time or before we are ready. God knows and cares about all of us and for those who were Christians, He was there to greet them when they came into His presence. The sad truth is that many people die not knowing Him, but sometimes this is the only way to get another member of the family to come to Him and God knows that. It is not pleasant and it is never easy on the family regardless of how the person died.

God loves you! Give Him a chance to show it by coming to Him and crying to Him about

your hurt and your anger. The only way that these feelings will be helpful to you is if you let Jesus heal the damage they have caused in your life. There is no way to bring back the people we have lost except through our memories of them, but those memories can be much sweeter if we will talk with the One who can help. The only One who can **truly help** spiritually, emotionally and eternally. Give Him the chance to show just how much He cares and you will be amazed.

Life in our time

Saturday, February 14, 2009

We should be grateful and humble that we are living in this time and in the United States of America. Our lives would be totally different had any of us been born in another country. I do realize that there are some who may read this from other countries so please forgive me for sounding like I am a bit too proud to be an American.

Our country and the world around us is in a financial mess that is likely to get worse far quicker before things get better. I am not a financial guru so I cannot give advice, though many people do that these days and their advice is not much better than what most have heard their grandparents say. Which was good advice but **only if it is followed**. The place that most of their generation got their knowledge from was the Bible and that is where we need to go back to. There are people who claim to be atheists or even wiccans who when faced with something that they know their belief doesn't address they will call on God. How do you think He feels about that?

His patience and love for us cannot be understood unless we read the Bible where it is shown over and over again to the Jews but also extended to the rest of us, the Gentiles. Our life would not be what it is if He did not love all of us. We would likely be very different people than we are because He would have started over. He is the creator after all and can do anything He wishes to do with His creation.

The attitude of some against Christians as well as the beliefs we have is unbelievable to most of us. Of course the world doesn't accept us because it rejects anything which makes it accountable for its actions, good or bad. It is truly sad to think that the only way that most of the world who aren't Christians will ever see us as we are will be at the throne of Christ when He returns.

The time we have here is important

Thursday, February 19, 2009

It is important to us, to our families and to God. Our lives are and always have been important to Him. If many of you would listen and check out His word, the Bible, you would see this is true.

Psalms 118: 8 It is better to trust in the Lord than to put your confidence in people.

The Lord of Hosts and the Creator of the Universe loves all of His creation, especially us! He created us in His image, all of us! It is about time that we realized this. The word of God is full of passages which point to this out in detail.

We were put here to serve Him and His purposes on earth. Many people are confused

about what this means. The Bible tells us if we only take the time to come to Him and pray about it while we study His word. He will reveal exactly what we are to do for Him and how to do it. The Bible is the only Living Word of God. It was sent to us to guide us and reveal to us what our purpose on earth is. Jesus was and is the Living Word and is manifested in the world now as the Bible itself. He is the Son of God and the savior of the world.

Give your life to Him and live fully dedicated to Him and you will never regret it. He can and will reward you with more than you could ever hope for.... a life that will never end and more satisfaction in your life here than you can get from the world.

The 23rd Psalm, paraphrased

Friday, February 20, 2009

The Lord is my shepherd, I have everything that I need. He gives me rest daily in His pastures, and leads me beside peaceful, quiet waters. He renews my strength. He guides me in paths that He wants me to follow, bringing honor to His name.

Even when I go through tough times in my life, I will not be afraid, for you are there beside me. Your strength protects and comforts me.

You prepare a meal for me in the presence of my enemies. You welcome me as Your guest, anointing my head with oil. My portion of blessings is overflowing. Surely your goodness and unfailing love will be with me every day of my life, and I will dwell in Your house forever.

Our time is short but His message is timeless

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

God is the creator of the Universe regardless of what science tells people. He placed the stars and galaxies exactly where He wanted them to be and they will stay that way unless He says otherwise. Our lives should be the same. We should strive to do His will in our lives and in the place where He has placed us. Non-believers, take heart, God loves and cares for you too.

He is only waiting for you to decide to place your faith in Him. He knows exactly what you need and when you need it. Your life is in His hands and always has been, because He formed you in the womb! He knows exactly and perfectly about you. More intimately than anyone on earth could ever know you is the way that God knows you.

Don't put off your decision to join in partnership with Him. Jesus stands at the door of your heart and knocks, gently. But, He knows exactly when you will answer. Give Him that answer soon, won't you? God doesn't love you because of what you have done in the past, He loves you because of who He created you to be! He knows what you can do for Him and His kingdom and the limitations that you may have, but He also knows how much you can accomplish that someone else may not be able to do.

We are each given a measure of talents and gifts by God to be used in His service, with no regard to our present circumstances. He knows exactly what you can and cannot do and will give you the words to say when they are needed.

Do what you can for Him while you still have the time to do so! He will reward you with far greater value than earthly things can be measured.

Are we content?

Saturday, February 28, 2009

Paul spoke of being content in any situation in which he might find himself. His contentment came from knowing Jesus and knowing that he served Him to the fullest extent that he could. Is it possible for us to know this contentment in the times in which we are living? Yes! God and His son, Jesus are still in control and will always be! If we will be submitted to serving them in our lives on a daily basis, we can have that feeling of contentment in spite of the economic times in which we are living.

God wants us to be and have life abundant, especially when we are following Him and serving in His Kingdom. He created everything in the universe from the smallest atom to the largest galaxy. He knows exactly how things are supposed to work together and why. We were created for His purposes and He knows what purpose is right for each of us in His service. It doesn't matter what kind of "job" you have as long as you can do it in service to Him and with humility, not arrogance and pride in service to yourself or the world.

God loves all of us, no matter where we live or what religion we claim to believe in. If you feel a tug on your heart toward Him and to His son, Jesus, please respond positively! Humanity was created in His Image to serve Him in whatever capacity or position we find ourselves in. Our lives are not ours alone, but His!

If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Romans 8:31,32

I do realize that there are some who do not believe that Jesus was the Son of God and that He was "just a prophet". The prophecies in the Old Testament point to Him and His birth long before He came to us as the Son of David, the Messiah. I don't have the room to point out all of the passages which speak of Him and tell who He is, but they are there.

Give the word of God a careful study so that you will find these passages, most of which are in Isaiah. There are also some in the Psalms of David and many others in Daniel, Jeremiah, Micah, etc.

Before your life ends here, please give yourself the chance to hear and really listen to a Bible teaching church and its pastor. Read God's Word and ask Him to help you to understand and He will. When you do make your decision, it will be the right one. I pray that you and your loved ones will come to Him and be fulfilled in Him.

My conscience is clear, but I still feel terrible!

Monday, March 16, 2009

Have you ever felt that way? I know that I have. Even when you know that you are forgiven, it still stings your self-respect for a while. Jesus loves us and He will forgive us when we confess and repent but people are different. Sometimes they just won't let it go,

even when you ask for forgiveness and tell them you are sorry for what you did.

I think that may be what has caused and is still causing problems all over the world. Humanity's inability to really "forgive and forget". It happens when disagreements arise between couples, friends, co-workers, etc. It happens between nations, politicians, and colleagues seemingly on a daily basis. If we serve our Lord the way we should serve Him, these problems would not be such a hindrance in our lives.

I try to serve Him the way I am supposed to but unless I surrender my will to Him daily, I cannot do it on my own strength and certainly not by my own will. Our service to others and to God cannot be done by us on our terms but must be done according to and in obedience to His will for us to bring glory and honor to Him and His Kingdom. If we will do that in our daily lives and in business, our life and our business will prosper because He wants us to prosper and give the glory (credit) to Him who gave it to us in the first place.

Lord, help us all to serve you the way we should on a daily basis. Give us the strength of Your will to do according to it and not our own. Help us to live our lives according to Your will so that our service to You will be acceptable and will give glory to You.

God can do more with you than you can

Thursday, March 26, 2009

Like a potter, God can mold you to be more of Him and His likeness. I was at a revival last night and the image of a potter with an old pot came to me. It was broken, chipped, with some holes in it. The potter sat down at His wheel, brought out just enough water to dampen the clay and make it pliable again and began to work. The process was not a quick fix and it took a while but eventually a new pot emerged from the old. This one was better suited for the task that the potter had in mind. This one had a large handle which would give him a better hold on it. It also had a larger portion in which to pour the Spirit which would fill it and allow more of Him to be poured out to others. The mouth of the pot was large so that as the Spirit was being poured out more could get in and make it an endless stream coming from Him.

This is the way that God wants us to be. Useful to Him as vessels into which He can pour the essence of who He is so that we can pour Him out to the world which desperately needs Him. If there is a void in your life, allow God to fill it! You will be amazed at how much of Him can fit in there and how much more will fit as well. Our lives could be so much more rewarding because of Him and what He can do for you and through you! Please, give Him a chance. Read only one book in the Bible with prayer, specifically Romans. He will work a true miracle in your life and through you to others. Be bold for Him and there is no way He will allow you to fail in His will for your life.

We can do more for those who hate us, than for those who love us

Wednesday, April 01, 2009

Our lives are to be used in service to others through our faith in Christ. Our faith in Christ is what gives us the strength and ability to do what needs to be done for God and His kingdom. This is supposed to be the purpose of every Christian on earth.

The people who hate us and ridicule us are those who don't understand our faith or beliefs. They say that they don't want what we have and yet, the self-help section in bookstores is overflowing, psychologists are turning away patients, people are taking Prozac and other medications by the handful. **Why?**

Because they are searching for something to fill the emptiness inside them. It may be drugs or sex or alcohol or many other things that are harmful to them as a person, but they will turn to something, *anything!* **Especially when they don't know what it is that they are looking for.**

Most self-help books just re-package the same themes which are found in the Bible. They take the "religious words" out to make it easier for non-Christians to incorporate it into their lives but if you take them and compare them to an English Standard Version of the Bible they sound almost identical.

People hate to hear the words which I have penned here, especially those in the tech-industry. I have noticed that if you mention God or the Bible or Christ around people who are "geeks", you will be almost "run out of town" and "hung by the neck until dead". It doesn't matter if you are talking about software for a Church or for Bible study.

God created us and gave us the knowledge to create the computer and the software which runs it. It doesn't matter who or why they say they did it. God has always been in control of everything that happens past, present and future. The technology which runs almost everything today is not new to God. He knew about the Internet long before it came into existence. Give Him a chance in your life. Listen to the Word in the Bible. Pick one up in a bookstore and read a little, it won't hurt. You might find something that you have been searching for all of your life, but you will never know if you don't at least try it. He is waiting. He loves you regardless of who you are or what you have done.

Life is not getting easier

Tuesday, April 07, 2009

And it won't until our lives are over. That is a morbid thought, but it is true. The Bible says that we will experience trials and other troubles in the world. Whether you are a Christian or not that is very true. In some instances, people cause their own problems. In others, trouble seems to come to them quite frequently. I know that this is not a new observation but in these economic times it is true for all of us.

On my blog, I make it a point to tell everyone about my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ and I do realize that some of you may not believe in Him but **please read on.**

Our lives are given to us to fulfill a purpose. Whether you use your life for yourself and your own desires or in service to God and His Kingdom doesn't really matter. I know that I may get some comments from some people about that but it is true. The ruler of this world would like you to believe that you are the most important person and your desires are also more important than any other purpose that people or society may be telling you. He has always been telling those lies all the way back to the garden of Eden when he deceived Adam and Eve. He is still telling lies but they are very subtle. Much more than the ones told in the garden.

God knew that his creation of Lucifer the light bearer would cause trouble even as He

created him. The conflict between the two opposing forces in the world, Satan who has manipulated all of mankind for thousands of years and Christ and His Father who have been patiently waiting for those who are called to come to them, will go on until the final "battle" when Christ is victorious.

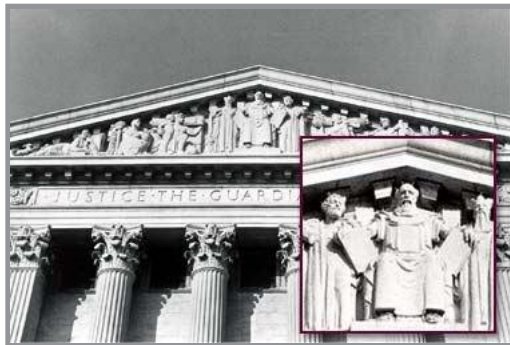
There are many references in the Old Testament to this conflict and many in the New Testament as well. The Bible is the true Word of God. ***There is no dispute about this.*** The dispute among the religions of the world is not about the Bible it is about **religion**, and who's religion is the "correct" one. My friends, there is no other religion that is correct except the one that worships the God of the Bible and His Son, Jesus the Christ!

I will be called a bigot and narrow minded and blind for saying these things, but I only write here what my prayerful spirit leads me to write. Most of my blog is not my own opinion (with the exception of a couple of posts). I try to write only what I feel led to, not from my own mind. The mind of man is a very fallible thing, wicked and deceitful in every respect toward God and His purposes.

Feel free to comment on any post here, but I would ask that you not post a comment with foul language in it. God loves you all because He created you. Go to a church and talk with someone about Him this weekend. It is the time that Jesus came out of the tomb a conqueror before sitting down at the right of His Father in Heaven. Listen to the preacher's sermon and pray that He will speak to your heart. ***He will, you know.***

Did you Know?

Saturday, May 02, 2009



With a full frontal view ... It is Moses and he is holding the Ten Commandments!

DID YOU KNOW?

As you walk up the steps to the Building which houses the U.S Supreme Court
You can see near the top of the building a row
Of the world's law givers and each one is Facing one in the middle who is facing forward



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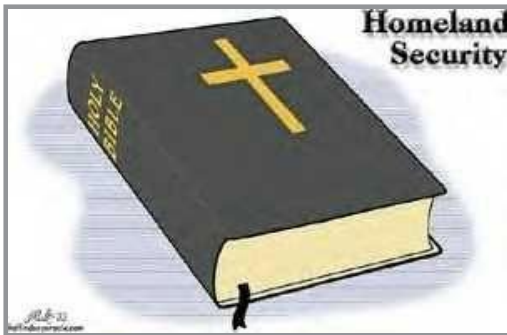
As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the Two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments Engraved on each lower portion of each door.

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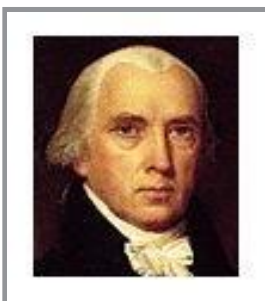
As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see The wall, right above where the Supreme Court Judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments!

DID YOU KNOW?

There are Bible verses etched in stone all Over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington , D.C.



DID YOU KNOW?



James Madison, the fourth president, known as 'The Father of Our Constitution' made the Following statement:
' We have staked the whole of all our political Institutions upon the capacity of mankind for Self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control Ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to

The Ten Commandments of God.'

DID YOU KNOW?

Every session of Congress begins with a prayer
By a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid
By the taxpayer since 1777.

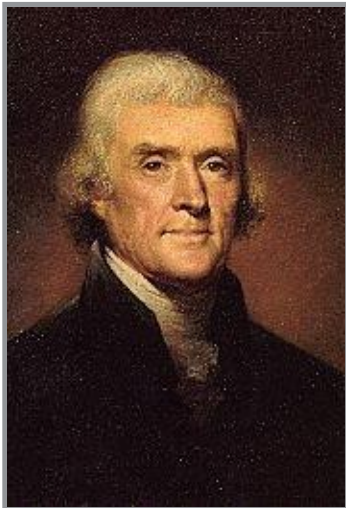


DID YOU KNOW?

Fifty-two of the 55 founders of the
Constitution were members of the established
Orthodox churches in the colonies.

DID YOU KNOW?

Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts
would
Overstep their authority and instead of
Interpreting the law would begin making law
An oligarchy
The rule of few over many.



How then, have we gotten to the point that
Everything we have done for 220 years in this
Country is now suddenly wrong and
Unconstitutional?

Lets put it around the world and let the world
see and remember what this great country was
built on.

I was asked to send this on if I agreed or
delete if I didn't. Well I *do* agree so I posted it here so the
whole world could see it.



It is said that 86% of Americans believe in God. Therefore, it is very hard to understand why there is such a mess about having the Ten Commandments on display or 'In God We Trust' on our money and having God in the Pledge of Allegiance. Why don't we just tell the other 14% to Sit Down and SHUT UP!!!

The problem with belief is that even Satan believes in God. Belief is not enough! Our country and the world needs to turn to God before it is too late! Believe and trust in Him, it is the only way to save yourself from the wrath that is to come. Denying this will only cause you more suffering than you could imagine and that will be for eternity. Listen to the wisdom found in the Bible it is why our founding fathers based many of our laws on Biblical principles.

What do you think God feels.....

Sunday, May 03, 2009

When we decide **not** to trust in Him or when people kill each other for reasons that no one can understand, but God. When babies are aborted for selfish reasons like *convenience*. They are a gift from God regardless of how we feel about them. He cannot and will not stop us from doing these things even when He doesn't like them. Our life and the lives we have been given on earth are gifts from Him. What we choose to do with them is **our** choice. No matter what the choice is, good or bad. That is why when people ask me, "Where was God when all those children were tortured or killed in those countries", the only answer is that He was there in the midst of it. His anger won't blaze against us for these atrocities until the time when He comes back to judge humanity for our sinful deeds.

What about the children that are beaten and abused, physically, sexually or verbally in this country? He doesn't turn a blind ear or eye to them either. Their parents or guardians will answer for their crimes as well. Our lives are not lived out on earth unnoticed, God knows what happens in each of our lives whether it is good or bad. He also knows how we will respond in each situation. That is why He knows who will come to His call and

who will not, but He calls anyway. Just as when you ask your child to do something. You know how they will respond because they are yours and you have been with them since they were babies. God knows us even more intimately than that because He formed us in the womb and knows exactly what kind of personality we will have as we grow.

No one can run from God because every time you try, no matter how hard or how far you go, you will run into Him. He is everywhere, even in places that you may not think He would be. He never gives up on us even when we turn our back to Him. I have heard people who claim to be “atheists” give a better testimony for God than some Christians. One even said that if hell is the place that the Bible says that it is, we (Christians) should be trying **really** hard to get people to listen to what we have to say. Do we do that? Has there been a true revival in our country or the world? I haven’t seen any evidence of it. In fact, many people have pulled away from the church in the past forty years or so. Recently, there are many people who are seeking and coming to church but there are more leaving the church than are coming into it. At this point in time, that is really sad. But, it is part of the prophecy in Revelation that there would be a “falling away” and that it will get worse before the end.

When the final person who will accept Christ does so, I believe that it won’t be long before He comes to get the Church and then things will **really** get rough for everyone. Read John 3:16 and Romans 8, they will help explain some things. I pray that all who read this will ask Jesus into their hearts and ask for forgiveness for their sins. Then the **real** revival will begin.

We truly have an awesome God!

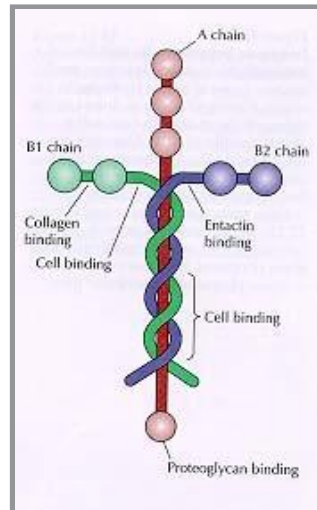
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“I am wonderfully and fearfully made.” Psalm 139:14

No truer words were ever written or spoken! When the Bible says that

'He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
For by him all things were created; things in heaven and on earth, visible
And invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
All things were created by him and for him.
He is before all things, and in him
All things HOLD TOGETHER. '
Colossians 1:15-17

The molecule that is the cellular glue that holds all of our cells to one another is shaped like a cross and here it is. If that is not proof of a creator I can’t imagine what else you would need.



I pray that Penn will learn the truth of the Bible

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

I have seen some of his video's that belittle our faith and question the validity of the Bible and that is OK. Everyone is entitled to their opinion. Our lives here on earth are for service to God, not just ourselves. Of course, most of the world seems to think otherwise but that is the point of this blog! If we don't at least try to get the message out about Jesus and His love for us, we are doing Him a disservice and we are not living up to the commission that He gave to His disciples to go and preach. If Penn has hardened his heart and his beliefs so much that the Spirit can't reach him, then he has no hope and I will pray that it has not happened.

He may be an atheist but this video shows that we can touch anyone's heart. I pray that someday he will come to Jesus and stop belittling Christians and their faith. I know that according to the scientists and other "religious" people that the Bible has some points in it that may contradict acceptable behaviour today. The book itself was written by more than 60 authors over three thousand years and yet they are all pointing toward the same message and the Saviour, Jesus.

If you could find 60 scientists to write about evolution or biology, none of them would agree or even be writing about the same message let alone being separated by hundreds of years or even a thousand and still have the same message? Not possible!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JHS8adO3hM>

Life as we see it

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

"My life is mine to do as I will!" This is the position that most people have about their lives and that is fine except that is not the way that God intended. We have the ability to choose, but we should be seeking Him and His way for our lives. I have noticed that many people profess to be Christians but their lives do not show it outwardly. In many people's lives the world cannot see any change in their life at all and that is sad.

Sad because in the end it is going to send them to hell. Sad because it is going to rob them of the joy of serving God now and forever. Sad because the people that they come in contact with, in this life, will think that Christians act this way and that they are hypocrites.

Our service to God should never be a question which needs answering, it should show in and through our lives and our actions. If your walk and your faith do not show, how will anyone know? Jesus called all of His followers to be in the world but not **of** the world so that we can be examples of His teachings. If we are not living our faith, then don't claim it! Don't tell someone that you are something that you can't show by your actions! If your faith is too weak, ask God to increase it and help you to be more like Him. He always answers a prayer such as that, especially from a Christian who is slipping from the path and needs to be nudged back up on it.

God loves us all, prove to Him that you can love Him in return!

God is the Creator and He is waiting

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

God is the Creator of all things. By His own word it is told to the world that He put the stars in their constellations for signs and seasons. He created and is creating even now. He is the one who knits together our bodies and molds the personality that He knows will be each one of us. Science can't prove this with their theories or computer models or equations.

He created all things and by Him all things were created. The sun, the moon and all of the planets were placed where they are by Him. In their precise orbits so that none would interfere with the others and so that they would inspire mankind. Our own planet is exactly where it is supposed to be, not by accident but by design. God's design.

The primates which our own theorists think that we came from are not our ancestors. We are similar in many respects but God made us in His image and He did not do it with another animal. Mankind was given a soul and the ability to choose what he does with his life. Primates and all other animals have no choice, they are and always have been what they are and cannot change because that is how God created them.

Granted, there are some early "kinds" that God created that changed due to their location or climate but that is adaptation not evolution. All life was created to produce according to its kind regardless of what it may have started out as. Mankind has always been that and was never "in the trees" as a primate.

I know there may be some or quite a few people who will disagree on these points but that is how it was told to Moses and handed down through the generations to us. Our world and our very lives would not exist without the grace of God and His love for us. All of us get to live another day because He wants us to, He needs us to be here to fulfill our purpose in His plan not because we have to pay bills!

Your life is much more than what you may think it is. It belongs to God and it follows His purpose whether you realize it or not. Even those of you who have not given your lives to Him, you still live because He wills it not because of anything that you or I do.

We do not and cannot exercise that much control over our lives even though we believe that we do. Can you change your hair color or texture at will? Can you affect the color of your skin? No!! God made all of us the way we are for His purposes, not ours! He loves us all, even those who have turned their backs on Him. He doesn't turn His back on us unless He knows that we will **not** come to Him, which He does. All the sermons and prayers will not help someone who will not come to Him, but they will convict that person in the end because they did not listen with their hearts.

The message has always been available to all. God wrote the message in the constellations, it has been preached in churches for over two thousand years and in synagogues for longer than that. Millions of people have heard the message but hearing doesn't mean that they have taken the message into their hearts and believed fully in the Son of God, Yeshua (Jesus). The time is getting closer. The age of the Church is drawing to an end. The prophecies of Revelation are being fulfilled on a daily basis and quickly bringing about the "end of the age". Read, pray, listen with your ears and your heart before it is too late. Once the door is shut by God, nothing on earth can open it again.

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Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Dropping quotes from the Bible is not going to help!

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I realize that there is supposed to be a separation between our government and the church but only so that the government doesn't control the church! That has nothing to do with whether our troops are Bible-believing Christians or not. Our country was founded by and would not have been settled at all if the people coming over to America had not been Christians who were trying to escape religious persecution and control from their own country.

Our government cannot escape its place in history or in prophecy. We have a place in both and we cannot ignore or deny this, if we do the end will be far worse than the beginning.

Public opinion and policies

Friday, May 22, 2009

Our government has been working toward a premise that all of us need a college education to be an effective member of society. That is not so. A quote from an article that I read earlier says this:

"A **good job** requires a field of action where you can put your best capacities to work and see an effect in the world. **Academic credentials do not guarantee this.**"

There is proof of this since there are many with credentials up to PhD. that are working in jobs that do not require such lofty educational degrees. I am working as a technician on PC's and I have a BS in Medical Technology but laboratories are cutting back on the

number of employees rather than hiring. Although I do enjoy my work my degree is not being used at all. That is not to say that my talents are not being used, just my degree.

In other "policy" areas I have seen stories of legislation that is trying to bring about a "year of the Bible" but it will likely fail because there aren't enough Christians with backbone enough to stand up for their own beliefs serving in Congress. On the other hand, there are plenty of lobbyists for the atheist side with comments such as this:

"Right now, we're seeing atheism on such a rise," said David Silverman, vice president and national spokesman of American Atheists, a group dedicated to fighting for the civil rights of atheists.

"We are seeing Christianity on such a dramatic decline that we're not particularly worried about it. We're thinking that this kind of old-style George W. Bush Republicanism is about to go away," Silverman said, referring to the latest Pew Forum survey of American religious life, which showed non-religious Americans as the fastest-growing group.

Our country was founded on Christian beliefs and principles regardless of what the atheists would like for us to believe. The actual separation between church and state that Thomas Jefferson was speaking of was to keep the government from regulating our religion, not eradicating it entirely from the government itself.

There seems to be a growing public opinion that our country is a country of secularists and not Christians and the evidence seems to be pointing in that direction. Those of us who are Christians are just sitting back and watching this happen and not voicing our concern or our opinion at all. I am using this forum to at least get the word out although I am not sure if anyone is reading this or not. I pray that God will use me and my small voice to get some people upset enough to do something or say something in the right venue that may have some effect before it is too late.

Life is hard and it's going to get worse!

Thursday, May 28, 2009

In the economic times that we are living in, anyone with a job had better be satisfied with it or decide to be satisfied with it. The first six months of a new administration is always an uncertain time regardless of the political party involved. This has been true of Republicans as well as Democrats, so people who are playing the blame game trying to pin the problem on one or the other, are just wasting their time and everyone else's.

The Creator, God, who made everything and controls it all, is the one who put each government into power and those who are in power are doing His will whether they know it or not. Nothing happens without His knowledge, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem to be at the time. Some people may ask, "Why does God allow suffering or murder or any of a thousand other atrocities which happen in our world everyday?" He allows it because He doesn't control us!

We are the ones who commit those crimes every day and most are committed by people who do not know God at all! They may know of Him, but knowledge doesn't make you a Christian. Believing in Him and His son, Jesus, does! The decision to follow Jesus is easy but the "**following**" is not. Our *old nature* tries to take over every second of every minute and if you do not decide to truly follow the teachings found in the Bible, you will not be a

successful follower of Christ!

Once you truly decide to allow Christ into your life and your heart, it does become easier but the temptations never really go away. Satan is in control of this world but he is also under subjection to God so anything that he does is still in God's will and His purpose. Humanity chooses to do whatever evil or good is in their hearts to do at whatever time they choose to do it. We are not controlled like robots, but only watched over by God. He loves and cares for us all, just like any loving father would for his children.

God put the universe together and He lovingly knitted your DNA together, just like He did with everyone else on this planet. He knows you far better than you know yourself and He would like to have a relationship with you if you would let Him. Give God a chance to show you what He can do with you and for you because no one else can do what He can!

Living for Him and through Him is the same

Wednesday, June 03, 2009

Our life in Christ must be through Him daily. We cannot attempt to do it ourselves without Him. **Because we can't!** If anyone is going to live a life dedicated to Christ and in service to Him they have to admit that they are sinners on a daily basis. Just as someone who smokes cigarettes has to admit that they have an addiction to cigarettes before they can possibly quit. We have to depend on Him daily for the strength to resist sin and the temptation to sin, no matter what the sin is or how "small" we consider it to be. In His eyes, there is no small sin. Just as there is no little lie or a little bit of murder. They are what they are and nothing else.

No one should consider themselves a Christian if they cannot say, truthfully, that they pray daily for the strength and wisdom to carry them through each day. Some people have said that being a Christian should be easy and that after accepting Christ we are supposed to be perfect. Jesus did say that we are to be perfect as the Father is perfect **but** He only meant that we are to **strive to be perfect by confession of our sins and prayer for strength to resist temptation.** We cannot be perfect in our sinful earthly body because anything that is corruptible cannot be perfect and our bodies are not perfect in a spiritual sense. God made our bodies perfect in the ways that they need to be so that all of the parts of our bodies work together, at least until something starts going wrong as we get older or due to disease or accidents.

Living in the times that we are living in is getting harder for Christians because we are considered to be the ones committing "hate crimes" and being non-conformist because we live according to our beliefs. Jesus said that we would be hated because of Him and we are seeing more and more of that everyday. It is going to get worse for all of us but we, as followers of Christ, are going to be targeted more and more as time moves closer to His second coming. I truly look forward to the day or night when He calls us home. Then the world will truly see what hard times **really** look like. Be in prayer for all who haven't acknowledged Him and especially for those who don't know Him at all.

This post is to confirm my presense

Monday, June 08, 2009

I am not publishing this as a testament to my Lord and Saviour but to let the world know more assuredly that my blog for Him is here.

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Summer is a hot time for.....

Tuesday, June 09, 2009

First and foremost on any Christian's mind should be serving the Lord and witnessing for Him but there are many opportunities for family time as well. Your family is a precious gift given to you by God so take the time to be with them and show them that you are grateful for them. Our service to Him is more important than anything we can do on earth for ourselves. I know that sounds counterproductive especially these days but you can serve God in your chosen profession or job.

There are many temptations during the summer as well. People will be tempted regardless of their faith or belief in Christ and some will give in to it, but Christians have the strength that comes from their faith in God and they can resist if they will listen and heed the warnings from the spirit. I know that many do not believe that you can hear a "small voice" with all of these cell phones and text messages and other distractions but you can if you are tuned in to His call in your life.

The life of people who follow Him is not an easy one and never has been but with faith and trust you can do it! You just have to confess any sin, no matter what it may be or how insignificant you think it is, every day. That is what He meant when He said "Take up your cross daily and follow me". (Luke 9: 23)

If there were more believers who would do this, our world would be an entirely different place than it is now. We are getting closer to the end of the Church age, that is why things are getting harder for everyone, not just Christians. Please pick up a Bible and read. Ask God to help you understand before it is too late. Today is the day to become a child of God not tomorrow or next week because we aren't guaranteed the next breath let alone tomorrow or next week!

Just in case you missed it, here is Dave Ramsey

Tuesday, June 09, 2009

I am linking to a video of "Town Hall of Hope" that Dave did back in early May and broadcast to many churches across America. I hope you enjoy it and learn from it.

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How will anyone know?

Thursday, June 11, 2009

How could someone who doesn't know you, figure out that you are a Christian? Could they hear it when you talk to them? Could they see it by what you do every day at school or at work? Do you take Christ with you everywhere you go or do you leave Him and your faith at church when you go home?

We are supposed to be ambassadors for Christ in our daily lives. Do you know anyone who does this? If you do, how do they show it? By their words and deeds on a daily basis or just by going to church on Sunday?

Anyone can be religious about anything. They can religiously go fishing on Saturdays, they can be religious about watching TV every night or about how they comb their hair. Being religious about something is just making it a habit it doesn't show your faith in anything. People who didn't hear Jesus preach could watch Him and see what He did. They could tell that He had a faith and a purpose beyond this life and the day to day things that everyone else did. That is exactly what we are supposed to show the world. That our life is not based on our work schedule or when soccer practice is or when the big game is or who is winning the World Series this year, if you are a child of God through Christ!

The everyday stuff that we have to put up with while we are here is meaningless in the grand scheme of things. What will it matter in a thousand years how big your house is? In ten thousand years will anyone care what kind of car you drove while you were alive or even how much money and investments you had? **NO!!!** There won't be any evidence that any of that ever existed by that time. Our life is only a few moments compared to that amount of time and if you stretch it out to a million or a billion years.....? God loves all of us and he gave us a reason to be where we are. If you truly want to follow Him or are just curious, read the Bible! Especially the book of Romans. The way to salvation is in it from start to finish.

God doesn't leave us alone, ever! No matter how far you think you have gone or what bad things you have done, He still loves you. It is simple to accept Him and His way if you will just trust in Jesus. He doesn't require you to jump through hoops or anything like that. What He does require is faith in Jesus and the willingness to follow His way of life on a daily basis, giving up your sinful ways and so-called "friends".

It is just the way life is but how can we live it?

Sunday, June 14, 2009

Today, with all of the violence, abuse of all kinds, wars, etc., it is truly miraculous that we can live our lives period. When we look at the television and the internet it seems that all of the news is bad, regardless of what channel you may be watching or where you live. But, there is hope for all of us.

The way to live it fully and completely can only be found in the Bible and by faithfully walking the Christian faith daily. I know that this is an unpopular topic these days, but listen and you may learn something. I was sleeping soundly when I was awakened with this message and was compelled to get up and share this with the world.

God's wisdom, found in the Bible or the Talmud, is timeless and applies now just as much as it did when it was written. Some of the concepts from the Old Testament may be a bit dated, like slavery, but the whole Bible points to the end of the age which we are living in now. I don't know how much longer this world has because Jesus said, "Only the Father knows when that time will come". I don't claim to be a prophet, just a messenger. I don't and cannot predict anything, only God knows when things are going to happen because nothing takes Him by surprise.

The books that are supposed to be "self-help" books just re-package the wisdom found in the Bible. None of these so-called "gurus" came up with this on their own. The ideas and concepts have been with us for centuries and were handed down by those who read the Bible and put it to work in their lives. God's wisdom is timeless and no amount of advertising or marketing is going to change the core of the beliefs that most of the world has heard they just didn't know exactly where it came from.

Please, if you are reading this, pick up a Bible somewhere. Read it, especially the book of Romans in the New testament. It outlines the way to salvation and peace with God and eternal life with His Son, Jesus. Here is a link to an important part of this book, I hope you will read it and read more after that: [Romans 8](#)

God loves all of us and does not want anyone to perish in the pits of Hell. That is why the Bible and its message have not gone away like the courts and may others would like for it to do. It is the Living Word of God and therefore timeless. When someone goes to Hell, they do so not because they are being punished by God but by the choice that they made during life by not accepting God's free gift of salvation through Christ. Yes, salvation is a gift although some see it as a binding or a curse. It is neither of these! If you are to truly **live the Christian faith**, it is a daily and at first it can be an hourly walk with Him. Because our nature is sinful and we are prone to follow it because it feels good or because that is what all of our "friends" are doing. This life is temporary and only lasts for a small amount of time compared to eternity. Our souls and the bodies that we are given for eternity never die, regardless of where you go after your earthly body dies.

Give yourself the chance to live fully because only through faith in Jesus and the message brought through Him can you be saved. The things you do on earth, regardless of how good they may be, will never be good enough to get you into Heaven. Rejecting Christ and His message is all you have to do to go to Hell. Think about it! Before it is too late.

I am not sure what to do with my life

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

There are many answers to this question although very few of them seem to be the right answer at the time. The answer that most people are looking for is one that is very subjective and dependent upon the individual.

If you are a teen this question is put to you by your parents, your school counselor and your teachers as well as your peers. Adults ask this question after they have been working for a while and seem to have hit a wall that their career won't go over. Kids younger than thirteen ask it, but it is a very confusing question since they aren't sure what they might be interested in later on.

For older adults who have retired, they usually are looking for something to relieve the boredom since they left the workplace. Is it possible for you to consider volunteering at a shelter or your local church? I know that volunteer work is not a very lucrative way to have meaning in your life but it would expose you to other people and possibilities. Being of service to someone or performing a service at a shelter or church is an unselfish way to open up to other people and their needs. Helping someone with their grocery shopping or with their computer may show you that you have gifts and talents in other areas.

Our life is hard enough when we don't have problems but when someone needs help and you can help it is very gratifying. Jesus was the ultimate helper and His example is one we should all follow. I know that we can't do it on our own without His help and strength but if you ask for the strength from Him to do what needs to be done, He will answer. There are many ways that we can be more like Him, but only if we let Him work through us. Won't you give that a try and ask Him into your life? Your life will be so much more with Jesus in your heart and you will be too!

Father....Dad...Daddy, which one are you?

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Those of us who grew up without a dad in our lives knew what we wanted from him. Even when we didn't get it, the "it" was usually his love or approval of us in one way or another. The lives of those who had a father who was present in their lives were very different from ours. Sometimes for better and sometimes for worse depending on the type of father you had.

Jesus had a Daddy who was always with Him no matter where He was or what He was doing. That is why He called Him, "Abba, father", which literally means Daddy.

Being a Daddy is one of the most rewarding and satisfying "jobs" you will ever have. Though it can be frustrating at times. In our relationship to our dads as well as the relationship between us and God, our Heavenly Father, we are rebellious. We are not truly able to be cooperative, no matter which father we are trying to please, at least not on our own. It just isn't our nature to be that way.

Our job, as fathers, is to raise our children to know God and His Son. If you aren't doing that, then you are not fulfilling your purpose. We are put here and gifted with children so that we can raise up the next generation to know God and His Son, Jesus. Though there are those who are teaching their children contrary to this. Christianity is the **only way** to get to Heaven and belief in and acceptance of Jesus is what makes us Christians.

You cannot buy your way or work your way into Heaven. You cannot **do** anything by yourself that will get you admitted into Heaven. You can easily go to hell, not by killing someone or by cheating on your spouse or on your taxes, **just by ignoring God and leaving Jesus out of your life and the life of your family.** By doing this you have condemned yourself and possibly your family as well to an eternity in hell. This is scary stuff folks. Hell is not going to be a fun place and there will never be a time when you won't be able to feel the heat. Once you are there, it is for eternity! There is no reprieve and no "Get out of jail" cards!

Be a true, strong, loving Dad or Daddy. Get on your knees and ask Jesus into your heart and then lead your children to Him as well. Our strength comes from the one we trust and

who could possibly be stronger than God!!

What can I do with my life?

Wednesday, July 01, 2009

I have wondered that for most of my life. The answer to such a question is not easy to come to whoever asks it regardless of age, religion, or sexual preference. When we try to find our purpose in life we are usually searching for things that **we** like to do or places **we** would like to visit or even people **we** would like to be with. Most of our lives on earth, we are concerned more with "mine, me, or I". It is a rare individual who is more concerned with others than themselves.

We cannot **do** anything good on our own because we are sinful by nature and our natural tendency is toward sin. Our lives are useful to us but even more to God and when we are serving Him, regardless of what we are doing, we are to give Him the glory. He raises us from sleep every morning and gives us the strength for each day.

Until we accept Jesus and His Grace for us, we are not His. Usually we have to come to a point where our lives are not what we want them to be and realize that we can't make them that way on our own. When we come to that point, a choice is usually present and we **must** choose.

Redemption from our previous life or just continue on in the life that we are "comfortable" with? Comfort is relative however. Comfort in this life may lead to an eternity of torment and eternity is a **long** time! If we choose to follow Jesus and serve Him we may have to give up some friends or our favorite places to go or some things that we are "comfortable" doing right now. But, have you ever thought of how short our lives truly are? Do you think your life is all that there is?

Eternity is much longer than a billion years so our pitiful lifespan of seventy-five or eighty years is nothing more than a puff of smoke in comparison. Where would you rather spend eternity, in torment, pain, and anguish or in peace, life with Him, and happiness forever?

Each of us needs saving, but where can that redemption to come from? Buddha? Mohammed? Jesus is the only way. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). ***Choose life and Jesus over spiritual death and anguish forever.***

Faith, what is it? Does it work?

Sunday, July 05, 2009

There are many in our country today who wonder at and ask these questions. Do you have an answer for them? In the book of James, he wrote that "Faith without works is dead". This is one of the prevailing truths of the Christian faith but do we put it into practice today, in the 21st century?

Many would say that the church doesn't do anything for their communities. Is this true in America? I do know of churches that help others in their community. Big churches and small churches, they all help in the way that they can. The church that came to life a few hundred years after our Lord's resurrection did far more than we do. They did not rely on

the government to help others, they did it. They took care of orphans, widows, those in need and others **themselves**, from what the church could do and from their own pockets!

The work that could be done by Christians today far exceeds what the early church could do but we don't. Why? Are we waiting for someone else to do it? Are we waiting for permission? Jesus told his followers to go and do likewise meaning to do what He had been doing and more! So, why isn't the church doing that today?

We give money to missions and to people who have lost their homes but what about the homeless, the sick who don't have insurance, those who are less fortunate than us regardless of their circumstances? Our **faith** and belief in Jesus can save us individually but what about the work needed to get things done to show others our faith?

I have faith that a house can be built with the right tools and material. I also have faith that seeds planted will produce a garden and vegetables but if I don't **do anything**, my faith will not produce those results on its own. The church is supposed to be the "body of Christ" in these times and yet if our faith doesn't have works to go with it, no one will recognize us as any different from anyone else will they?

Just something to think about.

Are you in dial-up mode or broadband?

Tuesday, July 07, 2009

In our society and our world almost everyone is connected somehow to the Internet. Whether it is by dial-up or broadband really doesn't matter except when you are trying to do something on the Internet. If you have dial-up there is a LOT of waiting involved regardless of where you may live. If you have broadband, whether it is by cable, satellite, or DSL, as soon as the computer is turned on you are on-line.

Our life with Christ should be like broadband. As soon as you wake up in the morning, you should be in contact with Him. This connection should stay on all through your day so that you won't miss His voice or wisdom when you may really need them. There are some who are in dial-up mode when it comes to their relationship with Christ and religion. They "dial-in and log on" with Him when they are in trouble or when they go to church. Then when the crisis is over or the service is over, they log off. Some log on daily but only for a few minutes and then log off again.

The dial-up Christian misses out on a lot that God and His Son have to say and on opportunities for witnessing that may come up during the day. If you were logged on and in touch with Him **all day** you would be able to respond when you meet someone who needs Him.

I confess, I have been reading a book by Dr. David Jeremiah called "Signs of Life". His book did inspire me to write this post but God had touched my heart and mind while reading it. Our life and the lives of those we come in contact with would be blessed on a daily basis if we kept our line of communication open to Him all day, every day. He would bless us and the people we meet as well because our conduct would show that He was influencing our walk on a daily basis.

Give God your best, there is no telling what you will get in return! I guarantee it will be

worth far more than you realize.

Ain't God Good!!

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Our lives would not be worth much if it weren't for Him and the grace that He gives us each day. He gives us the grace and strength to get up each morning, the air we breathe throughout the day, our minds and our health to serve Him in whatever job we have and the grace to know when we have messed up so we can confess it and leave it with Him.

God loves us all, not just the ones who serve Him willingly. He created every living being on this planet but he gave us humans the ability to know Him and that is very special. Our lives are special to Him because He created each of us and knew us before we were even born!

Our experiences in this life, good or bad, are our own doing. He doesn't cause us to fail or stumble, we do. Even in our Christian walk with Him there are going to be days that are tougher to stay focused on Him and His purpose for us. Our **enemy** in this world is satanic in nature but it *is everything that can draw us or our attention away from God.*

Truly, that is a lot of STUFF!! But with His strength and guidance, as long as we persevere in our walk with Him daily, we can be overcomers and bring Jesus and His love to the world. Not in a "holier than thou" attitude, but by loving those who would otherwise not be loved or not see or feel loved. In 1 Corinthians it says that all the gifts in the world are useless if we don't have love to back them up and that is the truth.

Ain't God Good!!

So much to do, so little time

Monday, July 20, 2009

In our lifetimes there have been many changes. There is the Internet, cell phones, Blackberrys, iPhones, PSP's, the list goes on and on. Electronic media has taken over much of our lives in such a way that it has created medical problems for many people. Progress in some ways is good but too much "progress" is not. Our lives were not made to revolve around "things", we were created to pay attention to our Creator and serve Him.

In the world today are so many distractions and temptations that it is hard for "connected Christians" to keep up with everything. If we allow too much of the connected world into our lives our connection to God will be clouded over and lose some of its clarity. I am not saying that God would cut the connection, but our attention will not be focused on Him enough because of the other "stuff" getting in the way.

Our lives have been given to us to spread the Good News of Jesus and His love of all. That is the commandment that was given to His disciples and to all who became followers of Him. Our lives have far more meaning in service to Him than they ever would or could if we were lost and not serving Him. I know there are some who do not know Jesus or have a relationship with Him but if you would give Him a try, reading the Bible with an open mind and heart, your life and the lives of those around you would be truly

blessed.

When we are serving God, what should our attitude be?

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Should we be truly humble....yes. Should we be servants....yes. Is our life to be His alone? YES!!

This is something which most of the world would call crazy. Why would you give your life, daily to someone who is dead! Well, He isn't dead! That is the point, really. All of the other so-called "gods" are dead. Buddha, Krishna, Mohammad, they have been dead for hundreds of years. **Jesus is alive and sitting at the right of God the Father and always has been.** We are His creation. Not only us but the entire universe including all of the stars and galaxies and the plankton and bacteria.

Nothing "evolved" in our cosmos, it was all created with the "age" that it seems to have because that is the way God wanted it to be. He did not create Adam as a baby but as a grown man and He did the same with everything else. If He chose to do it now, He could. Science doesn't believe this because it seems too simple to explain, but it is true because He said so in His word the Bible.

I have read accounts of so-called "carbon dating" of freshly cooled lava which showed an age of hundreds of thousands of years and sometimes more. Scientists would say it was due to the rock coming from the interior of the earth but I don't buy into that.

Our lives and the life on this world was put here purposely by the will and word of God, nothing else. Evolution didn't happen and has been proven, although many would deny it, to be impossible. It is statistically impossible for all of life on this planet to have evolved from a single-celled organism which grew from a pool of amino acids that just happened to come together to form protein molecules which then organized themselves into DNA. Even scientists know that life and death tends to go from complex to simple not the other way around. Things break down they don't build up on their own. If that was the case I could take some eggs and flour and sugar and throw them into a blender and come out with a cake with decorations and candles on it.

Our service to God doesn't happen all at once when we decide to follow Him. Our Spirit has to teach us something about Him and our service to Him and when we are mature enough, the service is a natural part of our being. It is not hard but it isn't easy either. It is a process just like planting a field and it takes time. Nothing is ever gained by fast growth except a field full of weeds.

Good crops, like mature Christians, take time to grow, but you have to invest the time in Bible study, prayer, fasting, and more prayer. Living a true servant's life to Christ and for Him is not the easiest way but it is the most rewarding. Part-time Christians are not what Christ wants. How would the gospel have been spread if Peter, James, John and Paul decided to work only on Wednesday's or Sunday? They wouldn't have gotten very far would they? The Good News of Jesus wouldn't have been spread to most of the known world if they had been part-time servants.

Our lives, short though they may be in comparison to eternity, are given to us to serve Him while we are alive on earth. Even though we will serve Him for eternity He desires our service here in order to bring others to Him. We are called to go and tell and if we don't we are not being faithful to our calling as Christians.

So many challenges, can we meet them all?

Sunday, August 02, 2009

Yes and no. Our lives, as Christians, are under scrutiny on a daily basis. Not only to walk the walk that we claim in Jesus, but to do it without complaint and in some people's eyes without stumbling. Unfortunately, we are not made perfect enough for that. In and through Christ's spirit, we are able to do all that He commanded us to do. The real challenge is to be connected to Him, in Spirit, daily.

By that I don't mean prayer time in the morning or at night, although that is part of it. There are too many people who only get in touch with Him in that way and many who do, do it only once a day. God wants us to be in touch with Him on a continuing and constant basis. In our society today many would say that that kind of communication is impossible because of how stressed our lives are and how many other things we have on our plates.

Through His spirit and by submitting our lives to Him daily, we can do all things. Even our jobs and the job that He has commanded us to do can be done at the same time, **if** we will allow Him to work through us. Our walk with Christ and through Him, can reflect His holiness and His attributes in and through our lives. I am not implying that we are holy, but His holiness is what others should see in our lives.

Your life in this world is temporary and our lives are not long enough to attempt to do things our way all the time. The sad fact is that when our earthly lives are over, our eternal life begins. I say that is sad because for some, they will be separated from God and Jesus forever. For humans, it is impossible for us to comprehend time as more than our lives provide for us. We can understand one hundred years, we can, in theory, understand how long one thousand years is. Any amount of time that goes beyond that cannot be understood by us.

We have been taught about millions and billions of years in high school "history" and science classes but we cannot wrap our finite minds around those numbers. Even our imagination is incapable of grasping time in such huge amounts, but even those pale in comparison to the prospect of eternity. You will either spend it serving and praising God or in torment and agony because you rejected Him. Which would you rather do? **Choose Jesus and service to Him.** The rewards following your life on earth will far outweigh any amount of wealth that can be amassed during your lifetime.

Science, God, faith, Jesus...can they coexist?

Sunday, August 02, 2009

Yes, they can! Our creator intimately and meticulously put your DNA and all of the cells which make up your body together to do mainly one thing, serve Him. Every atom in the universe was created by God. It doesn't matter if it is in the air which you and I breathe or if it is in a cloud of hydrogen gas light years away from earth. Each being, sentient (meaning us) or instinctual (the animals) was created by Him to serve a purpose in their

lives for Him. The animals don't have a choice in their service, they do what their instinct tells them to do, no questions asked. Humans have a choice to serve or not, to follow Jesus or to follow their own ways and the way the world says is the "right" way because it feels good.

God created all of the laws of physics, thermodynamics, chemical reactions and every other "discovered" law that we have found to be immutable in the way of things and how things work. Light only goes a certain speed, no slower and no faster. There is an absolute temperature at which all molecular motion stops, there is also a temperature at which every nuclear force breaks down and molecules will fly apart. God knows these because He created them to work that way. Our cells were created to work for a certain period of time, although in the beginning we were designed as perfect and would have been immortal had we only obeyed God's commands.

Science, no matter which one is being discussed, is an extension of the Creator Himself. Every created thing on earth now and in the past was put here by Him for a reason. We cannot know that reason, but it is there nonetheless. God's will for us is to know Him and to serve Him, not because we are forced to do so but because He loved us enough to create us and to send His Son to die for us as payment for the sin in our lives. We all sin, even though some have covered up their sins or glossed them over with less sinful names. In some cases, our media (news, radio, television) has made us so used to them until we hardly notice them unless we are following Him and our spirit lets us know that what we are seeing or hearing is wrong.

The coexistence of God and science is not something which has to be worked on, it has been happening for hundreds of years. Until the latter part of the 19th century and the 20th century, no scientist questioned how the universe was brought into being. They just wanted to understand His ways and processes in the creation of it all and how things worked. There is nothing wrong with that. But, when you categorically dispute that there is an intelligent designer behind everything that is in the universe, you are denying the existence of God at all levels! God will not be mocked, He knows your heart and your mind more intimately than even you do. Give Him a chance in your life. Read the Bible and pray that He will show Himself to you through it while you read. **You will truly be amazed at what and who you will find. Decolores!**

Faith, Hope, and Love: Which is greater?

Monday, August 17, 2009

There have been men of great **faith** in the past like Moses, Abraham, and Noah. They all had faith in God and in His power, but that wouldn't have been enough to get them into Heaven. **Hope** for a better life and better world is a good thing but hope alone won't get you much, especially nowadays. Hope may help when you are suffering, but you truly need something or someone to hope for or to place your hope in.

Love is a word that is over-used today and has come to mean very little compared to what it meant in the past. Jesus said that the greatest of these is love but He was speaking about the love that He and the Father have for us and the love that we should show toward our fellow Christians and non-Christians too. Which is an unconditional love, one that you don't expect anything in return for. It has become very scarce in the world we live in today to find a love that fits that description except in a loving home between parents and their children and between husband and wife.

When we ask Jesus into our hearts, He comes in and cleans our hearts. We should take a look at our lives and what has been in our lives and check it against Jesus and His way. Would you want Him to look at the books and magazines that you have in your home? How about the television programs that you watch? Would you feel comfortable with Jesus in your living room during the week?

Our devotion to Jesus is supposed to take precedence over every area in our lives whether it is our family or our work or finances, even the little things that most people don't think God could possibly be interested in. But He is interested in all aspects of our lives, like a parent, He cares for and is interested in everything that you are. He may not like some of them, but He is taking notice of even the little things.

There are many temptations in our world today which can draw us away toward other so-called "faiths" or religions. Regarding religious behavior or religions, many things can be made into a religion. But, none of them will get you into Heaven except placing your faith in Jesus and His love for you. So, to answer the question in the title: **Love is the greatest of these.**

There has never been a greater love than the love that God has shown and shows today for all of us, than the giving of His Son as a sacrifice to pay the penalty for our sins. If we can accept the grace that was extended to us and ask Jesus into our hearts, nothing else is required. Though, you will want to serve Him after He has come into your life, even if you only serve Him by walking as He would it is enough. DeColores.

Should we look for signs of God today?

Sunday, August 23, 2009

No, the signs some of us seek are all around us. We should not test God to see if He will give us a sign when there is none needed. The air we breathe, the earth we stand upon, the sunrise, and the fact that we are alive are all the signs we should need. God gave us everything that we have to live our lives in service to Him and to others. He loves us all enough to give us everything we need daily, we can't do it on our own.

No one can make themselves young again or change the color of their skin, why should we think that we could possibly live our lives without His grace. God loves us all, there is no denying that. I know many people don't believe it, but if He did not we would not be here now. Our lives are mere shadows, smoke in the wind. We do not live long enough to decide that we are gods or even to believe that we may become gods because it is not possible. There is only one God, the Creator of the Universe and everything in it. It has always been this way, regardless of what some may want to believe.

Jesus came to save us from our own limited beliefs and from ourselves. To believe in Him is to have eternal life, to serve Him is a joy beyond what we could imagine in our mortal bodies. God loves us all and sent His Son to pay the price for all of our sins as the perfect and sinless Lamb of God. He was the only one that could pay the price and free the captives from Satan.

Our lives and our service to Him are a reasonable sacrifice on our part because it is all that we can do through Him and the strength He gives us. The life that we have after accepting Him we truly live through Him. That is our purpose, to live our lives through faith in Him so that we can be His voice, and His presence in this world today.

If someone were to give you your life back due to an organ donation, what would you do for them? If they were still alive would you be willing to work for them if they asked you to? Would you do it out of gratitude or out of love? If they did not ask anything of you and yet you wanted to give them something in return for a second chance at life, what could you possibly give that would be worthy of the gift that you were given?

In light of these questions, what could we possibly do for God that would compare with the salvation which was provided through Jesus? The only acceptable gift or service that we can offer is our life through Jesus and the service that we can provide through faith in Him. Even if we only have faith that could be compared to a mustard seed, **anything** is possible if we place that faith in Christ.

Scientists have proven that everything in the universe is there in precise amounts to provide for the sustaining of life. Nothing has happened due to random chance, it was all planned out by God in the beginning just as He said in the Bible. He named all of the stars that we can see and the Bible names them too. The Pleiades, Orion the Hunter, Leo, etc. In His word God said that He hung Orion's belt and placed the Pleiades in their place. There is nothing that has happened that was not appointed by Him in the past nor will it happen in the future without His knowledge.

Your life was chosen in precise detail by Him long before you were born. Who your parents would be, where you would live, who you will marry, how many children you may have if any, and when you will die. God knew these things and many more about you at the beginning, each person on earth is known by Him in great detail. Regardless of the religion that you claim or which "god" that you pray to, the creator of all things who is the true God of the universe, knows and has known you, all of you who may read this, since the beginning of time.

Signs are not needed for us to know that there is a God because we can see His handiwork and the care that He designed into everything about our world and into each one of us. ***What we choose to do with our life is still our choice, whether we use it for good or for evil. He doesn't control us, He only provides for us a place to be born to live and to die. Our life and the meaning that it could have is dictated only by our choice to give our lives to Him or not.***

How do I know that I know God and His Son?

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

There are three "tests" that John put forth for a person, a believer, to know that they know God without a doubt. These tests are that we keep His commandments, to walk as Jesus walked in obedience to the Father and to show unconditional love toward our brothers. The first one is usually the hardest for some to understand. It is to keep or obey His commands. Not just the ten commandments, but the two which Jesus put forth in Matthew 22:34-40. Jesus said, "Love God with all of your heart, and with all your strength, and with all your soul and love your neighbour as yourself, on these two commandments hang all of the Law and the Prophets".

Those who say that they know God, but do not keep his commandments are liars and the truth is not in them. Belief is not enough, reading the Bible, God's Word is not enough, your life has to show beyond a doubt that you belong to Him. We are put where we are to be "salty" and to be reflections of Him, not of ourselves or our personal views. Our

mission, if we are Christians as we claim to be, is to be the best reflection of Jesus that our lives can be. How we live our faith on a daily basis **shows what is in our heart**, not what may be on our minds at the time. At least, that is what the world **should** see.

To walk as Jesus walked, in total obedience to God's will, is our goal and purpose. As Christians, we are to submit to the Spirit's leading influence in our life on a daily basis. This does not mean to give up entirely, but we are to give Jesus and His Spirit control of our lives daily. This is a hard concept for us because we do not like to give up control of our lives.

How can we, mere humans, accomplish this? The only way that we can do this is through Him and His Spiritual control of our lives. The only way that we can be truly effective for Him is by the power of His Spirit in our life. If we did good things (works) for others before becoming a Christian, how much more could we do with Him in our life? Those works that we did before becoming Christians may have been good but they did nothing more than to make us look good in other people's eyes. What about the ones we are led to do or accomplish after becoming Christians? As long as we obey Him and accomplish them, we are doing His will and fulfilling His purpose in our lives.

Even though we are not bound by Jewish law, are we required to act as if we are regarding the Ten Commandments, as well as the commandments Jesus gave in Matthew 22? If we are truly His, yes! Our life is to reflect that His spirit lives in us and that we live through Him. If our lives do not reflect what is in our hearts as the truth of God, we need to re-examine our faith and our beliefs. We can only pass the test when we are led by the Spirit on a daily basis.

Is there a broken relationship in your life? Is there any prejudice or animosity toward any particular group of people? Do you fail to demonstrate love for others through **tangible** actions, not just giving people "stuff" ? Is there a way we can fix these failures? Yes! Come to Jesus and show that you truly love those who love you and those who don't.

As followers of Christ, we are to love Him so that we can resist the attraction of the world and all that it tries to offer us. To serve Him in whatever we do, regardless of how insignificant it may seem to us is our calling and purpose. In that way the light of God and His Son, Jesus, should shine through us so that everyone we come in contact with will see that we have something that they need and in doing so we will be the true followers of God that we were called to be.

Organized Religion and Jesus

Thursday, September 03, 2009

It seems that there has been a lot of shouting, screaming and gnashing of teeth lately over organized religion. I am not sure what this term means exactly, "organized religion". Is it referring to all Christians, Muslims, Hindi, Buddhists, or is it directed at Catholics, Jewish Temples, Presbyterians, Baptists, etc. ?

The latter are more **doctrine** than "organized religion". Granted, the Catholic church has been around nearly as long as Christianity itself, and the Jewish religion has been around for far longer than most any other out there, but that doesn't mean that the religion itself is bad. It just happens to be an old religion. Religions are not bad but some of the people who claim that they practice those religions may be. You can be religious at doing

anything that you like, such as fishing or hunting. That doesn't make it a religion but you get the idea.

Christianity and following Jesus is a different matter from "religion". Christianity is a state of mind that you have after accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior that you practice religiously. So, in a sense, it is a religion. There have been many "doctrines" applied to it over the past few hundred years but the basics of being a Christian, as outlined in the Bible, are the same. I know that many terrible acts have been done in the name of religion and in the name of Christ too, but that doesn't mean that Jesus was behind any of it. It just means that His name was used in the commission of the act itself by someone who wanted to stand behind that name.

There have been horrendous acts done by other religions as well but it seems that everyone wants to pounce on Christians these days. Maybe because we are nearing the time of Christ's return? I am not sure what the reason for the animosity except that it was predicted by Jesus Himself nearly two thousand years ago. Our lives, in service to Him, are forfeit in the grand scheme of His plans. Our spiritual lives will go on no matter what happens to us here. We will serve Him and the blotting out of God or religion will not have any effect on the world or its condition into eternity.

Please, read Romans chapter 8. Pray that you will accept Jesus and I will be praying for all who visit here and read these pages. He is knocking, won't you let Him in?

Is Your life in need of something?

Friday, September 11, 2009

Today is a very somber day in our history because of what happened eight years ago today. Our perception of the world and our safety in it changed dramatically on this day eight years ago and I pray that we will not forget what we have learned from it. When we don't pay attention to the little things, bigger problems will arise. Sometimes our everyday lives are like that. Little things like taking an aspirin or eating certain fruits or vegetables can have an enormous impact on your health years after your mother tells you that you need to do these things. Your spiritual life is the same way, and the Bible tells us exactly what we should do and how to do it to keep our relationship with God alive and fresh. If you don't follow those instructions though, that relationship won't be what it could be.

He wants that relationship with you because He created all of us. Not only us but the entire universe all the way from the largest galaxies and stars to the smallest atomic particles. He knows exactly how many hairs are on your head and on your body. God knows how you will answer a question before you answer it and what consequences will arise from that answer. Your life and what you do with it cannot be hidden from God regardless of what you do or where you go. It doesn't matter who you are because God doesn't respect your standing here on earth, He only respects the decision that you make regarding His position in your life and your heart. Some would say that what I just said is wrong and that Jesus is the answer. He is, but He is also part of God too. What you decide to do with God is the same as what you do with Jesus. Jesus came to pay the penalty for all of our sins and He did so all you have to do is accept His gift of grace and forgiveness into your heart and you will be changed. The old, sinful life that you were drawn to will pass away and everything will be new.

Believe me, if He can create the universe in six days, changing your life isn't hard to do.

He will change your heart and your perspective toward life and serving Him and your life will be totally different from that moment on. The life that we live before He comes into our heart is in total opposition to Him. Afterward, you may still have problems and sinful thoughts which come back from time to time, but He will give you the spiritual strength to withstand those temptations if you will let Him. Your life is not without purpose because He gives you a purpose, to serve Him. When He calls you and you answer, your purpose in life is to serve Him wherever you may be. Regardless of title, position or rank to the world. You are a child of the Living God and the Creator of the Universe and have been called to be His servant no matter what. That position is above all others and supersedes all others. Of course, you can serve Him by doing your daily job as well and representing Him in everything that you do.

Can you know the Father and the Son?

Sunday, September 13, 2009

Is it possible to know both the Creator and His Son? Yes it is, in fact it is part of being a Christian to know them both. They know us more deeply than we can ever imagine, down to the DNA which makes us who we are. Doesn't it make sense that the creation would want to know the Creator intimately too? This is a relationship which the ruler of this world does not want to happen and will do anything to keep it from becoming the relationship we were meant to have with God and His Son, Jesus.

Satan loves to entice people into doing things which he knows that they want to do. He knows your weaknesses and how to tempt anyone into doing that which they know to be wrong. He even can entice us into doubting God's love for us. He has been doing this for a very long time so he is very good at it. Jesus called him the "Father of lies", and he knows how to make them sound so convincing, even using scripture in a twisted way to make it sound good.

The only way that we can withstand his assault on us on a daily basis is to submit to the Lord daily. Ask for Jesus to come into your heart and to give you the strength and faith to be able to say to Satan, "Get behind me, Satan, I have the Lord on my side". Although I wouldn't want him behind me and by quoting scripture he will leave you alone, for a time. But, you have to have Jesus in your heart otherwise he will come back stronger and possibly meaner than before.

When you are making a difference for God you are fighting him and he doesn't like it, especially when, by the power of Jesus' name and our faith in Him, we are winning the fight. I fully expect him to come after me in the days to come, but I know that in the end he has already lost regardless of what may happen to me.

Give Jesus a chance in your life and then go out and let others know what He has done for you. He will work through you and bring others to Him and the result will be even greater than you can imagine. Think about it this way, you comfort someone and pray for them in their time of need. When they come to Jesus, then they speak to someone else about Him and what He did for them. Then that person tells a couple of their friends about Jesus. Later, they tell someone else what Christ has done for them. In a few months or years, one act of kindness from you has spread out to hundreds or maybe thousands. I pray for all who read these pages in His Holy name so that He will call you to Him.

Our Moral Character is Broken

Monday, September 21, 2009

The character of our society is broken, **spiritually**. Is it possible to fix this?

Yes, it can be fixed but it is going to take real effort on the part of all Christian Americans to do it. It can't be wished, or prayed away. Prayer is a good start, but by itself it will not fix the problem. Our country is going further into spiritual brokenness every day. Christians, pastors, Gideons should all be mobilizing to get the Word out to teens and the rest of our country. If we don't, there will be more people left behind to endure the Tribulation than there should be.

God knows who will accept and who will not regardless of how much they know or hear about Jesus. But that should not stop us from getting out there and letting people know that God loves them and cares about them deeply. The time is now and it cannot be put off because our society is just getting worse. The lack of God in our schools and in everyday lives is eroding the fabric of our nation. I would say that people of even one hundred years ago would not recognize our country anymore. They would be appalled at the way our people have put God out of nearly every area of America's government and out of people's daily lives.

Something must be done and that something is getting Christians out as missionaries in our own land, not just going elsewhere to spread the news of Christ. It is needed here just as badly if not more because we as Americans should be the leaders of the world not following it to destruction. We were called to be lights in the darkness, and we need to be doing what Christ called us to do?

God loves all of us because He created each of us as individuals and He knows us intimately. Read His Word, pray about what you read and ask Him to show you what He wants you to do and how. All of the New Testament is good training for us but the whole Bible is good for your soul. Read it, think about the message that is contained in it.

Don't throw it out or treat it like it is an old book that doesn't have anything to do with today. God can see the past and the future. He knows exactly what is going to happen tomorrow or even the next minute. Give Him your life and allow Him to work through you. I can guarantee you will never regret it.

To Live in His Service is to Gain Eternity

Monday, September 28, 2009

I don't know how many people have thought of this before but in the interest of salvation and your immortal soul it has to be brought to mind. On a daily basis our lives are bombarded with messages from the secular world.

Messages which contain violent images, hatred for Christians, war, disease, natural disasters. And this is just from our morning news! How much more are your children exposed to at school or through commercials? If they aren't learning about Jesus from you at home where are they getting their information? What information are they getting daily? Is it something that you would be proud for them to tell Jesus about?

Children are the next generation and if we are not teaching them what they need or if we haven't learned it well enough to teach it to them, how will they learn? What will they learn? Sometimes, that question scares me because of the amount of information out there and the ease with which our children have access to things that we would not be proud of them learning or seeing. We must be diligent in our walk and our talk, especially in front of our children. The condition of their eternal soul and ours is important, after all, eternity is a very long time.

Eternity is a concept of time that we cannot understand because it has no end. Our service to God begins at home by leading our families to Christ so that we will have them with us for eternity. Then we have an obligation to tell others about Him and mentor them in their walk so that they will not be crowded out by the "thorns" of society.

If we are to gain eternal peace with Jesus in Heaven we must live in service to Him while we are here on earth. It doesn't take being a martyr of any kind nor is it required of us to do anything. The most that we have to do is believe in Jesus and what He did for us and accept Him into our heart. Once that change happens, you will no longer want to go back to your "old" life. Even if you do, your new spirit will not allow you to be happy with it.

There are many ways to find out about Jesus. Go to a church and listen to the sermon, listen to AFR on the radio, read the Bible (especially the New Testament). He is the only way to get to Heaven though. At least believe in Him and ask Him into your heart, that is the only **real** way to get to Heaven and to have salvation from an eternity in Hell.

Many people don't believe in the existence of hell or that God would send you there. He doesn't. You do. By rejecting His grace and the sacrifice made by Jesus and rejecting Jesus from your life, you condemn yourself to hell. Our spirit is eternal, whether we spend that eternity in torment or in service to Him is our choice. Personally, I would rather serve Him! I don't like pain.

Telling people about Jesus, should we do that today?

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Jesus said before He went back to the Father, "Go and tell others" (paraphrased). Are we doing that? How are we doing that? Do you live according to principles that you have learned in church or from the Bible? Does your life reflect **Him** or does it reflect **your** interests and **your** life instead?

If you are a Christian reading this, do you tell people about your faith and why you have it? Our life, on a daily basis, should be a witness to Him and should reflect what Jesus taught His disciples while He was here. Those principles and teachings haven't changed. The world has changed, people have changed, politics and governments have changed dramatically but God's Word and the teachings in it have not changed.

Living according to those teachings is not easy now nor was it easy at the time Christ taught His disciples. The laws of God are still relevant today just as they were when God gave those laws to Moses before the Torah was written. Living according to those precepts has never been easy but with faith it can be done. Not in our own strength but with strength from Him.

If you are searching for answers to questions that have been bugging you, the answers you seek are in the Bible. I don't know where to tell you to look, but there are many answers in God's Word to any or all of life's questions. There are some Bibles today which have topical indexes in them which will guide you to the place you may need to go.

God wants to know you from your side, He already knows you from the inside out. Once you give your heart to Him and begin living according to His principles, He will get to know you even more personally. He will be your true Father. He did form you in the womb you know! Read Romans chapter 8 and following. When you finish with it, pray for understanding and that He will reveal Himself to you even further.

Our Creator loves us all and He knows exactly when and where you are at all times in your life. The only separation that is between you and Him is YOU! Give God a call. The minutes are free and unlimited and they never expire.

Service is only service if you serve!

Monday, November 16, 2009

If you are a religious person, who/whom do you serve? No person on this earth serves no one. Some may think that they only serve themselves, but they are being fooled by the original trickster, Satan himself. As long as your priority is yourself and no one else you are serving his purposes and him indirectly. We were not put here to be his servants. We were all put on earth to serve the Living God!

Our lives are but small puffs of wind compared to eternity so why not serve the One who created it all, God! He gave us a choice to do so or not but once you realize that your life is worth nothing if you don't believe in Him and His purposes, it takes on a completely different meaning. Because your life **has meaning in service to Him!**

There are so many "priorities" vying for our attention on a daily basis until it is easy to miss the one that is most important. There truly is a small voice from God which is there you just have to listen with an open mind and a contrite heart. Being willing to do whatever that voice says and not wavering will get you great rewards in the end. Read the Bible, hear the wisdom in its words, get an mp3 Bible and listen to it. You won't be disappointed or bored and your soul will shout for joy!

Friends

Friday, November 20, 2009

Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.

Our lives are touched daily by people that we know and some that we don't, but the ones who make a lasting impression are friends. I claim Jesus as my friend and I hope you will too.

The friends which we have around us are those that we have found through work or school or in other circumstances in which we find ourselves. Whether it is through an accident, military, or other types of operations which puts us together, they are the ones that we rely on and miss the most when they are absent. The length of absence doesn't

make any difference between friends, there is always some common bond between you that will be there regardless of the circumstances life throws at you.

I had such an encounter recently with a friend that I haven't seen in almost thirty years. Yet there was a bond which spanned that time and made it seem as if it wasn't a concern. This friend and his family are important to me in ways that they do not realize and when the patriarch of their family moved on to his heavenly home it saddened me. But, I still feel joy because of it. I know that we will see each other in Heaven and we will have an eternity of service to our Lord together.

The friendship which Jesus offers to all is closer than those which we have here during our lifetimes. As God's word says, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6. This is the kind of friend we need, now more than ever in these troubled times. I pray that anyone who reads this will take this message to heart and accept Jesus into their lives so that you will have a friend forever!

Division is great in math class but not in the Church

Sunday, November 29, 2009

In the past one hundred years the Church has been divided so many times that it is nearly unrecognizable today. Christians, regardless of denomination, have become too permissive and meek. We allow people to run over us and around us in the guise of being "politically correct and inoffensive".

Jesus said that He came to put friends and family against each other because of Him and His teachings. We are not to be so meek that we are run over by every religion that claims the title of religion. Just because Jesus said that the "meek shall inherit the earth" doesn't mean that we take it to an extreme!

I am sure that there are some real Christians in our world today that could be called friends of God but they are so few in number that they would not fill the sanctuary of a small church!

Our life is to be in service to Him regardless of the occupation that we have and being divided in doctrine or belief in the authenticity of the Bible is not the way to do it. There is no middle ground of service you are either serving God or Satan, you cannot serve both.

The Bible is the true and inspired word of our Creator! Those who disagree with this are challenged herewith to find at least 66 authors from all different walks of life. Without telling them what to write about other than to say that they must all be in agreement and have their stories point to one truth alone, have them to write a coherent book which will rival the Bible. Even if our lives were un-naturally long, there would be no possibility of this book ever being published in a coherent form within the next one thousand years!

The Bible spans about fourteen hundred years and tells of history back to the beginning of the earth and yet the story points to one Savior, Christ, who will fulfill all of the prophecies in Himself and through His ministry and His death and resurrection will be the salvation for all of mankind who have been called by God.

Lives touched by love

Sunday, November 29, 2009

In your life here there are many who
come and many who leave. Those who
love and who give love to others, in whatever fashion,
are those that leave behind memories.

Our lives are and have always been touched by
the true love from our Creator. Because we are
His creation, His children, we are to show His love
to others.

He gives each of us a measure of faith, hope and love.

The greatest gift of these three is and always will be **love**.

Show the love of God and Jesus to someone during this Christmas season.

You never know, you might be showing your love to an angel sent to
check up on you.

If your life is not or has not been touched by love, reach out to
Jesus. He loves you more than anyone on this earth ever could.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

Did you kill Jesus?

Sunday, December 06, 2009

For the Christians of the world this question is poignant but true. Yes, our sin caused the death of Jesus because He came to be the one sacrifice which would satisfy all of the requirements of God. Not just for some but for all.

The love and mercy of our God covers all. We are the ones who move away from Him and if we have never come to Him that is why we don't feel His comforting presence.

He is our Creator! The Creator of all things including us. To turn away from Him and the grace that He extended to us through His Son is the ultimate rebellious act. God's laws are not outdated and they are **not flexible!** There are no appeals when it comes to breaking them and the punishment for such is death, spiritual and eternal. The death I am speaking of is separation from God or any knowledge of Him for eternity in hell! There will

be no parties, no joy, no laughter.

God's love for us, all of us, is true and unquestionable. Yet the response that God expects from us is **acceptance of Jesus' sacrifice for our sins**. If you do not accept Jesus as your Savior, it is the same as driving the nails in His hands and feet yourself! Rejection of Him, especially if you have felt the pull on your heart, is the sin which will not be forgiven! Especially if you die before repenting of this sincerely, and ask Him into your heart.

Our life can be so much more **if** we will allow Jesus into our lives and, on a daily basis, follow Him. The peace which will flood your soul and give your life a purpose is indescribable by human terms. The contentment and love that you will feel from God will be with you regardless of your circumstances. Accepting Jesus **will not** make your life on earth easy, by the world's standard, but it will give you a peace that few will know until they come to Him.

Give Him a chance in your life to ease your burdens and lift your spirit. He is the greatest physician that you can know because He can heal both body and soul!

God bless and keep you all. (read Romans 8 it is **good for the soul**)

The tabernacle of Christ

Sunday, December 06, 2009

In the Old Testament, the Tabernacle which Moses built from the plans handed down from God was a representation of the sacrifice which would be made by Christ. Truly, the Tabernacle itself was a representation of Christ at that time. After Jesus came and died for all of our sins, the Tabernacle was no longer needed which is why the veil separating the Most Holy Place was ripped from top to bottom when He died.

The tabernacle that is being used today by Christians all over the world is our hearts! God's spirit dwells within our hearts and guides us toward being like Jesus daily. If we follow the leading of His Spirit and serve Him daily, we will be in and do the will of the Father! Our lives are not our own, they are His and we are put here for His service and pleasure in our company.

God loves us all and has given us the grace and the "mercy covering" of Jesus' blood so that we can serve Him as His representatives while we are on earth. We will still serve Him for all eternity in whatever capacity He places us in, so the service will never end it will just be sweeter!

Give your life to Him and join in the service of the Creator. There is plenty of room!

Do you know God?

Thursday, December 17, 2009

If you go to church and if you read your Bible, can you know God the way that he wants you to know Him? Our lives are extremely hectic today and in many ways we don't have the time to truly get to know God. I think He would really love to get to know each and every one of us. According to His word, the Bible, that is exactly what He wants.

Today it seems that those that He created have no interest in learning about or getting to know Him. Our Creator, the Creator of all things, cares deeply about each and every one of us. Otherwise He wouldn't have placed us on such a perfectly sized planet, in a perfect orbit around our Sun. Everything on earth works together to keep our life-sustaining planet from being a garbage heap.

It truly is sad that our lives have become so loaded with information and news and constant instant communication until we seem to be addicted to it all. The reason that we are that way is because we want more information about our father, God. Though most of us don't know what we're looking for, or where to find the information. We're just looking for something and we tend to try almost anything to fill the gap. Until we find Him, and invite him in, that part of our hearts will forever have an empty feeling.

Are you looking for Jesus today? He's waiting for you. If you only invited me in, He would say, I would always be there no matter what. Our Creator knows us far more intimately than we realize or could possibly understand. Artists do have an idea of the way God feels toward us, at least those artists that sculpt or mold their art do. A potter does this when he creates a vase because he has to put his vision into it to make it what he sees in his mind. That is how God creates each of us, in His mind. He has known us since the beginning of time, He knows exactly what we will look like and how we will act toward others and toward Him far in advance of us being born. God is not surprised by anything. Give Him a chance in your life, invite Him in and you will never be alone again!

The Christmas season, joyous for all?

Saturday, December 26, 2009

During this season of the year many people go through hunger, heartache, grief, anger and frustration. Some of these are caused by the season itself, some are caused by disease, war, famine and yet some of these problems are actually caused by humanity itself. Our inability to see you the needs around us or to take notice of those who are in need because of our selfishness.

Even in America there is hunger, homelessness, grief over the loss of a loved one because death does not take a holiday. The homeless depend upon the charity of others for their next meal them for shelter from the cold, the hungry just need to be taken care of until they can take care of themselves. Because most of the hungry in this country are children. In America we grow enough food to feed millions and yet children go to bed hungry almost every night somewhere in America.

God truly has blessed America but if we, as a nation, keep going down the road that we're on I fear that the blessing will be taken away. We don't revere God as much as we used to in fact there are more people bent on taking all reference to Him out of the public eye and as far from the government as possible.

I am proud to be an American but in the past few years, I have not been proud of some of the things we do at home, in our movies, or to each other on a daily basis. The moral character of our nation and its people is crumbling. Our education system was formed from the beginning of our country to bring up the children to know God and now we have taken God and all reference to him out of the schools. I have heard many people ask the question "Why is our nation in the trouble that it's in?", and the answer lies in the fact that we don't teach our children anymore.

God loves us all and He does want the best for us but, as the children of Israel found out, when you turn your back on God and chase after other gods He will punish you and I believe that America is beginning to be punished. Even with a revival and a turning back to God, I don't think that we could stay His hand. Like a parent with an unruly child, there has to be discipline at some point.

The only possibility for us to truly change is for our country as a whole to turn back to God. It would truly take a miracle but if we all pray for this to happen, earnestly and on our knees, I do believe that revival is possible. Please get into the New Testament, read the book of Romans and pray over it. God will hear you, He always does.

This past year has been good for some.....

Sunday, December 27, 2009

I'm not **sure** exactly how to describe the year 2009. It was the first year of Pres. Barack Obama's presidency which some people consider a true victory. For others, this year has been a very hard year especially those who are unemployed, or those who have family deployed overseas in military operations or those who have lost a loved one because of those military operations. There have also been many "good people" who died this past year due to age or accidents or other causes.

I don't like to think about death, especially during holidays, but since it's a normal part of life I suppose it's always in the back of everyone's mind. I'm sure there are many people who don't really know where to turn when a tragedy strikes, if you can call death a tragedy. In some cases those who have died have lived a very long productive life, while others have died far too young. Yet in all cases we who love them are not ready to let go even if we know that they are going to a better place.

It is during times like these that we have to turn to God for our comfort and our strength, because the strength that we have is not enough. I have seen many people who try to ignore the grief and pain they feel when they lose someone but eventually it can take a terrible toll on your body if you do not let it out.

God loves us all, even if we have to go through some trials and tribulations here on earth. Christians can rely on Him for their strength but people who do not have faith in God only have their own ways of dealing with grief, loss and pain which sometimes can cause more pain. Jesus came into the world to give us hope and strength through relying on Him so that we will be able to serve him and whatever capacity that we are called to.

In God's word, the Bible, you can find wisdom, hope, and much more useful information than you could find in most any library on earth. The Bible itself may be over 2000 years old but the information contained within it is timeless and is still relevant. There have been many people in the past few years that are trying to take all references to the Bible out of our society and our culture. As Christians in America we should not allow that to happen, in our service to Christ we **cannot** allow that to happen.

Is anyone satisfied with life? Really?

Tuesday, January 05, 2010

In our world of instant potatoes, microwave popcorn, throw-away phones, etc. is it any wonder that we aren't satisfied with life? Everything is easy, quick, "cheap". Nothing lasts as long as we would like or feels as good as we had hoped. We are depressed, disillusioned and most of all angry at everyone and everything because nothing, **nothing** ever satisfies our hunger or our thirst for whatever it is we are searching for, no matter what it may be!

Boy, am I glad I got all of that off my chest!!

Your life doesn't have to be that way. You don't have to have everything instantly. Things that last are much more precious and harder to come by than the advertisements lead you to believe. Although the most precious and lasting relationship can last forever, most never realize it until it is too late. They find they have picked the wrong one and by that time there is no turning back. Or possibly, you might not wake up at all tomorrow. What then?

Will you find yourself facing God and not having an answer to His question, "What did you do with my Son?" Do you know who His Son is? Have you met Him? It really is easy you know? If you have been searching for something, but you are not sure what, it may be that you are truly being drawn to Him. Listen to that voice inside which is pulling on your heart. God is the creator and He loves His creation, you! Let Him into your life! He can clean out the dirt, the cobwebs, and everything else that you think would make you un-worthy and make you whole and new again!

Call on Him! Ask Jesus into your heart, simply, like a child. He will hear you and come into your life and make you and your life whole again, if you will let Him. That is all that He asks of you. Just give your life to Him. He doesn't need your money, just your service to Him and His Kingdom.

Can this be real?

Friday, January 22, 2010

Every day the news just seems to get worse. From wars that stretch on for years to conflicts which burst on the news one day and are over the next day. Disasters caused by natural forces happen everywhere almost as frequently. There are many people who are asking "Why does God allow this?"

That is a very good question to ask. You would have to ask Him for the reasons behind the "stuff" that goes on all over the world. Most of them are actually caused by us or by something that we did or didn't do. The really bad stuff that goes on can be traced to all the evil in the world because of the fallen angels that were cast to earth.

I realize that people blame God for those angels (demons) being cast to earth but the truth is that it was the result of "pride". This is also the problem that we have individually and it is a hard thing to deal with because we can't just "deal" with it on our own. We have to have God in our daily lives, following Him daily to handle it.

The pride that we show in our lives is the result of the original sin of Adam. Until we decide to allow Him into our hearts and trust Him daily, we will always have more trouble than we can handle. We live in a world controlled by evil, and by our own lusts and greed. It really won't get better until Jesus comes back.

Please, go to a Bible teaching church. Find out that what you have looked for really is Jesus Christ. He can fill that void in your life and will once you allow Him into your heart.

The Messiah, do you know Him?

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

There are over 400 prophetic writings in the Old Testament which refer to Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection. He fulfilled them all! The probability of someone doing that *without being the true Christ* of God is over ten to the seventeenth power to one.

I don't know about you, but that is more than enough proof for me. His life, death and resurrection happened because of His love for us and for Israel at the time of His appearing. God loves us all and would like for all of us to come to Him but He patiently waits for **us** to ask.

Your life can be so much more meaningful to yourself and to Him once you accept Him into your life. Jesus cares for us all and wants the best for us, but He will not force Himself into your life. He has to be asked to come in, like a visitor to your home. Although, when He comes into your heart, He will change your life in ways that no other visitor could. Give Jesus a chance in your life, He will make you into the person that you were meant to be!

God's Love is for all of us

Friday, February 05, 2010

Have you ever wondered if someone cared for you. I mean REALLY cared. God does and He proves it every day. When the sun comes up and you wake from a restful night's sleep, He has blessed you with another day of life. When you see your son or daughter laughing, that is a blessing from God as well. The small blessings that we take for granted everyday all come from Him.

The love of God is boundless and His mercy endures forever, as does His patience. If God was not so patient, our lives would be very different today if we were still here.

There are so many different religions or pseudo-religions today that many people are getting confused as to what they should believe. The only way to have eternal life with Jesus is belief in Him! These other "ways" are only pathways to hell. You won't be serving the devil or partying or having fun like you may have been told. It will be eternal punishment because **you** have chosen not to accept Jesus. He doesn't send you to hell for any other reason.

Give Him your life and you will never regret it. Do it soon, because we are not guaranteed our next breath and you may not have tomorrow or the next day to "wait until I am ready".

A life well lived

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

There are times when we all feel that our life could've been, well....more. A little more fun, more happy, more_____? Have you ever felt that way? I have, many times through my life and I have always wondered how?

How could my life or my "living" be more?

The answer to that comes only from one place, one person and one book. The Bible is the only book which can give you advice and direction. Then by having a **real** relationship with God the Father, God the Son and God the Spirit through Jesus Christ your life can be far more than you could imagine.

God's word doesn't come back to Him without bearing the fruit that it was supposed to. In our lives we sometimes meet people who are rare treasures. They are our friends, our children, sometimes even our spouses. The lives that we touch, before coming to Christ and afterwards, are changed in ways that we may never know about. Those which are touched after we become Christians are supposed to be touched by His spirit living and working through us. We are only the mirror that is reflecting His image, whether that image is clear or blurred is dependent upon your relationship with Him.

I once read that someone described himself as, "...just a nobody trying to tell everybody about **Somebody** that can save *anybody*". That is the mission or the calling that we were given when we became Christians, but what about those that we don't see on a daily or weekly schedule? The true mission of the church was initially to get the church into the world not the other way around.

Do you know about Jesus? Most people do at least know about Him or have heard of Him. The next question is this: Does He know you?

We are all given a spark of God's spirit when we are created and brought into the world, which is why we search for something to fill our hearts with. Until we find the "right" something, which is Jesus, we will always feel empty and never satisfied with what we have.

That bit of God's spirit is your soul and it will live for eternity. The next question is: Where? Will you be in Heaven because you truly accepted Him by faith or will you be in torment because you rejected Him? The choice is yours alone and you are responsible for it. Make the one choice which will benefit you the most.

Is today's Church following Jesus' commandment?

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Before Jesus went back to the Father, He told His followers to "Go and tell the world the good news of salvation, to spread the gospel into all nations" (Paraphrased). Are we doing that? The church, no matter what denomination it happens to belong to, is His body on earth. If we aren't following His commandment and doing what He told us to do, then

we are just as much at fault and in sin as the rest of the world.

If you have the spirit of God, you should be trying to follow that commandment regardless of where it takes you. Jesus wasn't afraid to go to those considered to be un-desirable sinners by the majority of Jews in His day and we shouldn't be either. All of humanity is created in the image of God, regardless of where they are from. We are supposed to be telling them about their spiritual condition so that they can change their ways and come to Jesus. I know the rest of the world considers this to be "elitist and narrow minded" but we can't change the word of God!

The Bible says that belief in Jesus is the **only way** to have eternal life with Him, there is no other way to do it! Our life is to be a reflection of Him **and** our lives are to be in service *to Him* and *for Him* regardless of our occupations. The life we have here is but an instant compared with eternity so we only have the time we are given to let others know about Him. The Gideon's are an organization which is getting God's word into the hands of people everywhere, all over the world. I am proud to be a part of that organization but the church needs to help too. It is the body of Christ and the actions of those who are members of the church reflect upon its message.

God cares for all of humanity and He created all of us for a purpose. The Bible is the word of God and our instruction book for living life for Him. Can you truly afford not to listen to the wisdom contained in it? I have read many "self-help" books in the past and they are mostly repackaged or re-worded wisdom that can be found in the Bible. Some are "new age" but those that are don't usually reach the audience that others do.

It is the people, young and old alike, who are outside the church or even outside of religion altogether that should be our focus. If they don't want to hear the message, tell them anyway or at least give them a tract or some literature which will point them to Jesus.

Once you have done that, **they** are responsible for their own lives and you have done your part to tell them about Jesus and the life He offers. If they have more questions, they will ask. If not, the seed is planted so let the Spirit of God work on them at that point. They will answer Him in one of two ways, but it will be their responsibility to do so.

Best Prayer I have heard in a Long Time...

Saturday, March 13, 2010

Heavenly Father, Help us remember that the jerk who cut us off in traffic last night is a single mother who worked nine hours that day and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do the laundry and spend a few precious moments with her children.

Help us to remember that the pierced, tattooed, disinterested young man who can't make change correctly is a worried 19-year-old college student, balancing his apprehension over final exams with his fear of not getting his student loans for next semester.

Remind us, Lord, that the scary looking bum, begging for money in the same spot every day (who really ought to get a job!) is a slave to addictions that we can only imagine in our worst nightmares.

Help us to remember that the old couple walking annoyingly slow through the store aisles and blocking our shopping progress are savoring this moment, knowing that, based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last year that they go shopping together.

Heavenly Father, remind us each day that, of all the gifts you give us, the greatest gift is love. It is not enough to share that love with those we hold dear. Open our hearts not to just those who are close to us, but to all humanity.

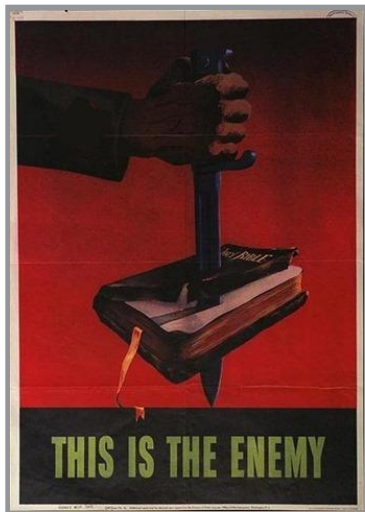
Let us be slow to judge and quick to forgive,

show patience, empathy and love. Matt 5:44 Working for God on earth doesn't pay much.....**but His retirement plan is out of this world!!!**

Will our religious freedom be taken?

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

I have heard about a disturbing trend in our nation. A trend in our lawmaking bodies to restrict religion and the expression of it. Not restricting most religions but mainly Christian religions, especially those which believe the Bible to be the word of God infallible and true. Evangelical churches and pastors and some of the media have reported that there are laws being put into place which could make it illegal to tell others about Christ because it is considered "hate speech". This picture from many years ago illustrates what could be done and may be done in our country if our lawmakers are not made aware that this cannot be tolerated. Our country was founded to be a country ruled **by the people** not dictated to by politicians or judges.



If our country falls into this trap with laws that limit or take away the freedoms that have been fought for since our country was started, we truly deserve the fate that befalls us. This is very disturbing and I pray that we will not allow our **elected** officials to destroy the country that we live in. If that is the will of God, it will happen. Although I hope that it is not.

In the book of Revelation it is foretold that there will be a falling away by the church and society from religion and from God before the end comes. I believe that this is about to happen or is happening now. Although it is a sad situation when people are walking away from God who loves them and always has. I heard about a friend of mine who died due to complications from diabetes

this past week, he was only in his early forties. I pray that he had time to truly come to grips with the fact that God loved him and accept Jesus.

Jesus loves all of us regardless of our sins or whether we have yet accepted him or not. If you have not, think about it. Your time is not guaranteed here, no matter how young or old you may be. God knows exactly when He will call you home, but you don't. Don't wait, ask Jesus into your heart today. You won't ever regret it.

This is what the scientific community thinks of Christians

Friday, March 26, 2010

In a letter which was sold at auction a few years ago Albert Einstein said this: *"The word of God is for me nothing more than the expression and product of human weakness, the Bible a collection of honorable, but still purely primitive, legends which are nevertheless pretty childish."*; This kind of sentiment from someone who was a Jew, God's chosen people.

If His chosen people consider the Bible to be childish, primitive legends which have no bearing or meaning for us today then how can we possibly convince anyone of His love for mankind and the redemption of all who will come to Him? God has patience but it does eventually reach its limit.

Our true calling given by Jesus Himself is to go out into the world and tell others of His love and of the simple act of belief in His saving grace to be granted eternal life by the Father. We all have an eternal soul but the acceptance of Jesus as your savior determines if you will serve Him in Heaven for eternity or be cast into Hell with Satan and his demons. The only decision which will send people to an eternal punishment is their rejection of Jesus as savior, nothing else!

That **one act of disobedience** is the only thing that will grant you passage into Hell. Of course the sinful life you lead will not earn you any points one way or the other, but **by accepting Jesus you will have gained forgiveness of those sins** and you will be brand new on the inside. Your old life will still try to come back but as long as you follow Jesus and pray and read the Bible, you will be able to overcome those temptations.

Before the end of this age comes, please go to a Bible teaching church and listen with your heart and your soul before it is too late. I know there are many who are trying to "predict" the end of the world but no one knows when that will come except God Himself.

Pride is our greatest weakness

Sunday, April 11, 2010

While we are here doing everyday things and going about our lives we are being watched by demons. I am not saying this to sensationalize our daily lives but it is the truth. Whether you believe it or not, Satan and his demons are all around us watching and prodding us to keep up our daily grind in our world. "Don't listen to your preacher or better yet, don't go to church at all", this is the thought that is planted by them on a daily or weekly basis.

Many other feelings and problems in our daily lives are caused or made worse because of the influence that the so-called "ruler" of this world has over our lives. If you are a child of God and have given your heart to Him, then Satan can only fling darts at you or cause things to happen to those you love. He will not be able to touch you directly but he can make you life miserable if you don't follow and listen to Christ on a **daily** basis.

I am not writing this to sensationalize religion but to wake this world up to the fact that

there is a devil, Satan, in our midst. He has been here since the beginning and truthfully, he hates you whether you are a Christian or not! He helped to create all of the pagan religions in the world simply to blind people to the true God and Creator of the universe. Our Lord, Jesus the Christ, said that the ruler of this world will cause people to lose hope and to believe lies rather than the truth. This is happening all around us today! Even so-called "preachers" are telling their congregations that there are other things that have to be done to be saved or that there is no place called "hell".

The time of the Church Age is coming to a close and there are many who are falling away today. This was foretold in the book of Revelation and it was written that the falling away would increase until our Lord comes back. The life that we live now must be a reflection of Christ so that others will come to Him while there is still time to do so. Make sure that your life and the witness that you show to others is the truth that is told in the Bible. Don't add to it and don't take anything away from it! Don't misquote scripture when you are telling someone about Christ or to bring them to your side because that is what Satan does and he does it very well. Search out a Bible teaching church or if you can't find one, prayerfully read and study your Bible daily if possible. God will show you what He wants you to get out of His word and your spirit will be blessed.

A refute of Wicca

Monday, April 19, 2010

Below is a copy of the Wicca creed as described on their website. It is included so that anyone who reads this will know that I am speaking against the beliefs of the Wicca "church". **This is not an endorsement of their belief. It is my testimony to the Creator of the universe, God .**

Not until recently have so many different religions been practiced side-by-side, and never before have the teachings of all religions been so easily accessed through the Web and mass media. However, if you look at the recently released American Religious Identification Survey (ARIS), the trend is that the percentage of Christians in America is shrinking and the percentage of those with no religious belief at all is growing. Even the pagan religion of "The Craft" or Wicca is growing, especially among young people

Deity: In the center of everything is the Goddess (This is our shorthand for the deity construct and should not be mistaken to mean a specifically female or male deity construct.). Like Gravity, Goddess is impersonal. It treats everyone alike. It transcends gender and human emotions. Certain ideas cluster around the Deity. We, here, are syncretic monotheists.

Reincarnation: We define Reincarnation as an orderly system of learning through which a being progresses. This is not a tally of "sins" and punishments, nor is it a tally of good deeds. Compare human experiences to academic term papers, eg. a way of learning and improving.

Law of Attraction: What I do to other living creatures, I will draw to myself. Shakespeare called this Measure for Measure. It can also be expressed as "birds of a feather flock together." We do not, however, ascribe to the commonly called Law of Three where what I do comes back to me three times. We have had too much science in our backgrounds as one might think every action has an equal and opposite reaction.

The "Law of Three" that is so commonly touted, as a possible punishment when you are seen to be doing "bad" follows this concept: When you point your finger at another in judgment, anger, etc., you have three fingers pointing back at you. Where is the

opportunity for spiritual growth? Your judgment of the person you are pointing one finger at? Or in reflecting upon the three fingers pointing back at you? Worth a moment to consider, eh?

Power Through Knowledge: Power (energy) resides within each living creature. One can learn how to direct power. Whether energy or power feels "good" or "evil" depends upon the sender's intention. In our more enlightened times (remember these tenets have been with us for many, many years), we like to say that this also means self-empowerment through knowledge. The place to grow and learn is, again, within you. The more wisdom you gain, the more you will find self-empowerment.

Harmony: One can perceive rhythms in the patterns of the sun, moon, and seasons. It makes sense to learn those rhythms and to live in harmony with them. This can balance out our lives and help us identify one's personal sense of harmony. Harmony and balance encourage to neither be too good nor too bad, but to find the balance in our lives.

In a country which was founded because of people seeking religious freedom, the fact that there are so many religions here is not surprising. But, the evangelical past of our nation should have shown many the way of their belief should be in the direction of Christianity and not the way that our young people seem to be going.

I suppose that this is the result of Darwinian teaching in schools and the removal of prayer and God and creation from the textbooks. The study of Wicca or "The Craft" is disturbing. It is a neo-pagan, earth-centered religion based on the teachings and practice of the English Wiccan, Gerald Gardner (1884-1964). Today it is experiencing a dramatic growth due to teens rejecting Christian paternalism, homophobia and perceived insensitivity to the environment.

Wicca holds that all reality is divine. Therefore, they revere the natural world as a living organism, and they revere people as "gods" and "goddesses." It is a distinctly feminist form of paganism and Wiccans often consider the supreme deity to be a "nature goddess". This is a "religion" which has been brought about simply by Satan. I am not saying that they are worshiping him but he instigated this religion to draw people away from God, period. As long as people are taken in by this and other religions like it, they will not look for the one true God.

Our time, the time of the church, is coming to an end. This world will be judged by its Creator whether they like it or not. God will not be mocked nor will He be ignored. Look to Revelation in the Bible. Read and study it and ask questions of a credible, Christian pastor. Jesus came to the world to save it and He did this by taking all of our sins on Himself at the cross. All that remains is your acceptance of that gift by asking Him into your life and believing that He was and is the Son of God. Please do this before it is too late.

Economics, God's Way

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Use what you have when you have it. Don't expect it to be given to you, it must be earned or bought with your own resources.

These two principles, coupled with prayer and hard work and reverence for God's way of doing things not man's, are the only rational way to get our country and its economy back on track. Having said this, I do realize that these would not be very popular. But, there are

many things which are good for you that are not popular although they are necessary.

God loves all of humanity, not just one particular group. When people realize that fact, they will either move toward a revival of their faith in Him or they will move away from Him. Being a Christian does not have a “gray” area. You either are or you are not. You either believe in Jesus and what He did for all of us or you don't. Some people look at this as being too rigid or restrictive but it isn't.

God has certain and specific ways and we have to accept Him and His grace toward us the way it is given. He doesn't have to change and He won't, **but you do!** If you are to follow Him, you must! Regardless of what you may have heard, we do have an immortal soul which will live forever. We do not “come back” as anything or anyone. We don't go into oblivion and nothing after we die physically.

The part of us that God placed in each of us, our soul, lives on in eternity. We don't come back here to start over nor do we come back as something else. Who would want to! One trip through this life is enough so make it the best that you can! Serve Jesus now so you can be His servant later in Heaven! I know that there are many who don't like the idea of being a servant or slave but do you really want to spend eternity in punishment? That is what will be waiting for you if you don't accept Jesus. It is not God or Jesus who puts you into hell, it will be your decision alone. Don't wait until it is too late!

Serving God may not pay much here on earth, but the retirement after this life is out of this world! Give God a chance in your life, you will never regret it!

John 3:16; Romans 8:23 Read and pray about these two scriptures. You will be glad that you did.

A prayer for America

Thursday, April 29, 2010

'Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

This was the prayer of George Washington for our country since it was with God's blessing and with prayer that our nation was founded and its independence acquired. I ask that it will never be out of His hands as I know it will not, regardless of what a few people say or do to get rid of any reference to God in our country!

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ is always with us regardless of the path we may take or any decision we make regarding Him. He may not be happy about the decisions that we make if they don't include Him, but He is still there.

Here in my home state of Mississippi, we have had a fairly powerful tornado to rip

through the lives of many people this past weekend. I have no idea about the nation's response to this because I don't have electricity or any other ways of finding out about the news. Where I work, we have electricity but no cable television or internet. Which is fine but we have to rely on outside sources for our news right now. I pray that my message will find your families safe and in good health. We are all in God's hands whether we like it or not. Have a blessed day!

God Most High, Ruler of All

Tuesday, May 04, 2010

El Elyon: God Most High (Key Scripture Passages)

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God **Most High**, and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God **Most High**, Creator of heaven and earth. And blessed be God **Most High**, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything. (Genesis 14:18-20)

The LORD thundered from heaven; the voice of the **Most High** resounded. (2 Sam. 22:14; Psalm 18:13)

I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the LORD **Most High**. (Psalm 7:17)

For the king trusts in the LORD; through the unfailing love of the **Most High** he will not be shaken. (Psalm 21:7)

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the **Most High** dwells. (Psalm 46:4)

How awesome is the LORD **Most High**, the great King over all the earth! (Psalm 47:2)

Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the **Most High**. (Psalm 50:14)

I cry out to God **Most High**, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me. (Psalm 57:2)

I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked . . . Pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves with violence; From their callous hearts comes iniquity; the evil conceits of their minds knows no limits. They scoff, and speak with malice; in their arrogance they threatened oppression. . . They say, "How can God know? Does the **Most High** have knowledge?" . . . When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny. (Psalm 73:3, 6-11, 16)

They remembered that God was their Rock, that God **Most High** was their Redeemer. (Psalm 78:35)

But they put God to the test and rebelled against the **Most High**; they did not keep his statutes. (Psalm 78:56)

Let them know that you, whose name is the LORD, that you alone are the **Most High** over all the earth. (Psalm 83:18)

He who dwells in the shelter of the **Most High** will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. (Psalm 91:1)

If you make the **Most High** your dwelling, even the LORD, who is my refuge, then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. (Psalm 91:9-12)

It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O **Most High**. (Psalm 92:1)

You, O LORD, are the **Most High** over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. (Psalm 97:9)

They rebelled against the words of God and despised the counsel of the **Most High**. (Ps. 107:11)

"I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the **Most High**." (Isaiah 14:13-14)

Is it not from the mouth of the **Most High** that both calamities and good things come? (Lam. 3:38)

Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the **Most High** God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire. (Daniel 3:26)

"You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like cattle. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the **Most High** is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes." (Daniel 4:32)

"O king, the **Most High** God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor. (Daniel 5:18)

"But the saints of the **Most High** will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever; yes, for ever and ever." (Daniel 7:18)

Until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the saints of the **Most High**, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom. (Daniel 7:22)

He will speak against the **Most High** and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time. (Daniel 7:25)

Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the **Most High**. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him. (Daniel 7:27)

He will be great and will be called the Son of the **Most High**. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, (Luke 1:32)

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the **Most**

High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. (Luke 1:35)

And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the **Most High**; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him. (Luke 1:76)

He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the **Most High** God? Swear to God you won't torture me!" (Mark 5:7)

These scriptures are living proof of God Most High, our Creator and Redeemer! The Word of God is the Living Word and proves all things. It is true and it cannot be disputed or denied. Though, the devil and his demons twist it and use it to confuse people, even they know the power of it and that it is the Truth!

Our life would be forfeit if it were not and our existence would be for nothing if God had not decreed it. The cures of many diseases may have been found by now if the people who were supposed to have been born were allowed to be born, but we have caused many to return to Him without ever fulfilling their purposes.

Give God a chance in your life, you won't regret it!

Who do you see in your mirror?

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

I look and try not to see too much but mostly I see a middle-aged man who looks tired most of the time. I don't see much past that and I am sure that most other people don't either. No one seems to notice each other anymore, nor do they seem to care. Our society has become the most jaded and desensitized of any in human history due to the twenty-four hour news channels and the Internet. We see and hear and read about news and suffering all the time and none of it bothers us much anymore. It is an appalling situation but it was prophesied in the Bible that at the end knowledge would increase meaning the amount and availability and our use of it not that we would be better at using it.

This is a very compelling video that needs to be listened to and taken to heart for your very lives:

[youtube=<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WUQYJ77qa50&hl=en>]

If you can see in the mirror that Christ is part of your life and your heart, you are truly blessed. If not, I suggest that you get yourself right with God before it is too late.

Our world, a beautiful blue jewel

Sunday, May 16, 2010

In the beginning God created this world to be perfect and it was for a time. Then sin entered the world and everything started dying, not just mankind. We were created to be sinless beings to have communion with God anytime He wished it or anytime we wished to contact Him. This condition will be restored to us when the New Earth comes down after the reign of Christ on the Earth during the millennium after the Tribulation and the

binding of Satan. Our lives will not be as “angels” strumming harps and singing praises to God for eternity, although we will do that at times. We will never be made as angels, we will be restored to fellowship with God as it was meant to be from the beginning.

I have heard many people say that they would rather be in hell than in Heaven. They don't know what they are saying or what awaits them. The eternity that will be spent in hell will be torture and painful. It will not be, as some believe, an eternal party. You will not know joy or peace though you will remember them. It will be unbearably hot but with an immortal body you will not die, although you will wish for death. This will come upon all of those who have rejected Christ and His grace. A very simple act of accepting Jesus as your savior is all that you have to do escape an eternity of punishment.

We were not created to be punished in hell, it was created to punish Satan and those who followed him. The only reason any human will be there will be because of their rejection of Jesus and His gift of Grace. That is it! No other sin will send you there although you will pay for the ones you committed since they won't be covered by His blood and His sacrifice. Please, ask Jesus to come into your life and heart today and start living a life of service to Him. It is such a small price to pay for an eternity since He paid the ultimate price to redeem you.

The inerrant Word of God

Friday, May 21, 2010

It seems that there are those who are questioning the truth of the Bible. The Jewish leaders and teachers have never doubted the veracity of the Torah or of the Prophets and Writings why should anyone question that which completes the Bible. The New Testament is the testimony of those who witnessed Jesus' miracles and His proof of divinity by His resurrection. He fulfilled the prophecies about the Messiah foretold hundreds of years before His birth.

I realize that this is a bit of a stretch for people to believe who don't have any faith in Him but it is true! There are many prophecies from the Old Testament which point to where He would be born and His birth to a virgin. That He would be of the line and family of David. That He would be beaten and crucified, although crucifixion had not been used or even seen at the time it was prophesied.

I know that there are many who don't want to believe that this is true and I do understand. Because, if it is true it means that we all deserve to go to hell. It also means that we are all sinners, regardless of the magnitude of the sin itself. As in today's culture a “little white lie” is not considered to be something to go to hell for, but someone who is a murderer or a molester of children does. Unfortunately, in God's sight a sin is a sin and perceived size does not matter. In truth, the only sin that will send any of us to hell is the rejection of God's grace through Jesus and the acceptance of Him as our Lord and Savior.

In my opinion, that is the reason many people don't want Jesus or don't accept Him..... because it is too simple and easy! It is hard for people who don't have faith or have never been in a church to accept something simply on faith, like a child. A small child doesn't question if what you said is true as long as you haven't proven to them that you will lie to them. They accept what you tell them as the truth, no matter what. If your life needs someone or some strength that you cannot provide yourself, look to Jesus and ask Him! I promise, He will not let you down and once you give your life to Him, He will never leave

you!

We all need deep roots

Wednesday, June 09, 2010

Our lives and those of our loved ones are in danger of dying without a fountain of living water. The Word of God provides this for us, regardless of the circumstances or problems in our lives. It is something that we need to be grounded in from an early age and if we are not, almost anything can and will take its place.

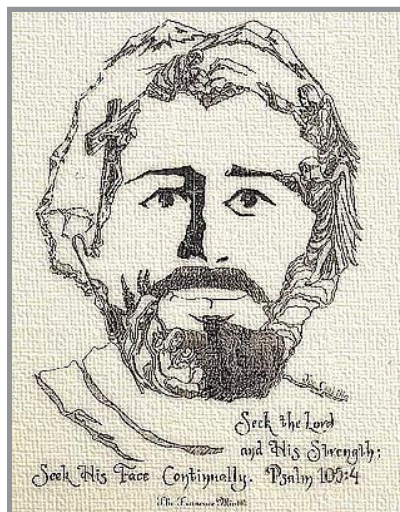
Trees need a good established root system or they will not reach maturity and so do Christians. Those in our world who do not believe or who choose to believe a lie have very shallow roots or none at all.

In God's Word, the palm tree is used as an example for a life lived through the grace of God. Since palm trees don't produce fruit until maturity, their fruit gets sweeter as they age. The palm tree is also made up of living wood all the way to the bark and their roots are the same size no matter how long they are so they are strong and can withstand the forces that life throws at them.

In the fallen world that we live in, we have to have some sort of foundation. That root or foundation is the Word of God. It established the universe and the earth and brought forth life in its abundance. The beauty of the cosmos is reflects the beauty of His design in all of its ways. The heavens declare God's glory, and we should too!

An image of Jesus

Saturday, June 19, 2010



Our image of Jesus is distorted from the way painters have portrayed Him as a weak, feminine type of man. In the time that He lived, and the vocation that He worked with His earthly father as a carpenter, weakness was not an option. A carpenter had to lift wooden doors, chairs, beams, and whatever else without a whole lot of help except for his muscles. The image that I have of Jesus shows a kind, gentle man but one with strength,

not only from His spirit but from the work that He did before He started His ministry on earth.

Our Lord loved all of us and still does with a love that cannot be understood by today's culture. He truly was and is the Messiah, the Savior of us all, not just some prophet whose body was hidden after He was crucified. One day He will come back and all will see who the Prince of Peace and the King of kings really is. On that day every knee will bow to Him and those who accepted Him in life will go on to their reward for eternity. Those who did not accept Him and His message, will be cast into the lake of fire and eternal punishment which was meant only for Satan and his minions.

Please, regardless of what you think of my site or its message, read the Bible. Pray that Jesus will forgive you of your sins and come into your heart and cleanse you of all unrighteousness. The smallest sin, like telling a lie to someone or even the sin of being a murderer or even a rapist are all equal in God's sight. The only sin which will send anyone to hell is that of rejecting Jesus and His gift of forgiveness, that's it! The love of Christ to you all and His peace too.

Useful salt

Sunday, July 04, 2010

Jesus called us, as believers, to be the "salt of the earth" which would make others thirsty for His "living water" of life everlasting. Are we doing that? Is the church doing what our Lord commanded us to do with our time on earth? Some churches are preaching and teaching the Bible but many are not. They are being led and "talked" to by "pastors" who are just telling them what they want to hear, not what they NEED to hear.

Regardless of the time since Christ's resurrection, He is coming back! He said it, the angels told His disciples that He would so there really isn't any discussion of whether He will but when. I know that my blog here is not as big or as popular as I would like it to be but that is expected. Our country is moving in the direction of not being a Christian nation. We have already moved away from being a friend to Israel, which puts us in some dangerous territory. God said that He would bless those who blessed Israel and curse those who cursed (turned their back on) Israel and I believe that our country is beginning to reap the fruit of that decision.

We will not like the result and it is likely to get far worse before it will get better, if it ever does. Our lives are to be in service to Him, and to those who God knows will answer His call really don't have much of a choice. His call on your life will be answered eventually, though it may be on your death-bed, but it will be answered hopefully in acceptance of Jesus. The alternative answer is not something that I would wish on anyone, enemy or not.

To be salt as a Christian you have to show your faith on a daily basis, not just holidays or funerals or even on Sunday morning. Part-time service is not service at all. How would you like it if cable or the Internet were only available two or three days out of a week? Or if some channels were available on Monday, but not Tuesday and Wednesday? That is what being a sometime Christian is like. That is why the Church has always been accused of having so many hypocrites. It is because during most of the week, no one can tell the difference between you and anyone else, then on Sunday you go to your church. What type of message is that sending to those who are watching you like your children or

the people you work with? Think about it.

John 3:16,17

Islam, a religion

Monday, July 12, 2010

There are many websites which compare Islam and Christianity but if you read the Bible and read the Koran, they are nearly identical in many respects. The only **glaring** difference is that the prophet who wrote the Koran is dead. The God of the Bible is not and neither is His Son, Jesus. I know that this post is going to inflame many who are practicing Muslims and I do apologize for this.

The principal reason that I am posting this is not to put myself in jeopardy but to bring to light some of the similarities of the two religions which seem to be unable to get along with each other. Many of the principles taught in the Koran are the same ones which are taught in the Bible. Why is there such enmity between these two religions? I believe it goes back to the time of Abraham and the enmity between Ishmael and Isaac.

There are many similarities between Judaism, Christianity and Islam but because of their differences in practice, these three religions seem to be at odds with each other all over the world. The Jewish religion doesn't regard Jesus as their Messiah, Christians do and Messianic Jews do as well. Muslims regard Him as a great prophet but not the Son of God.

As for the prophet, Mohamed, being the messiah or the one who will bring unity, that notion is ridiculous. No mere man, prophet or leader can fulfill the position of the Messiah, only Jesus can do that. When He comes in His glory, the world will see, even those who hung Him on the tree.

Always on or barely burning?

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Is your faith in Jesus on 24/7 or is it an occasional faith that only manifests itself when you need Him? Are you like the church that Jesus said was lukewarm at Laodicea and because it was lukewarm He would vomit it out of His mouth? The faith that is being shown by the churches in our time is fickle. Many of them want to hear things which make them feel good about themselves instead of the truth.

We are living in the age of the Laodicean church. Believing that we have everything that we need and yet we are poor, blind, and naked in relation to our faith in Jesus. New age, social norms, humanist views all point people in the wrong direction. It doesn't matter what you call it, if it is not from Christ it is **wrong!** Your eternal future depends on your belief in Him, nothing more! Any rewards you may receive in Heaven are based on your service to Him and for Him. If you did nothing, you get nothing except life everlasting with Him which will be a reward itself!

Our culture today, especially in the last twenty years, has been exposed to great advances in communication technology. We can communicate with anyone, anywhere and at any time in a matter of seconds through the Internet or over cell phones. This has

also caused many to question our belief in God or lack of it. If you have an always-on connection to the Internet you are never out of reach. If, like some people, you are still using dial-up you are only on-line occasionally.

Like someone who only goes to church on Sunday morning or when there is a crisis that they need God's help with. You "dial God up" and ask or plead for His help, then when He answers your prayer you hang up and don't come back until He is needed again. This is not how our life with Him is supposed to be! God loves us **all** and He never hangs up or gives up on any of us, so why do we?

First American missionary, Adoniram Judson

Monday, July 19, 2010

I pray that this post finds all who read it in good health and not under persecution for believing in Christ. I read about this Christian brother who was such a genius in his youth that he was teaching the adults in Sunday school at the age of twelve. Later, he turned his intellect toward debating the validity of the Christian faith and persuaded many to renounce their faith while he was in college. He later, became one of the most influential missionaries ever to come from the United States. Here is a portion of his story....it will bring tears to your eyes, if it does not there is no hope for you.

Adoniram Judson served in Burma in the early 1800's along with his family. He was arrested and falsely accused of being an enemy agent. While imprisoned he was forced to stand so that others could lie down and sleep. In tropical Burma, the sun was unbearably hot and since they were not allowed to bathe the stench was incredible. The officials in the prison decided that he was not being punished enough so they hoisted him up by his thumbs....pain filled every fiber of his body.

When he was finally returned to his cell, his precious wife, Anne, would creep in after dark and tell him, "Hang on Adoniram, God will give us the victory." Week after torturous week, Anne came by with the same encouraging words, "Hang on Adoniram, God will give us the victory." One night, she didn't come, and another night passed without a sign of her returning. Weeks went by and the loneliness grew to an unbearable level. No one told him than Anne was dying.

Months later when he was released, a man whose body was so broken it was miraculous that he could walk at all, yet he began searching for his beloved wife, Anne. Returning to the place where they had lived, he saw a girl so covered in filth that he failed to recognize his own daughter. He picked her up and staggered into the tent, his eyes squinting in the darkness. It was then that he saw her lying on the cot, a bundle of bones and rags so weak and frail that she looked like a skeleton. Her hair had fallen out and her bright blue eyes stared blankly at nothing. Hugging his daughter to his chest, he knelt and began calling her name over and over--- "Anne, Anne, O my darling Anne." As his tears fell on her face, slowly her eyes moved with recognition and she struggled to speak. Her last words were, "Hang on Adoniram, God will give us the victory."

That day, he lost his sweetheart, but not his faith or his courage. He began preaching again and was soon building churches. When he died, he left scores of churches and hundreds of Christian converts in that Muslim nation. He had fought the good fight and finished the race and kept the faith. Adoniram Judson will receive a crown of righteousness for his work for Christ.

Two Paths, One Leader

Thursday, July 29, 2010

I was told this by a very unusual source yesterday, "There are two paths before you, but only one of them is the right one". If this advice had come from my pastor or a friend, it would have been profound. It came from a ten year old boy and it is just as profound as if it had come from anyone else. The wisdom is beyond his years, but I think the advice came to him from God.

The leader, of course, is Jesus. The two paths could be to life in eternity or in hell or they could be leading someplace else. I still have a lot of searching and praying to do. I already have accepted Him as my Savior so I am assured of eternity. It is the two paths which I have before me yet that concerns me. If your pathway in life is coming to a fork in the road, consult with the One who knows all paths and their destinations. Don't rely on your own understanding nor on the so-called "wisdom" of others. Put your trust in the Creator of all things and since He is the Creator of time, He can see your future when you cannot.

God cares for all of us and does not wish to see any perish. He loves all of His creation and extends the invitation to all who will accept the gift of life through His Son, Jesus, who paid the price for all of our transgressions past, present and future. Give your heart to Him daily, you will not be disappointed. Even though the road may still have a few bumps and ruts in it after accepting Him, eternity will be so much better. We are not promised a smooth ride even after choosing to follow Him, but the ride will be better regardless.

Have you ever thought of what Jesus went through?

Wednesday, August 04, 2010

I am speaking, not of the physical torture and agony of the crucifixion, but of the total and complete separation from God. Something which He had never experienced before. Also, even though He was fully human in body, He was also one third of the Trinity! The embodiment of the Word of God in human form, the Son of God. The only perfect sacrifice for our sins that there could be.

It is hard, even impossible for our human minds to fathom the depth and breadth of what He did. He took on the sins of **every human being, past, present and future!** I can't imagine what the guilt and the spiritual pain must have felt like but it is likely the reason for Him shedding blood while praying in the garden. The love and compassion that was expressed during the hours prior to his "trial" was unimaginable by our standards. We can't understand it with our human minds.

God loves us all which is why He sent His Son to go through this agony for us. So that by accepting His gift we might be clothed in His righteousness and be able to enter into eternity with Him! The Creator truly loves His creation and since the fall of Adam, the whole creation has been and still is waiting for the restoration after the Great Tribulation which is coming. Read your Bible, pray about what you are reading so you will understand and give your heart to Him. You won't be disappointed, He is not

disappointed in you!

God, in your absence there has been a bit of a problem...

Sunday, August 08, 2010

In 1962 our government started pushing any reference to God and the Bible out of public school. Ever since then, our nation has been going down the wrong path in many ways. Morality has slipped away, the smartest minds have been done away with (through abortion), teen-age pregnancy increased and divorce did too.

Prior to this decision, by our supreme court justices, achievement test scores were consistently around the 900 mark (SAT), the violent crime rate was very low as was the divorce rate and teen pregnancy. What happened? We legislated God and the Bible out of the education process!

When God's word is taken from the government hallways and from the educational halls, the entire society suffers. Our nation was begun because of religious persecution and those who wanted the freedom to practice their religion and their beliefs without it. That doesn't mean that America was to be a repository for all the world's religions or even man's manufactured "religion". America was allowed to become a nation to be a light to the world because of our belief in God, the only God and Creator of the Universe!

In becoming that light, we also provided a persecution free place for others to come. Although, we have allowed that freedom to be used in ways that were not intended when this country was founded. By allowing God's Word to be taken out of the educational process, our nation has dimmed the light of it to a point that it is barely seen at this time. Minorities in our nation now have a louder voice than the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. I am not being racist when I say minorities, I am speaking of those who only represent about one or two percent of the population.

Our Lord is punishing our nation due to the decisions that have been made in the past fifty years and those that are still being made daily in our capital. We have been very lax in the way we have exercised our voices in government, especially those of us who are Christians. I have seen some who claimed to be Christians and claimed that they would uphold His Word and principles when they got into office, yet once they were sworn in something happened. Their memory became so short that they couldn't remember those promises which were made in order to be in that office.

We must either take back our country and elect officials who will put God back where He belongs or resign ourselves to a future that would have been unthinkable just sixty years ago! My mother's generation and most of the so called "Baby-boomers" would not have stood by while their freedoms were turned upside-down like our children's future will be. This had to be said. I am not sure how many of you who read this will act on it but I am sure if this were happening in a Muslim or Islamic controlled country, there would be armed uprisings going on! Praise God! Ask Him for His guidance for it is He who holds our future in His hand not Allah or Buddha or any of the other "gods" that are being worshiped.

Our country needs PRAYER, NOW!!

Wednesday, August 11, 2010

We are just before losing our country to radicals and because of the government's stand against Israel. **I am calling on ALL Christians, regardless of your denomination, in this country or around the world to start fasting and praying for the USA.**

I am beginning a forty day fast starting this Friday and I call on all committed Christians to do the best that they can to follow me in this. Even fasting for one day and praying will let God know that we are all serious about this so please consider it. Our world is rapidly approaching the end time spoke of in the Bible and if we don't do something, nothing will be done!

I await your comments on this.

I've never seen evidence of God!

Tuesday, August 17, 2010

This is a statement that I have heard many times in news or other media stories and it is one that I cannot understand! How can you wake up in the morning and not feel the evidence of God when you are breathing or with your heart beating? This universe that we live in was not an accident of creation through gravity and heat and coincidence!

The proteins and the cellular structures in our cells are put together in such a way that, according to computer models done on super-computers, the precision with which our bodies run could not have happened by evolutionary means in the time that the universe has supposedly been here (approximately 13 billion years or so).

Our planet is so perfectly positioned in a solar system which has certain characteristics, like some large gas giants which protect us from inbound comets or other debris. The distance that our planet is from the sun is so precise that only a one percent difference would mean either too hot or too cold for life. These can't be explained by pure luck or by accident! Our life, your life is not accidental but purposeful! There is and always has been a longing in the heart of man. That longing is for a relationship with our Creator. Whether you acknowledge Him as your Lord or not doesn't matter, although for your eternity it does.

We don't just die and rot in the ground, even if that is what you believe. Our body does, that is true. But the spirit which was put there before you were born continues and when the New Earth is created your body will be resurrected anew as well. This is not some "new-age" thinking, this comes directly from the Bible itself. Regardless of what is and has been written about God and His Word, **it is not a fairy tale!**

The Word of God was inspired by Him and written by men. This part is true, but it was not made up by man. There is no way that the forty writers who wrote the Bible could have "made up" the history which has been proven archeologically and the prophecies which have come true. The fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. was foretold more than 400 years before it happened. **Our world and the people on it have ample evidence of God and His creation to see that He exists without anyone telling them and yet the world chooses to believe the lies from science or some other "man-made" religion or even no religion at all!**

There will be a day in which everyone will see Him coming in His glory, even those who crucified Him! Your heart longs for a relationship with Him. If not today, when? You are not guaranteed tomorrow, no one is. I know I would rather serve Him for eternity in whatever capacity I can, than be punished in hell because I was given the greatest gift of all and I refused to accept it. That is the sin which is unforgiveable. Don't throw away your chance.

URGENT RECALL NOTICE!

Wednesday, August 25, 2010

The Maker of all human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically termed "Sub-sequential Internal Non-Morality," or more commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some of the symptoms include:

1. Loss of direction
2. Foul vocal emissions
3. Amnesia of origin
4. Lack of peace and joy
5. Selfish or violent behavior
6. Depression or confusion in the mental component
7. Fearfulness
8. Idolatry
9. Rebellion

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect.

The Repair Technician, JESUS, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required. The number to call for repair in all areas is:

P-R-A-Y-E-R.

Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure.

Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart

component.

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self control

Please see the operating manual, the B.I.B.L.E. (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes.

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on Jesus.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility.

Thank you for your attention!

GOD

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice, and you may contact the Father any time by 'Knee mail'!

Because He Lives

Standing accused before a Judge

Sunday, August 29, 2010

Standing before the Judge and about to be sentenced for a serious crime, how would you feel? What could you say in your defense that would make a difference? Anything?

"I have given ten percent to my church all of my adult life"; "I have always helped out during Christmas at the homeless shelter"; "I gave over a million dollars to the relief of

hunger in Israel”: Would any of these wonderful humanitarian acts mean anything in relation to the crimes you are convicted of? Have you forgotten anything?

Just before the Judge sentences you, a Man steps forward and tells the Judge, “I know he is guilty but I will pay for his crimes. I will take the punishment for him. Let him go free!” What kind of person would do such a thing? Why?

The answer lies in a simple but profound word, **love**. We are not wrongly accused at all. All of humanity has fallen short in that we cannot be good enough on our own. I know the One who would take and has taken the punishment for all of our sins, do you? The Man who stepped forward is Jesus and the one accused could be any of us. Our own humanitarian acts and good deeds in this life are not good enough to get us into heaven. We can't be good enough because without Jesus, we are just as guilty of rejecting God's gift of salvation as Lucifer and the other angels are of rebellion.

Our lives and the good works which we may do are gifts from God and yet the only way to heaven is through the blood of Jesus that was shed for our sins long before we were born. God cares for all of us, Jew and Gentile, but if we choose to live our lives **our way** instead of giving our life to Him through Jesus then it is our decision that condemns us not Him. It is a hard concept to accept from our limited point of view and it seems too easy, but that is why God gives us the choice and the ability to choose.

Give serious consideration to the message here and those found in the Bible because it is important! Your life here and in the hereafter will be greatly affected by your decision, so choose carefully. Regardless of the rhetoric out there regarding life or the lack of it after you die, wouldn't you rather choose Jesus and His gift and find out that the Bible is true, than to **choose not to believe** and still **find out that the Bible is true**? One choice leads to life forever and the other leads to eternal punishment for the simple act of refusing to believe.

God did not create the universe?!?

Monday, September 06, 2010

What planet are you from anyway, Mr. Hawking? Have you ever read the writings of your predecessor, Isaac Newton? He did believe in God and tried to use science and math and physics to **prove** the Bible not disprove it. Nothing creates itself out of nothing just because there is enough mass and gravity. I will agree that if there is enough of one or the other something will happen but who created the gravity and the huge amount of mass which would have had to be there before the "Big Bang" in order for the cosmos to "create itself"?

That is analogous to the "theory" that all life "evolved" from some protein-infused slime into all of the myriad of forms of life that our planet possesses today. It is foolish! Even computer models agree that there has not been enough time in the entire universe for something like that to happen.

This entire cosmos was created with a message to all mankind....that God alone is sovereign over all. Creation cannot create itself anymore than you could create a copy of yourself, with all of your memories, feelings and knowledge intact. God could do that, but the creation cannot. Our life is a gift from Him. A gift which we receive every day that we are alive.

The cosmos and all that is in it was created by the Word of God, not by some random event due to gravity and heat and pressure. Where did the gravity come from? Was it created by the mass of matter before the bang? If so, where did the matter which caused the gravity and heat come from? It did not just appear from nothing.

Nothing can only create nothing. Something, no matter how small the particle is, does not arise from nothing. Yet, that is what you are suggesting. Even if you could create a protein puddle with all of the necessary building blocks for life, nothing would come from it in a sterile environment. It would eventually dry up unless it was acted upon by something or Someone. In the book of Job, in chapter 38, God answers Job's question with a question: "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?...On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone ---- while the morning stars sang together and the angels shouted for joy?" Job 38:4-7

There are many who have questioned how or why our cosmos and all of creation came into being. The only true answer is that God wanted it to, not just because He wanted to create it but because it would glorify Him. His creation points to its Creator from all points of creation, regardless of who is looking or at what you may be looking. The perfection that is displayed from the smallest part of creation to the largest galaxy or the most gigantic star is due to the perfection of its Creator. It may sound simple to scientific minds who analyze everything but since it only takes a word from God to create anything, it is simple at least to Him. Put your faith in Him and life will be as simple as following Him daily(although that is not as easy as it sounds).

God bless you all and I pray that these words find you in good health. In His Service.

Do you ever feel like your voice is never heard?

Sunday, September 12, 2010

Do you ever feel like your voice is never heard, even when you are talking with someone close to you? A friend, your wife or husband or even your dad or mom? Does it feel like your voice is just going into the air and no one actually hears what you are saying? In a crowded place do you feel alone, as I do? These feelings are what is considered normal in today's society but they are not normal in any sense at all!

Do you feel empty, like there is always something missing? Something that you know that you should have or something that you feel deep down that you really need and yet you know that you don't have it yet? We were actually created with this "need", but we were not given the identity of that need. We are supposed to find it ourselves. The problem with that is that we usually look in all the wrong places for this "something" that we know or feel will make us "happy". Why is that?

Our society and its expectations are such that we look to "trophies" of one kind or another to make us "happy" or fulfilled, and in reality these trophies can do no such thing. No matter how much money, fame, honor, glory, praise, or prestige you may have, it will never fill the ache inside which you have felt for most of your life.

The only way to fill that emptiness is with a relationship with God and His Son, Jesus. When you truly accept Him into your life, the void will begin to fill up! It will continue to fill as you seek Him to guide your life daily through prayer and by reading His Word, the Bible. God is not dead as some say and He is not asleep. He has not forgotten us

because He can't. We are His creation, all of us! Prophecy from His word tells us this and that He is not finished. There are many things yet to come.

Your life can be a witness to His glory and for Him. It doesn't matter whether you are a Jew, or a Muslim, or Hindu or Buddhist, if you give your life to Him and ask Him into your heart the void in your life will be filled! It will begin to fill up and it will continue until He comes back or you are taken home to be with Him. The life we live here is but a temporary, fleeting existence. Our real life begins at our meeting Jesus and continues on from there. Death has no control over our life after that, this world and its troubles has no control over our life and its meaning after we accept the Christ. Our witness to every person that we come in contact with daily matters more than anything we can accomplish on earth because everything here is temporary.

Your life and what you choose to do with it is what matters and what matters the most is what you choose to do with Jesus in relation to the life you live and what you pass on to others. Whether they are your friends, your children or your family in general, the message that you portray to others as a Christian is your legacy that you will leave when you die. Nothing else truly matters until that part of your life is filled with Him. When that happens, then your life has a purpose and a true meaning. Before you accept Jesus nothing has an eternal meaning but after you do, everything can have an eternal meaning when you are living your life for Him and through Him daily. Have a blessed day in His Service.

He is always close to us

Wednesday, September 22, 2010



Before Jesus left our world to go back to His Father, He told his disciples that He would never leave them nor forsake them. He cannot go back on His word, so we can depend on it! He loves us as we are His creation and His children so He stays near regardless of the circumstances.

God loves us all, no matter what we have done, and yet He grieves for us because until we accept His Son into our lives, we are part of the world and not His family.

God has much patience and kindness but the time grows short. The age of the church is coming to an end and when that time comes, just as in the days of Noah, the door will close and the church will be taken up. Then the world will know a time of suffering like no other before it.

It has been called the Apocalypse, the battle of Armageddon, the end times, and the Tribulation. All of these names refer to the same prophecy and its time is drawing near. No one can tell you if it will be in the year 2012 or 2112, but it is coming. I believe that it will happen in my lifetime but I could be wrong.

Jesus said that "no one knows the time of the end except the Father, not the angels nor His Son." So if Jesus could not tell you, no one can. It will be when it will be and not before. The Holy Spirit is with us today and He is part of the Trinity, three yet One. So,

please ask Jesus into your life so that you will not have to suffer through the worst time in the history of the world.

Read Romans chapter 8 and John chapter 3. Between them they hold the key and point you to Jesus. Hear their words before it is too late. I pray for all who come here seeking the truth because I do not make up these words on my own, but I pray while I type so that my words will be from Him and no other.

In His Service alone.

Our life in Him, His Life in us!

Sunday, September 26, 2010

Some people think that Christianity is just like other religions. That there is no difference other than the person that we believe in. We still have to try hard to be good enough to “get saved” before Jesus will accept us as His. This view of doctrine is not from God’s Word.

Jesus’ words were “I will abide in you and you abide in Me”. The word translated as “abide” can mean many things like “walk, live with, or trust”. Our responsibility as Christians is to daily live as Christ would have us live. Follow Him daily or as scripture puts it “pick up your cross daily and follow Me”.

God expects us to be holy as He is holy but He knows that we cannot do this without Him. We are not able to be holy on our own, our righteousness is as “filthy rags” before a holy God. Without Jesus in your heart, nothing that you do or say can ever be “worthy” enough.

Other religions of the world try to get us to work our way toward heaven so that it is our accomplishment and our way which brings us to heaven. These religions have been and are being deceived by the ruler of this world, Satan, the adversary of God. He can and has done this for many thousands of years and is still doing it. The world doesn’t like Christians or our message because our message is against their way of life. It makes everything that they do or say look foolish because it is when judged by God’s Word.

Before the troubled times come at the end of this age, please read the Bible! Ask someone to explain it to you, pray about it and ask God to show you what you should know and what you need to know. He will if you ask.

Life is too short, like a puff of wind

Sunday, September 26, 2010

In the world of fiction, such as in vampire stories, human lives are measured in decades instead of centuries. If our lives on earth could be immortal, what would our world be like? Would we be better at being killers? Would we all be rich? Would there be fewer people crowding our cities and streets? If we were immortal and able to fight off most diseases that ravage mankind now, what would our world be like?

The human heart, immortal or not, is ruled by its own desires and those are and always have been violent toward anyone who may have something which you don’t have. If we

could be immortal, would it be worth it? Would our world be any better than it is now or would it be worse? There are no wrong answers to these questions and yet, the only answer would be that our civilization would have died long ago.

Our Creator and our only true God kept his creation from taking from the tree of Life to preclude our having immortality and some say that was wrong but in His wisdom and knowledge it was and is right. The only way that we will have immortality is through giving our hearts to Jesus and serving Him now and in eternity. Your family can have the same if they will give their hearts to Him which would allow you to be surrounded by family for all time, in service to the Creator.

Our lives don't really have much in the way of true meaning in this life other than raising our children and living happily with our spouse, if we are lucky enough to find someone who truly loves us for who we are inside and not for something we can do for them. Jesus said, "I am the way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." God gave His only Son for us all as a perfect sacrifice for the world's sins, if you want to have eternal (immortal) life on earth or in Heaven, give your life and heart to Him. You will not be disappointed.

Romans 8:23

YOU ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO A GOD WHO TRULY WANTS TO SAVE YOU (Ezekiel18...

Monday, September 27, 2010

The Jews in exile were saying that God was going to condemn them so He could watch them suffer, that God would take pleasure in destroying them (vv. 30.32).

Ezekiel's reply to this idea was that God does not want you to die! (See v. 23.) These statements from God cannot be any more plain, forceful, or beautiful than this: I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies. (v. 32). God wanted His people to live. He did not want Judah to be destroyed; He wanted His people to live, not to die!

If they died, it would **not** be because God wanted it to happen; it would be instead because they refused to listen to God's prophet and turn from their sins that they might be saved, so they might live! Even so today: If you die, if you are lost now and are lost eternally, it is not because that is what God wants. God does not want anyone to perish (2 Peter 3:9); rather, He wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4). Jesus died for all (Hebrews 2:9); the grace of God that brings salvation is available to all (Titus 2:11). If you ultimately are lost, then, why will it happen? The answer is sin.

Sin condemns (Romans 6:23), regardless of the type of sin that it may be.

Even that answer is incomplete. We are lost because of our sins, certainly; but if that were the complete answer, everyone would be lost eternally, for all have sinned (Romans 3:23). Why will you be lost? The answer is unrepented-of sins! That was Judah's problem: It was not merely that Judah had sinned, but that Judah had, in spite of the warnings of the prophets, refused to repent. Ezekiel came with a final appeal: Repent and live! (18:32b). In the end, Judah was destroyed as a result of the people's failure to heed Ezekiel's appeal.

Likewise, if anyone should perish, the reason will not be that God wanted it to happen. Rather, destruction will come because you have failed to heed the warnings found repeatedly in His Word. Our Creator loves all of humanity, regardless of where you live or who you are. He wants us all to come to repentance if we will only give our lives to Him and follow Him and do what is right in His sight daily. **Repent, accept Jesus and live!**

Life is getting to be interesting? Boring? Dangerous? Who knows!!

Tuesday, October 05, 2010

In our near future what do you think will happen? A nuclear war that wipes out most of humanity? A meteor which causes global catastrophe? Armageddon?

The last one is more likely than any of the others because it is predicted in God's Word but the battle of Armageddon will not be like the ones we see in the movies. It will be a bloodbath true enough, but the winner is already decided. It is a done deal and there is nothing or no one in the universe which will or can change the outcome. The prophecies in the Bible are true and about ninety percent, maybe more, have already come true. The rest are going to happen during the time of sorrows called the Tribulation.

It is coming and denying it will not help. I am not writing this from my own mind these are facts from God's Word, I am just the messenger. The time that this will happen is not known by anyone except God Himself, but it was foretold more than two thousand years ago as well as the prophecy about the time which will come afterward. The Millennial Kingdom is the time in which God will be with His people Israel for one thousand years and teach them what they need to know about Him and how to serve Him. Those of us who are there as well will be living during this time in which the governor of the world will be Jesus.

The time is coming to decide which part of eternity you will be living in....the wonderful part with no suffering or death or the part where you will suffer for all eternity and be cut off from God forever. Choose Life by choosing Jesus today!

Faith in Today's Church, is it real?

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

The church that our Lord began two thousand years ago seems to be lost. Not from the lack of members or converts, but from a lack of conviction and purpose. We, as the Church that our Lord gave His life for, have become stale, bland and unappealing to those who need Hope the most. Like salt which has lost its saltiness and is good for nothing, and the message has lost its fire.

The message from the church only causes more strife and bitterness in the world at large rather than giving men hope. Why is that? Jesus taught us a message of hope and yet Christians today seem to be unable to give that hope or His message the fire and the flavor that they once did. The enemy seems to be able to quench the fire of our faith too easily, why is that?

It is because our lives have become too involved with "stuff", not just our everyday

existence but other insignificant issues which get in the way like so many thorns and weeds. The only way to overcome our adversary is to study God's Word and get our hunger for it back. If we don't do that, he will overcome us and our message, and the Church cannot, must not allow that to happen! The Spirit will guide us and protect us but we have to be willing to follow Him daily.

Our coming to God is not of our own volition because we are drawn by the Spirit. Once we claim our place in His service as Christians, God never lets go. We may walk away but He is always there waiting for us like a patient Father. The time which we have here on earth is to be of service to Him but so is our eternal service after this life. This will not be a chore, as some would think, but a glad and cheerful service as unto someone dearly loved.

The message which was given by Jesus to be spread to the "uttermost parts of the earth" was and is the good news of the Kingdom of God. This also includes the forgiveness of sins through our Lord's suffering for all on the cross with His death and resurrection putting the final blow to the control over us by our sinful nature. Once we come to Him, believing in Him and the forgiveness extended to us through His sacrifice for us, we can never lose that which we cannot gain through any act of our own.

The sacrifice that our Lord made on our behalf is something that no mere man can accomplish, only the Son of the Most High God! Only the Lion of Judah could accomplish the forgiveness which was needed for the whole world. No law or man-made "thing" can accomplish this. Our so-called righteousness is as formless as a vapor and has no substance to it at all, especially from the point of view which God has. A perfect and Holy God cannot view imperfect man and his imperfect righteousness.

Life and how we live it

Sunday, October 17, 2010

Life, a ponderous time of work and worry and more work. Stress and all the trappings of "success" that go with it. This is our view of life. It is not and was not supposed to be this way. And yet, it is. Why is that?

It is because of the adversary and the ruler of this world. The one who has dominion over the earth and its "religions", Satan himself. Even if you are a Christian, the world and its ruler has some measure of control over your life. Unless, you are walking by faith on a daily basis and claiming God's promises.

Those are prerequisites for a changed and powerful life. I am not saying that your life has no meaning if you have or have not given your life to Christ, what I am saying is that the world always has some measure of control over you and your choices if you have not given your life to Jesus and walk daily with Him. God Himself can empower you to live for Him when you give your heart to Him in such a way that life before will seem to be just a shadow of what you will do once you truly give your heart to Jesus.

Our life here is but a shadow of what it will be in the Kingdom of God. Serving Him in whatever position you are placed in at that time. Right now, you have the chance to serve Him in ways that you never imagined that you would or could do if you will allow Him to work through you daily. Your business can be more successful, your marriage will be more fulfilling and your family will be more focused on serving Him. God needs us as His

eyes and hands and feet to do and say things to people today the same way that the prophets did in times past. No one seems to believe that the Bible is relevant, so people don't read it or pay attention to what it says.

God doesn't make mistakes, especially with his Creation. Our life and the life we are given to live is given to each of us for a purpose and many people search for this purpose all of their lives without success. Our purpose in life is to do God's will and to perform the service that He has for each of us to do, not just what we want to do. It may be something that we may not want to do but if you are following Christ truly, you must do the Father's will and not your own. When you find that purpose and do His will in your life, you will be rewarded and your life will be enriched beyond your wildest dreams.

Along those lines, I don't mean that you will be wealthy or powerful or famous, but you will be doing the will of the Creator. Isn't that wonderful! It amazes me everyday to think that I am serving the Creator of the entire Universe, not just going to work but in doing so while following Christ I am serving Him as well. I fail at times just like everyone else, but God knows that and He knows that it is going to happen because I am human. I can't serve Him perfectly day in and day out, no one has done that except Jesus. When those failures happen, I go to Him and ask for forgiveness and for more strength from Him for the next time. God loves us all and wants us to come to Him for everything, not just when someone is sick or has an accident. Give Him a chance in your life and give your life a chance with Him, you won't regret that decision ever!

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The old man that you see?

Thursday, October 28, 2010

In a nursing home or a park, maybe in your barber-shop or even your church, you see them. Sometimes everyday, sometimes just once a week, but they are there.

Some have lived full, rich lives with lots of children and grandchildren and even great-grandchildren. Others have had sorrows piled upon sorrows until the layers are too deep for them to see past the pain and the anguish.

Some, in fact, many who are past the age of fifty are veterans and they have seen much more than many people should see or experience. Especially if they were involved in a war, regardless of where it was fought. Some may even be younger than fifty, but the experiences that they have dealt with have aged them faster than they should have.

Our society revered these men at one time. We valued the wisdom that experience had taught them. We valued their opinion and their knowledge. Now, they are seen as a drain on society. Just another person or patient to take care of on the job.

The Bible says the the crown of the aged is a sign of wisdom and should be honored, in fact they are supposed to be honored and respected. If you or your father, brother, uncle, son or nephew lives to be "aged", how would you like to be treated?

The crown of the aged is their children and grand-children but it is also the experience gained during their lifetime. In knowing how to handle situations, but more importantly how to handle themselves and their relationship with God and men. Primarily and most importantly, put God and His purposes first in your life and everything else will follow that lead. The Elder, God Himself, is Creator of all and He alone deserves Honor and Praise. He was before time and is the Creator of time and there is no other God except Him.

Christians know these truths to be true because they were testified to by Jesus Himself, who is the Living Word of God and the Son of God. Any other religion is false and untrue because they do not accept these facts. If anyone reading this cannot accept this, then they need to read and believe the Bible. God loves all of humanity but if you will not accept His gift of salvation through Jesus then you have condemned yourself to hell. I pray for you all to come to Him.

Heaven is better than hell

Saturday, October 30, 2010

I saw something tonight which upset my whole world, I saw a post on someone's site which said exactly the opposite of my title. How could someone, even an atheist, believe that hell could possibly be better than Heaven?

The absence of God and light, other than from the fires of hell. The absence of anything of beauty or of anything which is living other than the creatures which inhabit hell. The people and the demons (fallen angels that followed Satan) which are there have no souls, and yet they will never die, even if they wish to. There are no parties, no laughter, no joy, no peace, no water, nothing good other than what you may wish you had done in your life on earth.

This is what is waiting for those who reject God and His grace through Christ. God does not wish that any should experience this place. It was created for Satan and his followers, not for humans. And yet, if you choose to reject God and the truth told in the Bible, you are at enmity with Him just like those who followed Satan and rebelled against God.

God loves us all and doesn't want anyone to go to this place. Give Christ your life and your heart. Ask Him to show you how to be a follower of His and what you need to do to serve Him in this life so that you will have a real life after this one. Jesus loves us all and wants us all to be there with Him. Please give Him a chance in your life today, right now! You don't know if you have tomorrow or next week. Don't wait because waiting may be too late.

Take care lest ye fall...

Saturday, November 06, 2010

Our world today tends toward glorifying wealth and the accumulation of things. What good can this possibly bring to anyone? The possession of possessions, expensive or not, is a disease that our culture has. Not just in America, but being consumers means that we consume anything and everything that we can get our hands on. What kind of society is that? Would any sane person want to be a part of a world in which being a consumer was all that you strive for?

Is there a cure or even a way out of this for our world? Or even for our culture and our country? Does anyone care that our economy is failing? Not just the economy of America but eventually the economies of other nations as well, like what happened eighty years ago during the Great Depression. When the economy of America crumbled, the financial systems of the entire world crumbled too. That could happen again, then what are we going to do?

The only real cure for our world, not just America, is to turn to the One who has the answers for all of these questions. The Word of God has the answers that the world seeks, but the world doesn't receive it and won't until their hearts come to the knowledge of Christ. I am not speaking of a particular race or country, but to the whole of humanity.

Christ died for **all of our sins**, regardless of what those sins are or were. Sin, to God, is sin and it doesn't matter if it is telling someone you will do something and then not doing it or if you killed thousands of people in the name of Allah. A lie or murder or a sexual sin of any kind before, during or after marriage is still sinful and they all carry the same penalty, eternal separation from Heaven and God.

Eternal separation means hell, even though it was made for the devil and his followers, that is where those who don't accept Jesus and his grace will go when they die. There will be no "eternal party", it will be torturous for all time to come and it hinges on one decision, whether you believe Jesus died for your sins and paid the price for them or not. **That's it!** The entire gospel can be summed up in that sentence.

One world currency and a "united earth" cannot fix our problems, because the differences are still there. Culturally, spiritually, collectively, our differences will always separate us from each other and from God. Until we decide to trust Him and His redemptive work, which Jesus did for us, and accept it into our hearts, we will be separated from God here and in eternity.

When we are separated from God in this life, who has control of your life's outcome? You may believe that you do, but you don't. Satan does. He is the temporary ruler of the world. He knows that his time is limited and that when the end of the age comes, and Christ steps on the earth again, his rule is over. No time-outs, no do-overs. Christ finished His redemptive work on the cross, He said so when He said, "It is finished". The only thing that is keeping the end of the age from coming is the last person who will accept Him has not done so yet. When that happens, the age of the church will be over. Don't wait until then.

PTSD in daily living

Thursday, November 11, 2010

Post traumatic stress disorder sounds intimidating but it happens all around us, not just to soldiers. Children experience it from bullying at school or from constant tension at home. Men and women experience it at work as doctors, nurses, fire department personnel, police personnel and in tense arguments at home. Soldiers experience it anytime that they are in a dangerous and life threatening situation.

We are all in life threatening situations when we get on the highway but it seems so normal until we don't see it that way until something happens around us or to us and our family. Some days, just living can be a stress producing ordeal which can traumatize our

minds. These are the times that we should be reaching out to God to be our constant companion in every situation. Our comforter and guide is always waiting for us to call on Him and He will be there.

Jesus said that we would receive a comforter when He went back to the Father and as Christians we have that but some of us don't count on Him daily like we should. God loves us all, no matter where we are and until we allow Him to enter our hearts and live there daily, we can never know the depth of His love for us.

In many ways, the lack of commitment to being a servant of God is the reason for Post traumatic stress disorder. If we would humble ourselves and come to Him daily, we would not have such stressful lives and if the stress was there we would have Him to comfort us in our time of need. There are many ways that people today have to find comfort. Some are legal and some are not but most of us find a way to find comfort whether it is temporary or permanent. The kind of comfort we find in serving Jesus is permanent.

Read the Bible, it is good for you and for your future. It also contains the most helpful wisdom that can be found in this life and it is the source of most "self-help" advice, in my opinion. Our Creator put your DNA together bit by bit before you were born and He knew you long before that. Give Him a chance in your life to prove that He really is the One, the Excellent Counselor and the Prince of Peace. Romans 8:28

Does our life really matter in the grand scheme of things?

Monday, November 22, 2010

The answer to that question is: "It depends on who you are serving, yourself or God."

Do you ever feel that life and the living of it is just too hard or stressful? I do. There are days when I wish that a truck would just lose control and end my life right there regardless of whether I am going to work or coming home. But, most days I have my son in the car with me so I don't pray for anything like that to happen. You do have to be careful about what you ask for, you know. Depression is an awful and deceitful emotion. It creeps up on you gradually, just a little at a time and then one day it hits you like a truck with no brakes!

Depression really does hurt. Especially when our daily grind is unrewarding or when you feel that life and this world are not treating you fairly. If you are not a Christian, days like this can cause all sorts of things to happen and most of them are not good. Being a Christian doesn't exempt you from days like this.

In fact, it seems to multiply them occasionally. If you haven't matured enough or if you have other things in your life that you haven't confessed lately, that is when God gets out His polishing tools and puts you through some trials in order to make you into the Christian that He needs you to be.

He knows the outcome but that doesn't stop Him from doing what needs to be done to bring out your best, even if it hurts. The pain that comes during these times is not unbearable because He said that He would not allow us to go through a trial that He can't provide a way out of.

If you are serving yourself, the grand scheme really doesn't matter unless it is a personal accomplishment of some kind. Because your personal "grand scheme" likely will not affect the whole world, just your piece of it, then what will become of your accomplishments and your family when your life is over?

If you are serving God, then the grand scheme should be His and you should be asking for His guidance to do whatever it is that is necessary to fulfill your part of it. He will provide you with exactly what you need, when you need it according to His plans for you. He doesn't always give you what you ask for when you ask for it because He knows that we sometimes ask for things that we aren't ready for or that we really don't need.

Come to the throne of grace and ask Him into your life. Your life and your daily walk with Him will never be the same. It will be BETTER!!

The real reason for the season

Monday, December 06, 2010

Although it is true that a pagan holiday was co-opted for the time of Christmas, it is not the reason that we celebrate. In our society today it is because of the gifts and presents that we want to give and that we want to get from our families and relatives. This is not the reason for our celebration either. Regardless of the actual date of Christ's birth, whether it was in or around September or October really doesn't matter. Celebrating the birth of the Christ, the Messiah is the reason for the celebrations which occur every year at this time. The giving of gifts to one another is a repeat of the gifts given to Christ at His birth and the gift of Jesus to us by God the Father.

In our own way we attempt to emulate exactly the giving to someone that we care for, regardless of the value of the gift itself. The gift and its value should not be the only reason that we do this nor should the cost of the gift be considered. The thought and the feeling of appreciation between each person is what is being expressed by the gift and the giving, not the value of the gift. It has much more value if the gift is one that you make yourself as a gift and not one that you buy, especially if it is an enduring gift which will last for years.

Our lives are fleeting moments in time and we should not waste them worrying about trivial things which don't matter and won't be recalled a decade or more from now. The relationships which we have between friends and family and most importantly with our Lord are the most valuable possessions that we will ever have. These are priceless and should be treated that way.

God loves us so much that He, in the form of Christ, gave up His position as God to become a man. To be as we are. Frail, lonely, afraid, depressed, and to suffer through human existence so that He could know us better. To truly know someone and their problems you have to live as they live, daily, and that is what He did while He was here. He never stopped being God, but yet chose to live as a man willingly and to give His life to ransom those of us who will accept Him, even though He paid the penalty for all. He even paid the penalty for those who won't accept Him as Lord simply out of love. No mere **human** could or would do that!

Give your life to Christ and ask Him to come into your life and truly make you whole. Your life will never be the same after that, but it will mean more than you can ever know.

Christmas, a “pagan” holiday with Holy aspirations

Thursday, December 23, 2010

When the winter solstice festival was chosen as the accepted date of celebration for our Lord's birthday it didn't really cause a stir. Now, in the twenty-first century, it is starting to ruffle some feathers. Some think that we shouldn't celebrate it as Christmas but as a holiday season. Some consider it to be an affront to the pagan celebration which came before. However it affects you and your sensibilities, the facts are that God, the Creator, shed His divinity and came to live among us as a frail, human being for a time. He did this not to see how His creation was doing, but to provide a sacrifice which would allow all of us to be forgiven.

Our humanity and the Law that we had put in place which told us when and how to "pay" for our sins separated us from Him for many hundreds of years. In the act of sacrificing Himself, through the act of giving His Son, Jesus, as the sacrifice which would cover all of humanity's sins, God did away with the requirements of the Law. He enabled us to come directly to Him and ask for our forgiveness through Jesus.

The Bible has been proven by archaeology and by history as being accurate in its writings. There is no possible way that the number of authors involved in writing such a book over many thousand years could have all been making up the prophecies about Jesus, which almost all the books of the Bible point to a "Seed of the woman" from Genesis through Chronicles and all of the minor prophets and other writings in the Tanakh. The Spirit guided their writings and prophecies, regardless of whether you may believe this or not there can be no other explanation.

God loves us all and did what had to be done in order to give us, all of us, a chance at redemption. To come out from under the curse of sin which entered into us by Adam and Eve's disobedience. God knew that they would do this before they did, He could and does see what we do daily before we even do it. Our lives do not happen according to our will. We cannot control one part of our lives, even if you can slow your heart or your breathing, you can't stop either and then start them again after three days time!

Acts 8 and Romans 8 both give enough evangelical and persuasive argument for anyone to come to Jesus and know Him. Please read them if you don't know Him! If you do know Jesus, bring someone who doesn't know Him to this site and read through those chapters with them. My life is forfeit because of my love for Christ and all I am doing this for is to help to bring at least one more person into the family of Christ. If I can at least do that, it will all have been worth it. Give Christ, my Lord and your Savior a chance in your life. You won't be sorry that you did.

New Year, New Commitment to ?

Sunday, January 02, 2011



Happy New Year! Will this year be different for you and your friends and family? Possibly. The degree of the difference is up to you and the commitment that you make toward it. Are you going to change your life and the lives of others by doing something differently this year? I hope so.

Be committed to giving of your time and talent to others who need it. God gave you the talent that you possess in order to glorify what He can do and what you can do through Him. Your DNA did not just magically happen to form in the womb with the characteristics that you have. It was fashioned in that way by the Creator because He knew you before the world itself was formed!

That statement is one that puzzles most scientists and skeptics, but it is true. Why would a Creator come to this world as a man to give His life, as perfect as it is, as a ransom and a payment for all of our sinful ways if He did not know all about us and how many there would be that needed Him to do so? Our God is wonderful, powerful, awesome, gentle, kind, and loving toward His creation and He loves all of it, but especially us! Why would an all-powerful Creator love us when we, as fallible humans, have rejected Him for “things”?

If the Creator were a vengeful one, He would’ve destroyed and recreated us many times and yet He hasn’t done that but once. I am not saying this because He couldn’t but because He didn’t want to. Our world was created for us to use as stewards for His purpose and for ours and we have done a great disservice to that calling. That is the commitment that we need to get back to, being stewards of the world that we have been given and to those who need us to show them the way to God!

The world would have us believe that all that is important is profit, money, power, greed and what we can get out of life while we are here and many people live their lives that way. Those are the “ways of the world” but that is not the way that we were created to be! We were created to be servants and stewards. Servants of God and stewards of the gifts and talents that He gave us and of the world around us. Your life will never be what it was meant to be nor as meaningful until you give your life and your service to Him.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength and love thy neighbor as you love yourself. On this the whole of the Prophets and the Law hang together. (Paraphrase of Mark 12:30-31)

In His Service.

The Awesome Power of Our Creator!

Friday, January 07, 2011

In six days He spoke the universe into being, then rested on the seventh. I wonder if anyone has ever thought that He could have done it in one day if He had chosen to? Nothing is impossible with God but what do you think of Him? He knows all of us, whether

we acknowledge Him or not.

When He sent the part of Him that was the Christ to earth as a human born of a virgin, He was still God. When they beat Him, and flogged Him with the cat-o-nine tails so that He was almost un-recognizable, He was still God. When they hung Him on the cross or execution stake with nails through His hands and feet, He was still God. He could've called down legions of angels or even wiped mankind from the earth with a thought but He did neither of those, because He was and is God!

Our Creator, the Ancient of Days, was before time and the one who created time itself along with everything else. Our God, the One that many people don't think is real, is more real than we are! His ways are not our ways and His thoughts are not like ours. He is above us and perfect in every way. One analogy would be that He is above us as we are above bacteria and maybe even more than that!

Even being the great I AM, the God and Creator doesn't keep Him from loving His creation, even those of us who were created in His image and then rejected Him. Your life will never be perfect on earth, but you will be able to grow toward that perfection if you will give your heart to Him and walk with Him daily. That is all He has ever wanted from us, our fellowship and our love for all that He gives us every day.

If you want to have hope and a chance at a fulfilling life for eternity, ask Him to come into your heart. He will place a small piece of Himself there and fill the void which you have felt but didn't know how to fill. God loves you more than you can know, return that love and you will feel it in ways you never imagined.

Is God in control?

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Yes, absolutely! He has always been and always will be! Nothing escapes His gaze because He is everywhere! God cares for all of us, no matter what religion we happen to hold on to. God knows about everything that each of us do on a daily basis, even down to the birds and animals on this world that He created. Nothing escapes His notice.

Every word spoken, every thought that comes to mind, He knows about them. Each time you text "OMG" to someone you are using His name vainly, frivolously and He notices. Our Creator is a loving one and He has much patience but the time is growing short for His return and there are many things about our world and about us that He will not be pleased with. He has given us a way to know Him more intimately through His Son's sacrifice on the cross of Calvary. If we only accept His grace as the free gift that it is and give our life and our heart to Him, our lives would be so much better. The world itself would be better.

In many ways, everyone's life would be better by serving Him. Because that is what we were created to do, have fellowship with Him and a relationship with Him. That is exactly what the emptiness inside you is for..... to be filled with Him.

If Jesus is not who He said He was, we're in trouble!

Friday, January 28, 2011

If Jesus is not God in human flesh, nothing matters. If Jesus is God, sent to us in human form who died for all of our sins and rose again then nothing else matters. With His apostle John, faith in Him is commitment. John was not interested in **nice** believers—only in **committed** believers. Christianity is not knowing certain facts; Christianity is living a life.

Our faith in Christ and in who He is has nothing to do with religion or the "orthodoxy" that goes with religion. The faith that we live by on a daily basis is what matters. If your faith can't stand up to daily life, then you need to pray and ask God to show you what may be hindering you from His service.

In our daily life, we can choose to follow the crowd or to lead by example. Our example is Jesus and we should be striving to be as much like Him as we can but we can't do it on our own. We have to rely on the power of God and His Spirit to enable us to do things which we cannot do on our own and with our own strength. He will enable us to do exactly what we need to do for Him and through Him as long as we are following Him.

Are we guilty before God?

Saturday, February 05, 2011

Yes! Even in the small things, we stand guilty before a Holy God. Our God and Creator loves us and wants us to come to Him because we need Him and we do! **Here are some reasons why.**

1. You shall have no other gods before me.

The first of the Ten Commandments. In today's society it is too easy to have other "gods" in our lives. For instance your job, or computer or money can be the thing which brings you temporary peace and some fulfillment. Your spouse or significant other can be that which gives you fulfillment or peace. Yet, it is our Creator who desires to be first in our lives. Not only because He is a "jealous God" (jealous for our love not the vain emotion of jealousy), but because He is our Creator and He wants the best for us.

2. **You shall not make any graven image, or any likeness of anything in Heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down before them, nor serve them;** for I am the Lord your God and a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; yet showing mercy to thousands of those that love me and keep my commandments.

The second commandment is like the first, yet more specific. It tells us not to have any idols made of any created thing which like us was created by God. We are not to worship the created but the Creator! Seems like common sense to me; why would you take a block of wood or metal, shape it into the likeness of something and then call it your "god"? Nonsense and foolishness! You created that idol, it is not a living thing and cannot do anything for you at all. Even if the idol that people create is something that is not made

into an image such as money or power, it is still an idol because it is depended upon by you for your comfort or security. **God is the only One who deserves our love and honor and no other! Not Allah, not Buddha, nor Krishna, nor any other so-called god and certainly not any mere man such as Muhammad.**

3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain.

In our culture today, this one gets broken thousands of times on a daily basis. Every text on a cell phone with “OMG” or any time you speak His name with contempt or a disrespectful tone, you are taking God’s name in vain. It seems to be accepted so much these days that no one says anything about it, but it is true. When we accept Jesus as our savior, God chooses not to remember the times that we did this but we will feel the guilt for it once we realize that it truly is a sin.

4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

This commandment is the one that many people choose to ignore without a second thought. They work on the Sabbath or go hunting or fishing on that day or just stay home and choose to sleep in or watch television. These things are not bad things but this day was chosen to be a day of rest **and worship**. To give thanks to God that gives us every day to live and serve Him in our jobs and in our lives in general. To be His witnesses to the world that chooses not to know Him, this is our calling and our rightful service and vocation. The job that we get our pay from is only a means to an end which allows us to serve Him by serving others and on the Sabbath we are to rest from that work and worship Him. It doesn’t matter if you choose the Jewish Sabbath of Saturday or the Christian Sabbath of Sunday but whichever you choose, honor God on that day by worshipping Him.

5. Honor your father and mother; that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

Something which should be second nature to all of us, but there are many fathers and mothers who are neglected and rejected as soon as their children leave home and have homes of their own. Why do we not honor and respect our elders anymore? Has our culture degenerated so much that parents are not important or respected at all? This is a commandment of God and should be treated as a warning to all who mistreat the generation which brought us into the world. God doesn’t take it lightly when we do such things and it will be brought to light at the Judgment seat of Almighty God.

6. You shall not kill.

In the original words of Hebrew it means that you shall not murder. Like Cain did in Genesis. This could apply to abortion since a “fetus” is just as much a baby and one born after nine months. When looked at from that perspective, Americans break this one hundreds or thousands of times daily. Those children were sent here by God for a reason not to be aborted but to enrich our lives and humanity in general. Of course there are many people who are killed or murdered every day in cities all over the world, these will be accounted for by God. But, Jesus said that if you harbor hatred toward someone in your heart it is the same as murder! That is something to think about as well and something to repent of too.

7. You shall not commit adultery.

This is a big one. Consider where our culture is at this point; sex sells almost everything. If sex is involved in so many transactions in our daily lives, lust is also involved. Jesus said "I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Matt. 5:28

Today, there is no way to accurately tell how many times this commandment is broken but I would say it is a **LOT!** Not just from men but from women too! I am not being a judge of anyone, I have broken these commandments too, we all do! The point that I am making is that we all need to come to Jesus and repent and ask Him to come into our lives and clean our hearts and minds so we can be His.

8. You shall not steal.

This commandment is easy, sometimes too easy to break! Taking a pen home from work. Getting more or less change back at a store. Stealing a piece of candy. Getting money for something that doesn't belong to you or that you didn't pay for in the first place. Taking something from a store that didn't get rung up at the register.

These all seem to be small ways of stealing or even ways that most people don't think about as stealing, but if you don't pay for something you stole it! If you were confronted by a police officer for any of these offenses, it would be considered stealing in any court of law. You and I will be called into account for these even if we get into heaven by reason of accepting Jesus so be warned.

9. You will not bear false testimony against your neighbor.

Don't say anything hurtful about your friend or your neighbor, true or not. Especially if it is not true! You wouldn't want anyone saying things like that, no matter what the accusation is, about you or your family would you? Remember, any time you point a finger at someone, there are always three pointing back at you. If God notices when a sparrow falls, don't you think He knows all that we do or think?

10. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor, regardless of what it may be.

Don't be envious of anything that your neighbor or anyone else has. This is one that has to do with "keeping up with the Jones's"! Everyone in the 80's did this. If a friend got a new car, you wanted one like it or better. If they got a nice gun or anything else, most people would try to "go them one better" by buying a more expensive one, even if it wasn't needed. It happens today as well. When someone has a really fast computer or one that plays the most awesome games, you want one that is a little better (if you can afford it). These "things" tend to become idols in one way or form at some point. Our culture has a severe case of stuffitis! And it is killing our country and many other nations in the world.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **29**Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30**For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matt. 11: 28-30

He will not make life easy for you but your rest will be in Him and in eternity to come. Think on these things and may God bless you and yours. In His Service.

God's Word and Satan

Sunday, February 13, 2011

When you carry the Bible, Satan gets worried. When you open it, he collapses. When he sees you reading it, he faints. When he sees that you are living by what you read, he flees!! **Life without God is like an un-sharpened pencil. It has no point.** That means that your life will have far more meaning with God and His Son in it than it ever could without them in your heart!

Are you going to be like a sharpened pencil in your life or in the lives of others? Let God's word and its message sharpen you until you can wield it like the sword that it is and you will be more effective in your walk with Him than the thousands who only read it on Sunday.

The time is coming when all will bow to Jesus Christ!

Friday, February 25, 2011

The world-wide storm clouds are showing on the horizon and the world needs to turn to the only One who can save them from destruction, Christ the Lord. This era and the turmoil that is happening now was prophesied over two thousand years ago. It is time for the world to realize this and turn to the One true God who can save them.

The world has thumbed their noses at the Creator for many, many years because of the influence of other religions which point people to a false truth that they identify with because it feels good. What will happen when the Truth comes and judges them to be unworthy and to have rejected the Son of God? Their eternal lives will be forfeited and they will never know peace, ever!

This is not a threat of any kind. It is what God has said would happen to those who reject Him and His Son, Jesus. It is God's Word and He does not lie nor does He change. The price has already been paid for our sins, past, present and future. All we have to do is ask Jesus to come into our hearts and cleanse us of what is in there.

Our lives can be so much better than they are because of this one act of redemption and surrender to Jesus as our Savior. Without Him our lives are meaningless. It truly doesn't matter what you do in your life or what you may have done in the past, good or bad. The only decision that really matters is whether you accept Jesus as your Savior or not. If you do, your life will be forever altered in a much more positive way than it ever would before. Every decision that you make with Him as your guide has eternal rewards for you and for those who are watching you.

In the end, even Mohammad will bow before Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of Lords as well as Satan and all the others who have denied Jesus and who He is. There is no Allah or Mahdi or twelfth imam. God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit are the three in One, Holy Godhead and there is no other who is the Creator of all. Believe in Jesus

and His sacrifice as your Savior and you shall be saved, reject Him and you will perish. That is the only meaningful choice that we **must** make in our life. Until we decide to make that choice, nothing matters. After that choice is made, everything matters.

How many eye's or "I"s are in your life?

Sunday, March 13, 2011

"I" cannot save myself.

"I" cannot change anything about my salvation.

"I" can accept Jesus into my heart through faith then He can use me for His purposes.

"I" cannot open the door to Heaven nor shut the door to hell. The key to salvation has nothing to do with me personally other than my faith in Jesus. I can do nothing without Him but He can do anything with me when I have given up myself to Him. Jesus said that we must take up our cross daily and follow Him, what does that mean? It means that we must lay aside our wants and our desires and through faith in Him, follow His will for our life.

This is something which confuses many people, even those who have been "in the Church" for many years, whether they are saved or not. How do you know what His desires are for you? Actually, His desires are for what you can do with Him in charge of your life, not yourself in charge with Him in the passenger or back seat. It just doesn't work that way. Many people have a bumper sticker which says "Jesus is my co-pilot" or something similar. That is not how a Christian's life is supposed to be, **Jesus is supposed to be the one driving!**

Our life is to be surrendered to Him, far more than modern people want to. We are not to possess anything except Him, not our stuff or our family and especially not our professions. I would rather be a slave of Jesus than be so enslaved to a job or a car or any other thing of this world.

There are many ways to serve Him, but the best is just by following Him daily. It is not hard to do once you give it a try, especially if you learn to lean on Him for the strength to resist those desires that are still there from before you accepted Him as your Savior. Read and study the Bible, pray about it while you read so that God will answer your questions while you read. Learn to listen to His voice, it may not be loud but it is powerful. Give God a chance in your life and your life will never be the same, it will be BETTER!



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