

Love Letter

"Jesus Wrote In The Sand"

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From The Pen Of A Free Man

“Your ‘GOOD EYE’ ”

Bro. G. A. Freeman

How is your “good eye”?

In Mt 6:22 NIV the Lord said, “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light.” Without understanding the Hebraic context in which Jesus is speaking...we are missing His teaching.

In case you are wondering whether or not you have a “good eye,” then read on and see for yourself.

Pro. 22:9 NASB tells us, “He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor.” The actual Hebrew text says. “He who has a good eye is blessed because he gives bread to the poor.”

What about the evil eye?

Pro. 28:22 NASB tells us, “A man with an evil eye hastens after wealth and does not know that want will come upon him.”

Jesus, who always upholds the Hebrew Scriptures, is reaffirming the necessity for generosity in life. We are not to be greedy or avaricious. We work, we receive, and we are blessed. We give to others.

We assume this is our money or material wealth. Not always. Money might be the easiest of God’s gifts to give. But perhaps it isn’t always the best for the person we are helping.

A Jewish medieval treatise (Orchot Tzaddikim) says, “There are three kinds of generosity; generosity of money; generosity of one’s body; and generosity of one’s wisdom”.

This fits into the Christian mindset as well. Generosity need not always be demonstrated with money. Sharing one’s ideas, talents, and knowledge; assembling with others in worship and work; taking time to be with a sick one; being a sympathetic listener....is showing our “good eye.” These are things money can’t buy.

So.....“How’s your eyesight?”

If you aren’t sure, visit the Divine Ophthalmologist for a check-up. May all of God’s people have 20/20 vision!

Till The Last Amen

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** Weekly Zoom Thursday
Stay With The Book Re-
search Hour 7:00 pm*

** Weekly Broadcast
The Place Where It Is
Written
Every Monday on Face-
Book and YouTube*

Plan Of Salvation

In order to obey the Gospel and become a Christian, a member of the Church of Christ, which is the Kingdom of Christ (Col. 1:13) which is the body (Col. 1:18).

God has provided a scheme of redemption. A Plan of Salvation.

All who obey God, through Christ, must:

1. Hear the Gospel.
Rom. 10:12-17;
I Cor. 15:1-4
2. Believe in Jesus, as the Christ, the Son of the Living God.
Jn. 8:24
3. Repent of your Sins.
Acts 2:38; 17:30,
Lk. 13:3, 5.
4. Confess Faith In Christ. Rom. 10:9.
5. Be Baptized for the remission of sins.
Mk. 16:16,
Acts 2:38; 22:16
6. The Lord will add you to His Body, which is the church.
Acts 2:47

This is the simple plan of salvation. There are biblical examples of this : Acts 8:26-39.

Dear student of the Bible, follow after the Lord in the same fashion , and you too can be saved.



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Corners (Evangelism Ministry)

What Are We Truly Happy Without?

The ancient Greek philosopher Socrates (469-399 BC) believed that if an individual was truly wise, he would not be obsessed with possessions. Practicing to an extreme what he preached, he even refused to wear shoes.

However, Socrates loved to visit the marketplace (see video) and gaze with admiration at the great abundance of products on display. When a friend asked why he was so allured, he replied, “I love to go there and discover how many things I am perfectly happy without.”

That type of attitude runs exactly opposite to the commercial messages that continually bombard our eyes and ears. Advertisers spend millions to tell us about all the latest products that we can’t be happy without.

The apostle Paul advised his spiritual son Timothy, “Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content” 1 Tim. 6:6-8. If we become enamored with things, Paul warned, we may wander from the faith and be pierced with the pangs of frustrated desire 1 Tim. 6:9-10.

Let’s ask ourselves, “What am I truly happy without?” The answer will reveal much about our relationship with the Lord and our contentment with Him.

Contentment comes not from great wealth, but from few wants Phil. 4:11.

AGAPE Spot Light (Highlighting Our Members)



For the past 5 years the loving family type atmosphere at the Agape congregation has held our good brother Marcus Ford and his lovely wife Lauren here.

Marcus has come a long way from his humble beginnings

in Palatka, FL— after completing college and four years of MCJROTC in high school where he was the second African American to achieve the rank of Cadet Major .

A back injury sidelined our good brother from following a passion in football, but he overcame

that setback and was a “cold walk on” in college at Florida State University, where he met his future bride Lauren.

Marcus holds to the scripture that bids us to not overcome evil with evil, but rather with good, Rom. 12:21.

He and Lauren share a mutual dream to build a hospital and dedicate it to the church of Christ (This is after he travels the world, in the spirit of Indiana Jones, one of his favorite fictional characters).

God bless you Marcus, and your wonderful wife, in all your endeavors as we shine the Spot Light of Agape on you.

Till the last amen.

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered"

Psa. 32:1

AGAPE Considerations (Activity Ministry)



Doing Right Because It Is Right

Whatever happened to doing right because it is right? It's true that Jesus offers men rewards, but those incentives have nothing to do with fleshly desires. In fact, He condemns those who follow him only because they are being fed Jn. 6:26-27). God expects right behavior, because He is holy, and we must be like him in order to share in the life to come 1 Pet. 1:1-16; 1 Jn. 2:6.

Christians are committed to a way of life that is righteous, because it is the right

way to live 1 Pet. 1:13-16; 2:11-12; 3:8-17.

Sometimes the righteous life may offer a material advantage, but that isn't why the Christian lives that way. At other times, being righteous may incur a difficult road — the righteous may be mocked and persecuted Mt. 10:16-24; Mt 5:11-12. The disciple of the Lord does right when people speak well of him and when they do not — his motivation is doing right, simply because it is the right thing to do.

AGAPE Salutations

We, the Church of Christ, that meets at the Adorn Hall in Fresno, TX are delighted that you have received this particular edition of the "Love Letter"; a weekly publication which highlights important events and featured articles by our Minister and staff.

When you have the opportunity we would be elated to welcome you to any and all of our services at the congregation.

It is our great joy to proclaim the glad tidings of Christ, His Kingdom and His glorious gospel.

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