

Love Letter

"Jesus Wrote In The Sand"

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From The Pen Of A Free Man

"Good Reasons To Attend The Services"

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An elderly lady, dreadfully crippled with arthritis, used to hobble painfully to church services on two crutches. It was an agonizing ordeal for her. Someone in the congregation asked her how she managed to be at every service. Her answer was, "My heart gets there first, and my legs just follow after." Can it be that we don't have an attendance problem so much as we have a "heart" problem? Note what our Lord said in Mt. 6:21: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Let us look at some reasons why we as Christians should attend the services of the body of Christ:

- 1) In order to have the Scriptures opened to us (Lk. 24:45).
 - 2) In order to receive the comfort and encouragement which is to be found in Christian fellowship (Heb. 10:24).
 - 3) In order to feed and exercise our faith (Rom. 10:17).
 - 4) To maintain our spiritual fervor (Mt 24:12). A coal of fire alone on the hearth will die, so we, by ourselves, grow cold and lifeless.
 - 5) To set a good example for others to follow (Mt. 5:13-16).
 - 6) To "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Mt. 6:33).
 - 7) To prevent backsliding (1 Cor. 11:20-30). Absenteeism is invariably one of the first warning signs of apostasy.
 - 8) In order to obey God's command not to forsake the assembling of His saints (Heb. 10:25).
 - 9) In order to cast our vote for righteousness and godliness (Mt. 12:30).
- We need to develop the same willing attitude in attending the worship services of the Lord's church as the elderly lady in our introduction who was crippled with arthritis.

Our attitude should be one of:

- 1) A willingness to set spiritual priorities in seeking the Lord's kingdom (church) "first" (Mt. 6:33).
- 2) The will to "deny self" and "follow Christ" (Mt. 16:24).
- 3) A desire to display a "heart" of gratitude and gladness for the blessed privilege of being able to "go into the house of the Lord" (Psa. 122:1).

Till the last amen,
Freeman

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Important Dates

* Welcome Fellowship
Dinner With The Freeman's TBA

*7/31/22 Installation Service & Program For Bro. Freeman

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)

The Value Of Work

My mother taught me that work, and having a good work ethic, is a part of God's plan for man's happiness and fulfillment in life, being a blessing – not a curse! We know this is true, because shortly after creating the world and making man of the dust, “the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it” (Gen. 2:15).

Thus, Paradise was not a place of constant leisure and no responsibilities. Whether we are thinking of secular work by which we provide a living for our family, or working in the Lord's service, let's look and make application of the following biblical principles:

1) Find a work suited for you — Because of background, natural ability, education, experience, and interest, we do some things better than others. “For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function....” (Rom. 12:4).

2) Do your best at whatever work you do — Whether we are doing the Lord's work or secular work, we are still working for the Lord. In both functions, we are to work “heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ” (Col. 3:23-24).

3) Schedule times of rest — After creating the world in six days, God set the example by resting on the seventh day. When the apostles had completed some work and reported to Jesus on the results, Jesus said, “Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while” (Mk. 6:31).

4) Train others to take over your responsibilities when you are gone — It is no compliment to anyone's effectiveness and leadership for any work to show a decline after he or she moves, is promoted, or retires. Paul gives us the principle as he writes to Timothy, “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Tim. 2:2).

Brethren, last but certainly not least, let's not neglect to teach our youth the value of a good work ethic by having a good work ethic ourselves. Remember that any work we do deserves our best effort, because we're really working for the Lord. (Eccl. 9:10; Jer. 48:10; Eph. 6:5-8; Col. 3:22-24).

AGAPE Spot Light (Highlighting Our Members)



Our dearly beloved Sister Brenda Campble hails from Panama City, Panama and now makes her spiritual home with us at the Agape church of Christ. She finds great comfort in Psa. 94:22 where the Divine promise is stated that God is the rock of her

refuge and the Lord is her defense.

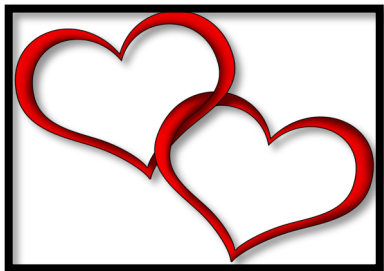
Brenda is a Collection Analyst and a gifted entrepreneur who knows the personal touch as a salon owner.

Brenda is endeavoring to continue to grow in her understanding of the Word of God, so that she will be that much more confident and comfortable in teaching the Word of God.

God bless you Brenda as we shine the spotlight of Agape love upon you.

Till the last amen.

"Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus" 2 Tim. 1:13



Do It Heartily

The Christian's attitude toward life always needs to be

the best. In both our secular work and in our work for the Lord we must put forth our best efforts. Paul told the church at Colossae, some of whom were slaves, to do their work heartily knowing that we serve the Lord Jesus in all that we do.

If Christian slaves were commanded to have a good attitude and do their work heartily, then certainly we can do the same. Our service, regardless how small, can be great so far as the Lord is concerned. In that regard, let us be encouraged.

The child of God is to have the heart, mind, and spirit that all that they render in regard to

their fellowman, is actually the Lord Jesus, in disguise! This is the principle that the Master taught and one of the major components that will come up during the great day of judgment. Visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, ministering to the imprisoned – Jesus teaches that “inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” Mt. 25:40. Let us do, all that we do, heartily.

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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