

Love Letter

"Jesus Wrote In The Sand"

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From The Pen Of A Free Man

“Christ: The ONLY Savior”

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Christianity differs from all other religions of the world in that it is the only religion that has a savior. According to Mt. 1:21, this savior’s name is Jesus, “for he shall save his people from their sins.” In referring to Jesus, Peter declared, “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” Acts 4:10,12.

No “Savior” In Judaism - In the first century, the Jews rejected Christ as their savior Acts 13:44-46. Jesus had warned them in Jn. 8:24 that unless they repented and accepted Him, they would “die in their sins.” Since they refused Jesus and his offer of pardon, they must pay the penalty for their own sins; that penalty is spiritual death (Rom. 6:23; Isa. 59:1-2).

No “Savior” In Islam - The Koran nowhere claims that their prophet, Mohammad, was sinless. Mohammad could not die for your sins or mine, because like all men, he sinned (Rom. 3:23; 1 Jn. 1:8-10). Since he sinned, any death that he suffered could only be regarded as a penalty for his own sins.

No “Savior” In Buddhism - Buddha’s real name was Siddhartha Gautama. He lived from about 566 B.C. to 483 B.C. As far as history tells us, Siddhartha Gautama never claimed to be a savior, only a mere man. As a man who sinned, any death that he suffered can only be reckoned as penalty for his own sins.

In contrast to the above sinful men, Christ lived an entirely sinless life (Jn. 8:46; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; 7:26; 1 Pet. 2:22,24; 1 Jn. 3:5; Isa. 53:9). Every other human who has ever lived has at some point in their life sinned. Therefore, only our Savior’s death upon the cross can be applied to you and me. Jesus did not deserve the death that he died, because He never sinned.

Because He was sinless, only He could die in our place. Because He died in our place, His death can be applied to our account before God. “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2 Cor. 5:21).

As Christians, let us praise God for the wonderful provision of His sinless Son, and our “only Savior” (2 Tim. 1:10; Tit. 1:4; 2:13; 3:6; 2 Pet. 1:1).

Till The Last Amen

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Important Dates

***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;
1 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.



AGAPE Corners

(Evangelism Ministry)

The One New Testament Church

In 1 Cor. 1:10 the apostle Paul makes the following plea: “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”

Was the New Testament church divided? Was it made up of several denominations? If so, of which denomination or sect were the apostles and early Christians? If it was not divided, is denominationalism in harmony with the Bible?

The “Oneness” Of The NT Church

The New Testament church was one body (Eph. 4:4; Col. 1:18-24). It was not divided into different religious “bodies”, each having their own special name, special organization and special beliefs. The New Testament church was one undivided body of Christians. They were all members of the same church. They all believed the same thing (Phil. 3:16). Division among Christians is condemned (1 Cor. 1:10).

Becoming A Member Of The NT Church

In order to become a member of the church described in the New Testament, you must do the following:

1) You must accept the Bible as your only guidebook and you must abandon every religious teaching and practice that the Bible does not teach.

2) You must believe and obey the one gospel it teaches (Gal. 1:8-9; 1 Cor. 15:1-3; Mk. 16:16; Lk. 24:47; Acts 2:38; 17:30; Rom. 10:9-10, 17). In so doing you will become “just a Christian” without any denominational name to identify you as anything different from New Testament Christians (Acts 11:26).

3) You must live as the Bible teaches, being faithful in service and worshipping as the Bible directs (Jn. 4:23-24; Rev. 2:10).

When you do these things, you will be nothing more than a Christian. You will not be a member of a “division” any more than were the apostles’ members of different churches.

Our plea is to see upon the earth an identical reproduction of the Lord’s church that is described in the New Testament. We believe many share in the hope that it can be accomplished, and that the day will come when there will be “no divisions among us” (1 Cor. 1:10). Only then can we be together in the one kingdom described in the New Testament (Mt. 16:18-19).

AGAPE Spot Light (Highlighting Our Members)



Our kind and loving Sister Marva Robinson has come a long way from her humble beginnings in Panama City, Panama. She loves to cook, and invest time with close friends and

family.

The congregation at Agape appealed to her for those precise reasons—the sense of family and the love that is given so freely here.

Sister Robinson's love for the truth of the Word that is taught and preached by the brethren keeps her here.

Our delightful and loving sister Marva has been attending Agape for 3 years and is constantly encouraged and uplifted by the fellowship and the warmth of the saints.

Sister Robinson finds strength and encouragement from the entire book of Psalms and if she is pressed to choice she gains the greatest insight from Psa. 1:1, 2.

To know Sister Marva is to truly love and admire her candor, zeal, faith and devotion.

May the Lord continue to shower you with His divine grace and mercy, as we shine the spot light of Agape Love upon you this week.

Till the last amen.

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" Phil. 2:5

AGAPE Considerations (Activity Ministry)

The Oldest Church In The World



Our Lord said, "Upon this rock I will build my church" (Mt. 16:18). Jesus promised to build a church — it was to be His church. In Mk. 9:1, Christ said this kingdom (church) would come with power.

After His resurrection, Jesus told his apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the power (Acts 1:4-8). The power came on the first Pentecost day following the resurrection of Christ and His church was established on that day, according to Acts 2. Jesus is both the founder and the foundation of the church one reads about in the New Testament. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is

Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11). Any church established by any person other than Christ, in any place other than Jerusalem, at any time other than the first Pentecost after the Lord's resurrection, is not the New Testament church. The church of Christ is over 1900 years old!

We encourage all people to come back to the Bible, back to Christ, back to His teachings as revealed in the New Testament, and back to Christ's church (Rev. 22:17).

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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