# Love Letter

" Jesus Wrote In The Sand"

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# From The Pen Of A Free Man

"Sharing Our Hope" Bro. G. A. Freeman

In the stress filled moments of our lives, having no visible means for encouraging strength, our desperate hands often clutch for that intangible called, "hope." Hope tells us to press on when everything else tells us to give up. Where would we be, what would we do, without hope?

There are literally billions of people living today who have no hope in the most significant of all considerations, eternal life. These are like unto those, "which have no hope", that Paul described in 1 Thessalonians 4:13. No hope for salvation. Once in their grave, their doom is "sealed" – eternal destruction awaits.

How fortunate and blessed we Christians are in having the "Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope" (1 Timothy 1:1). We have hope in this life (Titus 2:12-13), and we have hope beyond the grave (Psalm 23:4). Because Christ conquered death for us (Hebrews 2:14; cf. 1 Corinthians 15:54-57; Colossians 2:15) – eternal life in heaven awaits us (1 Peter 1:3-4).

Our hope must be shared with the lost. Peter told us, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you." (1 Peter 3:15). As Christians, we should be giving hope to the hopeless by giving life to the spiritually dead by means of the gospel (Mark 16:15-16).

We need not go into the jungles of foreign lands, nor cross the oceans of the world, to find those without that most glorious hope. Over two hundred million people are presently without hope in the United States.

Lost, hopeless, and dying people are living in the shadows of our homes and church buildings. Can we say along with Paul, "Wherefore I testify unto you this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men" (Acts 20:26 - ASV)?

Till The Last Amen

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#### **Important Dates**

- \* Combined Worship With Needville Today 8/28/2022
- \* Coming 9/1/2022 Weekly Zoom Thursday Stay With The Book Research Hour
- \*Combined Class With Sugar Land 8/31/2022

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#### 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.



### AGAPE

Corners (Evangelism Ministry)

#### **Barbs With A Point**

The following barbs of wisdom come from give us cause to pause and reflect:

You reap what you sow, and also you reap what you don't sow (you suffer the consequences of not doing anything – Matthew 25:24-30).

When a nation has lost its morals, it has lost its moors and is like a ship adrift at sea.

According to the book of Proverbs, a child may be foolish and if not corrected will grow up to become a full-fledged fool (Proverbs 15:5).

We only help people, in the long run, when we help them to help themselves.

We lose our independence and liberties to the degree that we do not accept our responsibilities (Gal. 5:1).

After the cattle have gotten out, it is a little late to think about shutting the gate.

If deeds speak louder than words, some people aren't saying much and can hardly be heard.

Many "mega" churches don't seem to be "mega" when it comes to doctrine.

If we confess our sins, but don't forsake them (Proverbs 28:13), the only purpose it will serve is testimony against us in the courts of heaven.

Many times, the person who has the least to say is the most eager to say it (Proverbs 17:28; cf. Proverbs 10:19; Proverbs 11:12; Proverbs 13:3).

If we don't live within our means, we will soon find life demeaning (Luke 15:11-16).

People who have "an ax to grind" don't cut it with the Lord (Romans 12:18-19; Colossians 3:8).

If you want to find your place under the sun, move on out from under the shade and get to work (1 Corinthians 15:58; cf. 1 Corinthians 3:6-9).

## AGAPE Spot Light (Highlighting Our Members)



In February of 2017, Brother Eugene Johnson Jr brought his family to the Agape church of Christ, because he saw the potential for his own growth and the growth of the Lord's church in this area.

Eugene "Pancakes" Johnson's enthusiasm

and zeal for the Lord's work keeps him motivated for the cause of Christ.

Brother Johnson understands the value of body, mind, and soul being in proper balance and harmony and he is a physical fitness-trainer and weekly motivational speaker. He enjoys drawing and a wide variety of music.

Eugene has the aspiration to get in an RV with his lovely wife and travel from coast to coast - enjoying the sights, sounds and scenery of this wonderful country. As he chronicles his many excursions in the various books he hopes to write as a legacy for his children and all those who would care to read them.

God bless you Brother Johnson, to see these dreams of adventure and development come to pass, as we shine the Spot Light of Agape on you.

Till the last amen.

## "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance . . ." Pro. 15:13

# AGAPE Considerations (Activity Ministry)



#### **Never Enough**

Not too long ago, I received a Bible riddle from an online friend. The riddle was, "What does the

Bible say will never be satisfied and say 'It is enough?"

So I got to looking through the concordance, looking for some of these key words and I came across Proverbs 30:15, 16 "The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough:

The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough." I had to look up the term "horseleach" and it is simply what we call today a "leech," in other words, something that is always feeding and never satisfied with enough.

The writer goes on to tell us that there are four things that are never satisfied and that never say, "It is enough." They are: the grave, the barren womb, the dry earth, and fire.

### 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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