

Love Letter

"Jesus Wrote In The Sand"

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From The Pen Of A Free Man

“Teach A Man To Study”
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You’ve heard the saying, “Give a man a fish, and he’ll eat for a day; teach a man to fish, and he’ll eat for a lifetime.” Relative to God’s word, we might express this principle this way: “Teach a man what the Bible says, and he has knowledge for a day; teach a man to study the Bible, and he has knowledge for a lifetime.” Many people’s approach to Bible study is the “Let George Do It” method. They say to themselves, “I don’t have to study the Bible “” that’s what we have (insert the preacher’s name) for.” Several problems arise from this method:

George isn’t always right “” That doesn’t mean George is intentionally deceptive. It just means he doesn’t know everything, and some of what he says may be incorrect (James 3:1-2).

On judgment day, George won’t be able to stand in your place “” You’ll have to stand or fall on your own faith and obedience, not George’s (Gal. 6:4).

George is not your judge, and it’s not his viewpoint that should concern you “” Jesus Christ will be your Judge in the last day (Acts 17:31; 2 Timothy 4:1), and His word will be the “standard” of judgment (John 12:48). You need to know what Jesus says in His word, not just what George “thinks” it says.

If you question the prevalence of the “Let George, Do It” system of Bible exegesis, try starting a discussion on some challenging point of Scripture with a few of your religious friends. Before long, someone’s bound to say, “Well, my pastor says...” or “Well, my priest says...” or “Well, Reverend What’s-his-name says...”

While preachers have a responsibility to “preach the word” and in so doing, to “convince, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and teaching” (2 Timothy 4:2), we need to realize that preaching the Word is more than simply telling the audience what’s in the Word. It’s also “empowering” each listener to study the Scriptures for himself, and to effectively interpret and use what he logically concludes using all the inspired writings (Psalm 139:17). It’s what Ezra and the priests did: “So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense and helped them to understand the reading” (Nehemiah 8:8). They not only taught what the Law said but taught the people how to comprehend it for themselves.

Till The Last Amen

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Important Dates

*** 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).

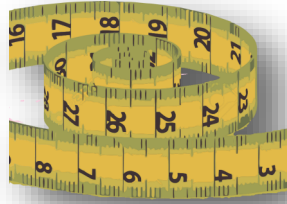
God has provided a scheme of redemption. A Plan of Salvation.

All who obey God, through Christ, must:

1. Hear the Gospel.
Rom. 10:12-17;
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.



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Corners (Evangelism Ministry)

Have We Measured Ourselves Lately?

The following questions are good indicators of spiritual growth:

Do we spend time reading God's word and talking with Him each day in prayer? (2 Timothy 2:15 ASV; 1 Thessalonians 1:2).

Do we look forward to fellowshiping with the Lord? (Hebrews 10:23-25).

What "fruit of the Spirit" is apparent in our life? (Gal. 5:22).

Do we talk about Jesus with people who don't know Him? (Luke 14:23).

How are we using our God-given talents? (Matthew 25:14-30).

Do we have a generous and giving spirit? 2 Corinthians 8:1-5).

How much better do we know God today than we did a year ago? (1 John 2:3-5).

A child seems to grow up all of a sudden, but it's actually a continual process. Just as Jesus grew in both wisdom and stature (Luke 2:52), we are to continue to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

We are no longer to be children but are to "grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ" (Ephesians 4:14-15). Have we measured ourselves by God's divine standard lately? (2 Corinthians 13:5; cf. John 12:48).

AGAPE Spot Light (Highlighting Our Members)



When you say her name, Beverly Savannah - make sure you include her middle name, it's May but it actually stands for (Daredevil) !! She's not afraid to sit in the front of the fastest and tallest roller

coaster - she will zipline, parasail and more. You just better be prepared to keep up!!!

Our adventurous sister Savannah is a true joy and a pleasure to talk to. She has been attending the Agape congregation for 5 years, having been drawn by the strong bible teaching and the

knowledge that the church was in good hands with brothers and sisters who love the Lord and each other.

Beverly has a strong sense of evangelism in her heart and her greatest desire is to see her immediate family saved and growing in their faith to remain saved.

Sister Savannah loves John 3:16 and lives to honor the precious gift that God has given in His Son, Christ Jesus.

God bless you Sister "Daredevil" along this Christian journey, as we shine the Spot Light of Agape on you.

Till the last amen.

"I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His Word do I hope."

Psa. 130:1

AGAPE Considerations (Activity Ministry)



The Curse Of A Prejudiced Mind

When a person has a prejudiced mind, that person is literally cursed because prejudice never saved a soul nor settled any question in the light of truth. Pertaining to religion, prejudice prevents a person from openly investigating the teachings of the Bible to see if what he is practicing corresponds with those teachings (Acts 17:10-11).

Prejudice also causes individuals to attack anyone preaching or teaching God's truth when Scriptural arguments cannot be given in answer (Acts 7). When one possesses a prejudicial attitude, he is admitting defeat in logical reasoning, adamantly refusing to pay heed to

any teaching different than what he already holds to be true.

It is this kind of close-minded attitude that will prevent many folks from rendering obedience to the gospel of Christ (Acts 13:44-45,50).

Let us be willing to lay aside all prejudice, any preconceived ideas, and study God's Book with an open mind (2 Timothy 2:15; cf. Romans 12:2).

If we will willingly approach the Bible as our only standard for what we believe, religious division will immediately cease to exist. The end result will be the unity that our Lord so fervently prayed for in John 17:20-21. Also see 1 Corinthians 1:10; cf. Acts 4:32.

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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