

Love Letter

"Jesus Wrote In The Sand"

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From The Pen Of A Free Man

“On Speaking The Truth”
 Bro. G. A. Freeman

We live in a world where people speak constantly with little regard for whether what they say is true. In fact, we become so inundated with insincerity in every facet of life, that when we see or hear plain, honest speech or behavior, it leaps out at us as something completely outside the norm.

Years ago, we would often hear the maxim: “Honesty is the best policy.” However, the actions of most people today, demonstrate how little credence they give to it. People are generally convinced that lying is self-preservation. They will bend or even break the truth, if they suppose it will get them out of some trouble or give them some advantage. However, once the lie is found out, the preservation or advantage evaporates Num. 32:23.

Twice Abraham lied about the true nature of his relationship with Sarah, once in Egypt Gen. 12:10-20 and again years later in Gerar Gen. 20:1-18. On both occasions, Abraham put forth the half-truth that Sarah was his sister (she was his half-sister and his wife), ostensibly to preserve his life from men who might have slain him to possess her. Both lies caused far more harm than good and placed Sarah at great personal risk.

Concerning Satan, Jesus once said: “He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it” Jn 8:44.

Those who engage in lying, will have the opportunity to spend eternity with Satan Rev. 21:8.

When we speak, we should speak as if we are uttering the oracles of God 1 Pet. 4:11, as His word is truth Jn. 17:17. Paul tells us: “Let everyone speak truth with his neighbor” Eph. 4:25 because “The truthful lip shall be established forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment” Pro. 12:19.

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*

** Wednesday Bible Study
 at the Missouri City Con-
 gregation, Bro. Freeman
 will be preaching 7:00 pm*

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)

Silver Boxes With A Bow On Top

The following poem is a reminder that the words we speak, should be chosen and uttered carefully — not foolishly:

My words were harsh & hasty
And they came without a thought.
Then I saw the pain & anguish
That my bitter words had brought.

Bitter words that I had spoken
Made me think back through the past;
Of how many times I'd uttered
Biting words whose pain would last.

Then I wondered of the people
I had hurt by things I'd said;
All the ones I had discouraged
When I didn't use my head.

Then I thought about my own life
Of painful words I've heard;
And of the times I'd been discouraged
By a sharp and cruel word.

And now clearly I remember
All the things I might have done;
But, by a word I was discouraged
And they never were begun.

So, help my words be silver boxes,
Neatly wrapped up with a bow;
That I give to all so freely,
As through each day I gladly go.

Silver boxes full of treasure,
Precious gifts from above;
That all the people I encounter
Might have a box of love

AGAPE Spot Light (Highlighting Our Members)



Our dear sister Tonya Johnson, lives by one of her favorite passages of scripture, which is Jer. 29:11, 12. There the Lord makes this marvelous declaration: "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you

and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me, and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."

Along with her family Tonya has been at the Agape congregation since the beginning in 2017. The love and family atmosphere, along with the

solid bible teaching keeps her and her diligent family rooted and grounded at Agape.

Sis. Johnson loves to educate friends, family and associates on the benefits of healthier living with essential oils and other natural products.

She loves the simple challenges of this blessed living experience ; to that end, she loves putting things together, from furniture to puzzles - if you give her a set of Lego building blocks, just step back and watch her create something spectacular!

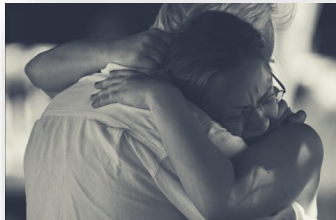
God continue to be with you Tonya and your wonderful family, as we shine the Spot Light of Agape on you.

Till the last amen.

"Seven times a day do I praise Thee because of Thy righteous judgments"

Psa. 119:164

AGAPE Considerations (Activity Ministry)



And If We Suffer

Paul promises that all who live godly in Christ will suffer persecution 2 Tim. 3:12, and it needs to be remembered that not all persecution is of a physical sort that touches our fleshly bodies. More, all will be tempted 1 Cor. 10:13, and all will have those occasions when they sin 1 Jn 1:8, 10. None can claim exemption here!

Some of God's children will know and experience painful afflictions, due to their living in a tabernacle of clay,

and due to disease touching them in a way that does not come to everybody. God's child, of course, takes what comes his way in this life, and possesses the faith that he and God can handle it all!

But we note just here 2 Cor. 4:17, where Paul mentions affliction, and ties to it the fact that God proportionately prepares blessings. "For our light affliction, which is put for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." We're glad it's thus stated, that those enduring pain can know that blessings and joy are prepared on the other side to more than offset the troubles known in this life!

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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