

Love Letter

"Jesus Wrote In The Sand"

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From The Pen Of A Free Man

“Would You Be Missed?”

Bro. G. A. Freeman

After completing many years as a journalist, Arthur Brisbane was offered six months of paid vacation time by William Randolph Hearst, the publisher of the San Francisco Examiner. Brisbane refused to accept the kind offer because of two reasons. He said, “If I quit writing my newspaper column for six months, it might affect the circulation of the newspaper. The second reason is that it might not affect the circulation of the newspaper.”

Mr. Brisbane’s answer was profound. In view of his answer, let’s ask ourselves, “If I dropped out of sight for six months and did absolutely nothing for the Lord, would I be missed?” Would the Lord’s work suffer, or would there be no difference whatsoever? As members of the Lord’s church, we each have a responsibility in doing the Lord’s work and building up the body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-16; cf. 1 Cor. 14:26; 2 Cor. 12:19; Eph. 4:12). We cannot hire someone else to fulfill our responsibility to the Lord (Gal. 6:4-5; cf. Rom. 2:6; 1 Cor. 3:8). We are individually accountable to God for what we do with the time He has blessed us with. Let us hear the inspired writer, Paul, as he wrote to the Ephesian brethren, “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil” (Eph. 5:15-16 – ESV).

Brethren, let us resolve from this day forward, that we will become more involved in the Lord’s work, “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds” (Heb. 10:24 – NIV). God has so richly blessed us with time, talent, vision, and financial means. Let’s be willing to put these gifts to work for the Lord and His cause, “while it is yet day: the night cometh, when no man can work” (Jn. 9:4).

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*

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 Fire Burning Within

Jeremiah is one of the great prophets of the Old Testament. At times, this honorable seer is referred to as the “weeping prophet,” because of the heartfelt messages he proclaimed. “And if I say, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name, then there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with forbearing, and I cannot contain” (Jer. 20:9). These words were uttered in a time of great turmoil and ridicule because of Jeremiah’s preaching. The Seer informs us that he was trying to keep God’s word to himself to ease his woes but found that the woes within him only increased. Jeremiah could not help but proclaim God’s word because of the fire burning within him. God’s word in Jeremiah was like a fire burning in a wooden box – it just wouldn’t stay in.

Nearly seven hundred years later, Peter and John were preaching the word of God and the priests and Sadducees became very angry at the apostle’s teaching. As a result, Peter and John were thrown into prison, and on the following day were threatened and told not to preach any more in the name of Christ. “But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it is right in the sight of God to hearken unto you rather than unto God, judge ye: for we cannot but speak the things which we saw and heard” (Acts 4:19-20). These courageous apostles informed those who had threatened them that God’s word was burning within them, and they could not be kept from proclaiming the blessed Gospel.

Jeremiah, Peter, and John all had something we need a little more of – a FIRE BURNING WITHIN! There are too many Christians who no longer have, or who have never had a fire burning within. Too many are allowing “any little old thing” to keep them from spreading the good news of the Gospel and opposing that which is contrary to truth. Paul fearlessly declared, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation...” (Rom. 1:16). Considering this great power, should not the fire of God’s word be burning within us?

Jeremiah had a fire burning within because he cared for the lost souls of men – he cared about their eternal destiny. How concerned are we about the lost souls of men? Do we hurt knowing that millions are dying without the Gospel? Are we going to sit idly while our friends and loved ones die in sin, or will we have the fire burning within? James wrote, “that he who converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and shall cover a multitude of sins” (Jam. 5:20). How much do you care for the lost?

AGAPE Spot Light (Highlighting Our Members)



Since June of 2022 Sister Angela Freeman has had her membership at the Agape church of Christ. She maintains that the warmth and inviting spirit of the congregation embodies the full meaning of its

name = LOVE.

Angela is inspired by Jas. 1:22 ; where we are admonished to be doers of the Word and not hearers only.

Sis. Freeman has a passion for interior design where she loves to express her creativity. She says: "I truly believe that your environment affects your wellbeing. There is great satisfaction in loving where you live."

Angela is looking forward to taking a ride in a hot air balloon one day and learning how to hula dance. One can only imagine that she will accomplish these things along with tasting fried alligator when she takes a trip to Hawaii (one of her other aspirations).

We're all for you Angela , and hope that all these desires come to fruition as we shine the Spot Light of Agape on you.

Till the last amen.

"Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth."

Psa. 60:4

AGAPE Considerations (Activity Ministry)



A Lesson From The Animal Kingdom

There are times when animals seem to have more sense than people. Because of their awareness to natural phenomena, they have at times helped man to avoid certain disasters.

From the prophet Isaiah, we learn that observing animals can teach us how to prevent a ruined life (Isaiah 1:2-9). The prophet notes that an ox knows its owner, and a donkey knows where its food comes from, but many times, God's people do not know (Isaiah 1:3).

In many cases, not only are God's people not smart enough to remember their Owner, but they cannot direct their own paths as well (Jeremiah 10:23).

Hundreds of years after Isaiah, the apostle Paul reminded the Corinthian brethren that they were not their own. They had been bought with a price (Hebrews 9:11-14; 1 Peter 1:18-19; cf. Ephesians 1:3-7), and thus they were to glorify their Owner [God] in all they said and did (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

Let's take a lesson from our animal friends, and remember our Owner and Provider each day that we live (Acts 17:24-28) — living godly lives that glorify Him (Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 2:12).

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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