

Love Letter

"Jesus Wrote In The Sand"

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From The Pen Of A Free Man

"God's Word: A Firewall To Viruses"

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In performing our day-to-day tasks, there are days our computers help us to "fly like an eagle." Other times, they bog us down like quicksand. On "eagle days" we're grateful for our computers, but there are those "quicksand days" when we probably rue the day, we ever bought one.

At one time or another, we've all had to contend with various viruses that invade our computers. One of the ways a virus can invade our computer, is by our opening up seemingly innocent e-mails. Many times, those viruses are created maliciously. There are obviously many bright and intelligent folks out there in the world who seemingly live just to make other people's lives miserable.

Sin is similar to a computer virus. As Christians, one of the ways Satan seeks to destroy us, is by infecting our computer-like minds. This is why the apostle Paul urged the Christians at Corinth to bring "every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5). This is why he admonished the Philippian brethren to "think on these things" (Phil. 4:8 KJV).

Just as we allow viruses into our computers, we also allow the darkness of sin [viruses] into our minds when we open ourselves unthinkingly to the godless messages that permeate our culture.

When we stop allowing the inspired thoughts of God's Word to permeate our thinking processes (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; Psa. 119:11), we let down our guard and hardly notice the sin [virus] that infects our minds.

However, by daily confessing our sins, studying God's Word, and praying (1 Jn. 1:9; 2 Tim. 2:15; Eph. 6:11-18), we build a firewall (or barrier) for the safeguarding of our minds. With the help of the Holy Spirit's teachings, we'll keep our minds [computers] from becoming unwitting hosts for unwanted viruses [sin].

Till The Last Amen

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** Weekly Zoom Thursday
Stay With The Book Research 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)

The Big Event

Have you ever planned a big event? Births, weddings, and graduations are big events in our lives. They require planning and are time-consuming. We plan to the very last detail. We expect the very best.

Have you ever thought of reading God's word as a big event? Really big?

In Nehemiah, all of Israel assembled to hear the reading from the book of the law. They stayed from daybreak till noon. The Scripture says, "And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law" (Neh. 8:3 NIV).

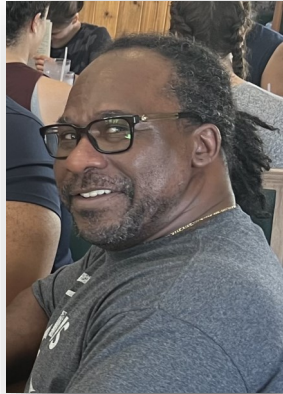
In our approach to worship, whether personal or corporate, we can come with eager anticipation of God's message. The Israelites wept, lifted their hands, and praised the Lord (Neh. 8:5-6). Then their eyes were opened to the true meaning. They gained understanding and joy.

If we come with eager anticipation to learn about God's life-changing, life-giving message, then our eyes will be opened to His understanding and His joy.

View each day of prayer and study as a big event. Then let's plan and prepare.

Let's expect the very best from God, and we will not be disappointed.

AGAPE Spot Light (Highlighting Our Members)



Life has a way of taking you full circle at times.

In March of 2020 Bro. Richard Evans and his lovely wife found themselves drawn by the unequalled demonstration of love from the members at Agape to cast their spiritual

lot with them. The Lord utilized Richard's specific gifts and skill set to further strengthen the small yet growing congregation.

The circle of life turned again for Richard in that one of the first jobs he held after high school and

before becoming a Marine, he worked for a janitorial service cleaning office buildings. Many years later and after completion of his accounting degree from education benefits offered through the military, he was a Junior Executive in a health care system, presenting financial results to the Chairman of the Board in the same conference room he cleaned as a janitor.

The circle turned again, when Bro. Freeman became his minister first in Phoenix and now reunited here in Fresno!

Richard is looking for the circle to continue to turn as he strives to grow leaps and bounds in the service of the Lord. We see these blessings Richard as we shine the Spot Light of Agape on you.

Till the last amen.

"Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard."

Pro. 21:13

AGAPE Considerations (Activity Ministry)



ANYWAY!!

People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered,

LOVE THEM ANYWAY

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives,

DO GOOD ANYWAY

If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies,

SUCCEED ANYWAY

The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow,

DO GOOD ANYWAY

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable,

BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY

What you spent years building may be destroyed overnight,

BUILD ANYWAY

People really need help

but may attack you if you help them,

HELP PEOPLE ANYWAY

Give the world the best you have

And you'll get kicked in the teeth,

GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST

YOU'VE GOT ANYWAY

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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