

Love Letter

"Jesus Wrote In The Sand"

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From The Pen Of A Free Man

“In This Corner: HOPE”

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According to the dictionary, despair is a loss of hope, which brings about a state of hopelessness. A loss of hope brings about discouragement. Discouragement brings about a loss of courage, hope, and ambition because of obstacles, frustrations, and the problems of life.

What can we do to overcome despair in our lives? We can look for hope, but not just any hope. We look for the kind of hope that is based on “the light” at the end of what can sometimes be a very long and dark tunnel (Jn. 8:12; 9:5; cf. 1:1-5; 3:14-21).

The Christian hope is anchored in Jesus, “the author and finisher of our faith” (Heb. 12:2). Through His perfect sacrifice on the cross of Calvary and God’s immutable oath that He would honor His promise to Abraham that through him, all nations of the earth would be spiritually blessed (Gen. 12:1-3; Acts 3:19-26; Gal. 3:6-9), our hope is made steadfast and secure (Heb. 6:10-20).

As William Bradbury so eloquently wrote:

“My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus’ name
His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.”

Brethren and friends, no matter what sort of adversity or challenge that we might face in life, when we fix our eyes upon Jesus and His sacrifice (Heb. 12:2 NASB), our hope for eternal life is solid and secure (Rom. 5).

Hallelujah to God, who sent His perfect Lamb to redeem us from our sins (Rom. 5:1-11; Heb. 9), forever securing our place in eternity with Him (Jn. 1:29; 1 Pet. 1:17-21; Rev. 21:1-7).

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**

*** Combined Service With
Needville / Wear Your
Agape Tee Shirt
10/23/22**

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)

Garbage In / Garbage Out

The story is told of a teenage girl who one day walked into the kitchen and asked her mother, “Can I go to an adult movie with my friends tonight?” She pleaded by saying, “Their parents let them go, and if they can go, why can’t I go?”

Her mother was preparing a salad for the evening meal, and she said, “Yes, you can go,” Afterward, she took a handful of peelings and cuttings from the vegetables and threw them into the salad.

Her daughter said excitedly, “Mother, why did you do that?” She answered, “I thought if you didn’t care about garbage in your mind, you wouldn’t object to a little garbage in your stomach!”

As the teenage girl carefully picked the refuse out of the salad, she said, “I think I’ll tell my friends that I’ll stay home tonight.”

The Proverb writer tells us to: “Keep [guard] your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life” (Proverbs 4:23).

The physical heart is the command post of human life, for out of it go the orders which the body carries out.

The same holds true spiritually speaking. If the heart [mind] is right, the body will do right (Psa. 119:11; Ezra 7:10; cf. 1 Cor. 9:16-27).

This is exactly why we need to daily follow the instructions given in 2 Cor. 10:5, where Paul tells us to keep: “Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”

Remember, “garbage in, garbage out“.

AGAPE Spotlight (Highlighting Our Members)



A little more than two years ago Sister Maiya Monroe found the Agape congregation on line—it was during the pandemic, and it was a God-send. She placed her membership and found the truth of her most inspiring passage of scripture

playing out: 2 Cor. 4:8, 9 “We are hard-pressed on every side yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.”

Sister Maiya is in her second semester of her

junior year in college majoring in Mass Communications with a concentration in Public Relations & Advertising.

She likes to sing! And has a puppy named Mocha!

When she graduates, she plans on taking some valuable time to travel the world.

God bless you sister Maiya Monroe in all your endeavors as we shine the spotlight of Agape Love upon you.

Till the last amen.

“Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?”

Psa. 77:13

AGAPE Considerations (Activity Ministry)



Just Our Being There

When we read the book of Job, we usually disparage Job’s three friends for their incorrect response as to why Job was suffering (cf. Job 4-5,8,15,18,20,22,25). Yet when they came to Job, they sat in silence beside him for 7 days before speaking (Job 2:11-13). As it turned out, those were the most eloquent moments they spent with him.

There are questions we have regarding people who are in pain and on beds of affliction. For example, how can we know whether they want to talk about their condition or not? Do they want to be consoled, or cheered up?

What good can my bodily presence possibly do?

Often, those who suffer, remember the quiet and unassuming person who comes to visit them. Someone who was there when they needed them, who just simply listened — who didn’t keep glancing at a watch — who simply hugged, touched, cried, and prayed.

In short, someone who was available and came on the sufferer’s terms — not their own.

Quite often, the best comfort we can offer is just our being there.

AGAPE Salutations

We, the Church of Christ, who meet 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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