

Love Letter

"Jesus Wrote In The Sand"

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From The Pen Of A Free Man

"Is Facebook Making Us Lonely?"

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Since the advent of social networks such as Twitter, Google+ and Facebook, and being able to access these networks 24/7 either via computer or Smartphone, this writer is convinced that as a society, we are definitely promoting an artificial and temporary long distance social environment in interacting with our fellow man, over a long term virtual reality social environment wherein we have personal one-on-one contact with our fellow man.

As an example, while taking my daily afternoon walk today, I noticed a couple of ladies on the other side of the roadway walking and talking without any cell phones of any kind. They were engaged in an actual one-on-one conversation. Conversely, I also noticed a young teenage girl on the other side of the roadway, who was looking at her Smartphone – possibly looking at all of her downloaded applications, trying to choose which one she would use next to access certain data. Sadly, she was not walking or conversing with anyone, but was preoccupied with looking at her cell phone — not noticing or rejoicing in the fact that the sun was out and the birds were singing.

Jim Daly, a member of the Focus on the Family Community, refers to an interesting question asked by writer Stephen Marche of the online publication, The Atlantic, "Is Facebook Making Us Lonely?"

In his article, Mr. Marche presents a provocative perspective on the impact of Facebook and other social network software on society:

"We live in an accelerating contradiction: the more connected we become, the lonelier we are."

Marche's conclusion sums it up nicely: "What Facebook has revealed about human nature — and this is not a minor revelation — is that a connection is not the same thing as a bond, and that instant and total connection is no salvation, no ticket to a happier, better world or a more liberated version of humanity. Solitude used to be good for self-reflection and self-reinvention. But now we are left thinking about who we are all the time, without ever really thinking about who we are. Facebook denies us a pleasure whose profundity we had underestimated: the chance to forget about ourselves for a while, the chance to disconnect."

After choosing to be disconnected from the social network, Facebook, for about a month because of work-related responsibilities, this writer totally agrees with Mr. Marche's above assessment regarding human nature and Facebook (or any other social network). Perhaps we need to disconnect from social networks (at least for short periods of time), quit thinking only about ourselves, and focus on the spiritual needs of others in the world of virtual reality (Luke 19:1-10).

In his ministry, Jesus interacted with people in "real time" (Luke 19:1-10; John 3:1-21; John 4:1-30), forming a lasting social bond — not just a temporary connection.

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;
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)

That Nothing Time

In a large metropolis, a newspaper ad showed three people waiting for a city bus. Two of them were bored and listless, while the third was happily playing a game on a small portable electronic device. The ad said, “Do something with your nothing — that nothing time. The time in between everything else you have to do.” The idea was to sell the portable device so people could use all those segments of wasted waiting time.

Many folks constructively use the small increments of waiting time in various places (such as a doctor’s office) to read the Bible, memorize a verse of Scripture, or pray for a friend. It’s our longer waiting periods filled with uncertainty and indecision that may leave us anxious and frustrated (like being stranded in freeway traffic).

Paul challenged the Christians in Ephesus to:

“Walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:15-16 – NKJV).

A Greek scholar suggests that this refers to time in its “strategic and opportune seasons” and means “making a wise and sacred use of every opportunity for doing good.”

That’s the wise way for us as Christians to do something profitable with “that nothing time.”

AGAPE Spotlight (Highlighting Our Members)



In August of 2021 Bro. Graylon A. Freeman was contacted by Bro. Richard Evans and was asked to provide assistance and ideas towards evangelism and spiritual growth for the Agape congregation.

The rest, as they say, "is history".

After prayerful consideration and due diligence, in June of 2022 Bro. Freeman

became the ministering evangelist of the Agape church of Christ in Fresno, TX.

Bro. Freeman has been laboring in the ministry for 47 years. He has stated that the gospel of Christ has taken him to 48 of the 50 continental United States and 3 continents .

Bro. Freeman has two grown children, a son, Matthew Nicolas of Seattle, WA and a daughter, Dallas Destiny of Dallas, TX.

He and Angela share a life of peace and harmony working in the ministry and sharing a number of hobbies and leisure activities together.

Graylon is a prolific artist and an amateur magician and musician. Learning to play the guitar is wonderful and alarming challenge. He says, "You have to ask Angela about my first attempts to play "My Girl"!!

We'll leave it at that as we shine the spotlight of Agape love on our minister— Graylon A. Freeman.

Till the last amen.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence: for out of it are the issues of life"

Pro. 4:23

AGAPE Considerations (Activity Ministry)



How Deep Are Our Roots?

If a tree puts on a lot of top growth and few roots, it is liable to be weak-wooded and short-lived. If a tree puts down a great deal of roots and adds

shoots more slowly, however, it is liable to be long-lived and more resistant to stress and strain.

People and organizations can be like trees. The rise to prominence is exhilarating, but anything that puts up shoots faster than it puts down roots is fragile and in

danger of breaking, falling, or dying. Jesus used a similar analogy in His parable of the sower. People who hear the Word and receive it joyfully are like seed sown on stony places; they spring up quickly but endure only a short time because they have no roots (Matthew 13:6 – NKJV; Matthew 13:20-21 – NKJV).

Good spiritual roots are the source of our strength. If our roots go deep in the knowledge of God (Colossians 1:9-10 – NKJV) and our lives are "hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3 – NKJV), we'll be strong, resistant to the blight of the world (Romans 12:2 – NKJV), and thus more likely to survive the storms of adversity (Psalm 1:1-3 – NKJV).

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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