

Love Letter

"Jesus Wrote In The Sand"

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From The Pen Of A Free Man

“An Uncommon Beauty”
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Today, the name Susan Boyle is an international vocal artist, but before she took the stage of Britain’s Got Talent in 2009, she was virtually an unknown. Compared to the other contestants on stage, she was just a plain Jane person — not physically beautiful or attractive at all.

No one expected much out of her when she raised the microphone to her lips (notice the snickers). But when she opened her mouth and began to sing, her beautiful and powerful voice filled the auditorium, resulting not only in the judges being taken by surprise, but in their standing ovation for Ms. Boyle during and at the end of her performance.

Both the judges and the audience were delightfully surprised that such a beautiful song came from the voice of such an unlikely source.

As followers of Christ, we too can be unlikely sources when it comes to the beautiful life-giving teachings of Jesus flowing out of us. As common folk, we can take turns on the stage of life in front of a worldly and skeptical audience, so they will hear and see God’s love, forgiveness, mercy, and grace emerging from our lives (1 Thessalonians 1).

Peter reminds us that we are: “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that [we] may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called [us] out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9 ESV).

We might think we are an unlikely source, but when we allow the Lord to work His will through us (Hebrews 13:20-21; cf. Philippians 2:13), we, like Susan Boyle, become an uncommon beauty — one to whom the watching world will stand up and take notice of (Acts 4:1-13).

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*

** Daylight Savings Begins
“Fall Back” 1 hour this
Saturday night*

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).

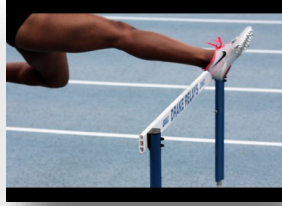
God has provided a scheme of redemption. A Plan of Salvation.

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 Obstacle On Our Path

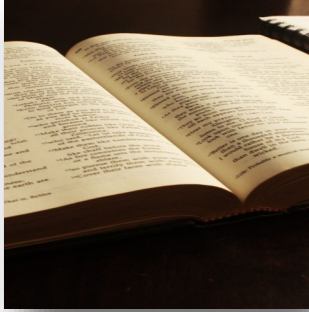
The story is told that in ancient times, a King had a large boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded.

After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

The peasant learned what many folks never understand....that every obstacle we face on the pathway of life presents an opportunity to improve our condition (2 Corinthians 4:8-18).

AGAPE Spotlight (Study To Show Thyself Approved)



From time to time we will pose a series of questions of Life, Faith and Religion.

These questions are designed to stimulate investigation of biblical principles of the faith.

Study and research the questions and then plan

some time to connect with other members and discuss your answers.

1. What can we site as examples of modern day idolatry?
2. Is wealth opposed to God?
3. In what way is God in control of everything?
4. How can we know God?

5. What is the biblical understanding of peace?
6. How is Jesus both human and Divine?
7. Why is racism a sin?
8. How can we explain the Kingdom of God?
9. In what way is every Christian a minister?
10. Why is humility rated high as a Christian virtue and pride as the first rung on the ladder of sinful attitude?

Till the last amen.

"Save me O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul."
Psa. 69:1

AGAPE Considerations (Activity Ministry)



Let's Hug Someone Today

Before the ACLU and the politically correct folks got involved, the act of hugging another human being was a natural display of affection.

Perhaps it is one of the reasons why the inspired writer Paul documented some folks in the society of his day as being "without natural affection" (Romans 1:31 KJV).

The following are six benefits derived from the simple affectionate act of hugging (source):

- 1) Reduces heart disease
- 2) Diminishes stress
- 3) Promotes longevity
- 4) Strengthens social ties
- 5) Lowers blood pressure
- 6) Lowers heart rate

Brethren and friends, let's hug someone today!

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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