

Love Letter

"Jesus Wrote In The Sand"

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From The Pen Of A Free Man

“What Would Christianity
Look Like?”

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Let's say that you're a Christian and people decided they wanted to be just like you — a perfect carbon copy. Would you urge them to do so?

Paul did not hesitate. He pleaded with the Philippians, “Brethren, join in imitating me, and mark those who so live as you have an example in us” (Philippians 3:17 NASB). That is a bold statement, don't you think? Asking others to reproduce your faith, your manner of life, your dedication to Christ?

Would you really want anybody using you as a pattern or example? It's a sobering thought, isn't it?

The apostle Paul wasn't trying to be arrogant when he called upon others to imitate him. He didn't think that he had already been made perfect; but he was pressing on daily toward the “goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14 NASB). He had spiritual ambitions, and longed that those who desired to be mature in Christ would think in these terms. In every way, Paul tried to provide a pattern of Christian living and conduct. He lived a life for others to follow.

Just as Paul urged the Philippians, he would make the same request of the Corinthians. “Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1 NASB). Paul felt same in offering himself as a pattern because he was imitating Christ.

Would you be willing to say, “Let my example be the standard by which you tell who the Christians are among those about you?” (Philippians 3:17 NASB). Or would you offer yourself as the model in self-renunciation, in humble service, in Christ-centered trust, in zeal and spirituality?

Suppose people everywhere took you for their model of a Christian.

What would Christianity look like then?

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 Facebook 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)

Go With The Flow

We've all heard the popular saying, "Go with the flow." To some people that saying means behaving as most other people do without trying to swim against the current of the culture. To others, it speaks of being more accepting of circumstances without trying to control everything that happens.

But for followers of Jesus, there's another dimension of "going with the flow."

Jesus said: "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37-38 – NKJV; cf. John 4:13-14 – NKJV; Isaiah 12:1-6 – NKJV; Isaiah 44:1-6 – NKJV).

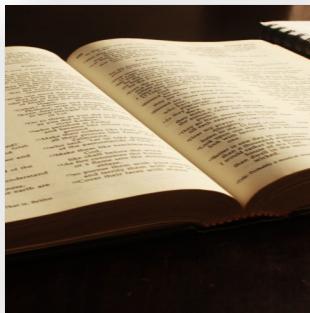
Christ spoke of the Holy Spirit (John 7:39 – NKJV), who though the indwelling Word, would make His home in every child of God (Romans 8:9-11 – NKJV; cf. Romans 5:5 – NKJV; Gal. 4:6 – NKJV).

In a very real sense, when we are obedient to Christ, we find the "flow" of living water that the Holy Spirit gives us — through the saving gospel of Christ (for both the Jew – Acts 2; and the Gentile – Acts 10). Also see Gal. 3:22-29 – NKJV which includes both Jew and Gentile in God's saving plan).

From then on, we are recipients and conduits of "living water" — the eternal source of thirst-quenching satisfaction for our souls. The indwelling Spirit then carries us along by a power and purpose greater than ourselves.

As channels of God's living water, let us "go with the flow" — sharing that "flow" with others along life's way (Matthew 28:19-20 – NKJV; Mark 16:15-16 – NKJV).

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. Is the sense of the 'absence of God' sometimes a part of the life of faith?

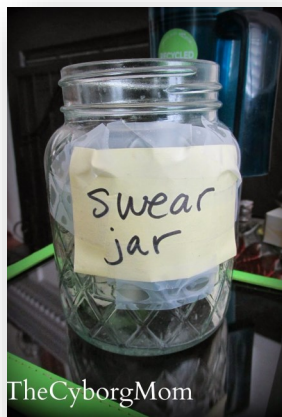
2. Is work a moral issue?
3. How does faith mature?
4. What are the necessary ingredients in sound decision making?
5. In what ways are church and state related, and in what respects should they be separate?
6. How do we reconcile human tragedy and God's providence?
7. What are the guidelines for our financial stewardship?

Till the last amen.

"In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness."

Psa. 31:1

AGAPE Considerations (Activity Ministry)



TheCyborgMom

Having A Swear Jar

This morning, I was looking at the B.C. Comic strip, in which one of the characters was putting what looked

like a ten-dollar bill into a "swear jar" because he rolled a piano over his toes. In other words, the greater the infraction, the more money the guilty party would throw into the jar.

Having a swear jar might not be such a bad idea for those folks in our society who seemingly can't utter a sentence without using some kind of swear word.

Since money is such a powerful motivator for many people, perhaps having a swear jar might provide them with a constant reminder of the kind of vocabulary they presently possess, and then motivate them to "clean up" their vocabulary.

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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