

Love Letter

"Jesus Wrote In The Sand"

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From The Pen Of A Free Man

"Who Was Chemosh?"

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Chemosh is not your average household name. In fact, you probably have never heard of him. Why would you? He doesn't belong in the 21st century....or does he? When God gave King Solomon, the special gift of wisdom, he used his gift wisely for many years. He followed in the tradition of his father, David. As a result, Solomon's kingdom became wealthy, powerful, and his great wisdom was known throughout the world. The Queen of Sheba came hundreds of miles to pay her respects, to witness his wisdom and view his glorious kingdom. She was awed by what she saw...."and indeed the half has not been told me," she said (1 Kings 10:7).

This mighty, powerful and godly man soon committed the sin of idolatry. He was given wives to form political alliances with neighboring countries; to cement peace treaties; provide raw materials for his many building projects and to secure the borders of his kingdom. These wives came from pagan backgrounds and brought their religious traditions with them. Solomon, at one point, had 700 wives and 300 concubines living in his harem.(1 Kings 11:3).

While he had built the most beautiful of all temples in which to worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob....he also built a temple to Chemosh, god of the Moabites (1 Kings 11:7). Perhaps he thought if the Hebrew God didn't supply all his needs, another god just might! This shrine would also appease his pagan harem. He brazenly defies God's first commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3).

Chemosh was a remote deity, who could be worshipped with no entanglements; no do's and don'ts; no threats of judgment. He was a fearful god. He demanded sacrifices but giving nothing in return. This god didn't love or provide comfort for his people. He was not a personal god. He was a god in name only.

Today, this god might be called a humanist. He is meaningful to people who believe that man's destiny is not involved with the God of the Bible. Man becomes the maker and breaker of his own life. He becomes his own Chemosh. To the humanist mindset, man must provide for himself. Man himself is worshipped....in his own being and identity. Evolving from some lower life forms and pulling himself up through evolutionary life forms, our humanist Chemosh, demands only that man himself is deified. He is the god of his own universe. The acquisition of knowledge through man's own intellect is the source of man's power. The humanist refuse to accept that the laws of logic, uniformity and morality come from the foundation of knowledge given to man through one holy God.

As Solomon was influenced by the paganism of his day, let us not fall into the same trap. Man's worldview is faulty. Truth does not come within man himself. Truth is found only in the knowledge of the Creator, who came in the form of a man, not an untouchable and fearful Chemosh.

He too has a name....Jeshua, or Jesus, our Messiah and Savior (Matthew 1:21-23)

Till The Last Amen

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Important Dates	

*** 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
 11/27/22**

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)

An Authentic Beauty

As I wait at our local grocery store checkout stand, I sometimes scan the covers of the magazines displayed there. It seems that if they aren't about the sexual escapades of the rich and famous, they're about diet, fitness, health, and outward beauty.

The sad thing is, there's nothing available in the above magazines for the soul.

The problem is that people read the wrong magazines — those that are full of lies that fixate on the beauty of face and form as though that's all there is. This can lead to comparison with others more beautiful than ourselves, many times causing great despair (2 Corinthians 10:12).

A few years ago, while working with a young fellow employee, I one day gave her a compliment by saying, "You are a very self-confident lady. "Can you tell me why?" She answered, "Yes, it's because I'm so pretty and because of that, I can motivate most men to do exactly what I want them to do."

I responded by saying, "I feel sorry for you." "Why?" she asked in surprise. "Because," I replied, "You may not always be pretty." "One of these days, your skin will be old and wrinkled, and those men you influenced to do what you wanted them to do, will no longer be influenced by your beauty."

Solomon tells us that "Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting" (Proverbs 31:30 NIV). Physical beauty all too quickly fades away; and all one's efforts to keep it are doomed to fail.

However, there is an inward beauty — an authentic beauty that will endure forever — in the one "who fears the Lord" (Proverbs 31:30; cf. 1 Peter 3:1-5).

AGAPE Spotlight (Highlighting Our Members)



A little more than two years ago Sister Cheryl Rene' Evans came to the Agape congregation - she and her husband Richard found the saints to be rooted in the Bible and family centered.

Trusting in the principles centered in

Pro. 3:5, 6, Cheryl knew that the Lord had guided her steps.

Sister Evans has been working in education for 17 years and currently serves as an Administrative Assistant in the city of Pearland.

Cheryl has the greatest desire to strengthen her relationship with God through continued study of His Word and further activities with God's people.

She looks forward to traveling and investing more and more time with the Lord and to live in accordance with His Word.

Sister Evans is always a pleasure to be around as her quick wit and shining personality make for an infectious encounter every time.

God bless you sister Cheryl in all your efforts as we shine the spotlight of Agape Love upon you.

Till the last amen.

"I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and He gave ear unto me."

Psa. 77:1

AGAPE Considerations (Activity Ministry)



The Bible: An APP For That

Do we remember when telephones were for making simple phone calls? Today, cell-phone applications, or "apps" as they are called, allow us the capability of reading daily news reports, sports scores, playing games, planning trips, finding out what our location is anywhere on the globe — or any of three hundred thousand other applications that are now readily available.

However, the "apps" for phones are nothing compared to the kind of "apps" Scripture provides us. The "applications" found in God's book, the Bible, are inspired messages telling us how to "apply" the truth of His Word to all of life. For example, we might look at the "apps" found in Ephesians 5 — the imitate-God app (Ephesians 5:1); the walk-in-love "app" (Ephesians 5:2); the

purity "app" (Ephesians 5:3); the tongue "app" (Ephesians 5:4). If we look in Philippians 2, we see the unity "app" (Philippians 2:2); the humility "app" (Philippians 2:3); the no-grumbling "app" (Philippians 2:14); and the shine-as-lights "app" (Philippians 2:15).

Multiple "apps" can be found in the book of Proverbs as well.

The best thing about the above "apps," is that we don't have to wait for someone to offer them on the Internet. All we have to do is simply open our Bibles and note the hundreds of ways that Scripture is applicable to our everyday life and living. Do we have questions as to how to live the Christian life? Then let us be willing to search God's "apps" found in the Bible (Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV) — the answers are there.

Whatever question we might have, the Bible has an "app" for that!

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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