

Love Letter

"Jesus Wrote In The Sand"

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From The Pen Of A Free Man

"Not So Common"

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French writer, historian and philosopher, François-Marie Arouet, (pen name, Voltaire – see article) once stated, "Common sense is not so common" — and his assessment was exactly right! In a society that has grown increasingly lawsuit conscious, we are inundated with warnings on various products, mostly because many folks just lack simple common sense.

The following are some examples:

On a hair dryer: "Do not use while sleeping."

On an Rowenta iron: "Do not iron clothes on body."

On a chainsaw: "Do not attempt to stop chain with your hand."

On a cup of coffee: "Hot beverages are hot!"

On a butcher knife: "Please keep out of the reach of children."

Common sense can be learned, either from experience (the hard way), or the teaching we receive from those we trust. But God's Word is the best source of all to develop discernment and good judgment.

Three words echo throughout the book of Proverbs: wisdom, knowledge, understanding. God has packed this book with a plethora of common sense.

Proverbs 11:12 advises restraint: "A man of understanding holds his peace."

Proverbs 17:27 warns: "He who has knowledge spares his words, and a man of understanding is of a calm spirit."

Proverbs 20:13 is practical: "Do not love sleep, lest you come to poverty."

To increase our common sense, spiritually speaking, let us consult the inspired Word of God daily (Acts 17:11) — the only source of true wisdom (Proverbs 2:6).

Let us be found using a bit of common sense, please!

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*

** Praise The Family Night
Jan. 7 @ 7 pm @ The Free-
man Home / Potluck*

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)

Let's Be A Book

Have we ever wanted to write a book? It's certainly a worthy goal, but it's better to "be a book" than it is to write one.

The apostle Paul believed it was better to "be a book" when he penned these inspired words:

"Clearly you are an epistle of Christ written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart" (2 Cor. 3:3; cf. Psa. 37:31; 40:8; Heb. 8:10).

The work that Christ is doing in us as Christians, can result in a godly influence far greater than any book we might write (cf. Rom. 1:8; 2 Cor. 8; Phil. 3:17; 1 Thess. 1; 2 Thess. 3:7-9).

By having God's Word written "on our hearts" (Jer. 31:33; Heb. 10:15-16), the Lord is displaying His love, mercy, forgiveness, and goodness to all the folks with whom we interact with every day of our lives.

As a Christian, we may never write a book or have a book published, but by living as Christ lived (Gal. 2:20; cf. Acts 10:38; 1 Pet. 2:18-22; 1 Jn. 2:3-6), we will "be a book."

Brethren, let's "be a book" — an "epistle of Christ" for all to read.

AGAPE Spotlight (Highlighting Our Members)



God moving the chess pieces of his and his families life.

Our newest addition to the body of Christ, Phillip Douglas tells us that his lovely wife, in coming to Texas had been searching for a church home and found the Agape congregation. Phillip now sees

This is significant in the life of Phillip as he is a self proclaimed "fanatic" at playing chess! He has formulated his entrepreneur spirit in a business he has created called: 'Make A Chess Move'

Brother Douglas is striving to make the Word of God the center piece of his new walk with Christ as he seeks to grow in his knowledge of the Bible and his new relationship with the Lord.

He has the long term aspiration to travel around the country in an RV with his wife Omni and their children.

God be with you Phillip as we shine the spotlight of Agape love upon you.

Till the last amen.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handywork."

Psa. 19:1

AGAPE Considerations (Activity Ministry)



Every Drop Counts

A few years back, a major city was blanketed with posters showing a single drop of water splashing into a pool. Each poster bore the words, "This City Is Against Corruption." The message was clear — integrity or dishonesty permeates a city one person at a time.

It's sometimes easy to compromise in little things, because they seem to make no difference in society as a whole. Some folks may think, "Why shouldn't I alter the truth, pad my expense accounts, or use my employer's time for personal projects when everyone else is doing it? I'm just one drop in the bucket!" That's exactly

right — and every drop helps determine the contents.

Psalm 15:1 asks, "Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle?" The answer in Psa. 15:2-5 describes a person of honor who enjoys intimate fellowship with God. Notice how the person of principle walks, works, and speaks — uprightly, righteously, truthfully. Observe that the individual of integrity refuses to backbite or take bribes. Consider the stability of such a person: "He who does these things shall never be moved" (Psa. 15:5).

Just think what would it mean to our families, our neighborhoods, and our cities if we all lived with integrity according to God's word? Let's do it, remembering that every drop counts!

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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