

Love Letter

"Jesus Wrote In The Sand"

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From The Pen Of A Free Man

“Making TODAY Your Own”

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How do you spend the blessed currency of time? Do you have a “pocketful” of day or have you “spent” your day already? “Today” is the most important time for each one of us because it is all we have been given! We are not promised next year, next month, next week, or even tomorrow. Today is important because it is when we can make the “choice” to obey, to encourage a brother or sister, to take the first step in living a life for Christ; to find one’s life in losing it Lk. 9:24.

James says that our lives are as a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away Jas. 4:14. Life is like a vapor, which is but for a moment. Like the morning fog, it vanishes in the heat of the sun. A day in your earthly life is a valuable and precious gift because it is soon over.

Sin may deceive us by telling us, “You’ve got time”. Therefore, the inspired writer of the book of Hebrews tells us to “exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin” Heb. 3:13.

The saying, “The road to hell is paved with good intentions” means that intending to take care of important duties at a future time is the pathway to eternal ruin. Though we plan to do something good (study the Bible, obey the gospel, teach the lost, call a discouraged brother or sister, visit the sick, minister to the needy) our hectic schedules crowd out our good intentions. We may forget that there will not always be a “tomorrow”.

We are not promised tomorrow. “Today” is all we have. James gives us instructions on what our attitude should be concerning “Tomorrow”: “For that you ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live and do this or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” Jas. 4:15-17. We must, like the five wise virgins, make preparations for the Lord’s second coming. Will Jesus find us “watching” and “waiting”? Mt. 25:13.

Brethren, regarding the “day”, let us imitate the saints of the first century of whom it is said, “And every day, in the temple and at home, they ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus as the Christ” Acts 5:42.

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*

** Agape Huddle / Wear
 Your Agape Tee Shirt
 12/10/22*

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)

Life and Death / A Choice

Most of us have read about the infamous John Wilkes Booth who assassinated President Abraham Lincoln in 1865. But have we ever read about Edwin Booth, John's eldest brother? Edwin Thomas Booth was a well-known American actor who one day was waiting at a Jersey City train station. Suddenly, he saw a man slip and fall off the platform. Edwin quickly grabbed the man's collar and pulled him to safety — rescuing him from serious injury or death. Who was the man he saved? Abraham Lincoln's son Robert, a soldier in the Civil War.

Isn't it ironic that the man who saved Abraham Lincoln's son had a brother who would soon kill the president. One brother saved a life; the other brother took a life. One brother chose life; the other brother chose death.

In the Old Testament, the Lord gave His people a choice between life and death Deut. 30:15-20. They could love Him and obey His commands Deut. 30:16, or they could worship and serve other gods Deut. 30:17.

He told them: "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life" Deut. 30:19.

Today, we too have a choice between life and death. We can obey the conditions of salvation that Jesus has outlined in the New Testament and live with Him forever 1 Thess. 4:17; cf. Jn. 17:24, or we can reject the salvation that Jesus offers and be in darkness forever without Him Mt. 25:30; 2 Thess. 1:9. Dear reader, the choice is clear. Choose eternal life — the life that is found only for those "in Christ Jesus" Gal. 3:26-28.

AGAPE Spotlight



These questions may be useful to prime homiletic studies and as discussion starters with brothers and sisters. Go over your answers with your other brothers and sisters.

1. Is the sense of the “absence of God” sometimes a part of the life of faith?
2. How is our forgiveness of others related to God’s forgiveness of us?
3. When is it right to be angry?

4. Does doubt play a role in spiritual growth?
5. How does God guide us?
6. What will help us to better understand the Bible?
7. How does conversion take place?
8. How can we know God?
9. In what sense is the Bible inspired?
10. When is conscience a fallible guide?

Till the last amen.

“It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High”

Psa. 92:1

AGAPE Considerations (Activity Ministry)



No Time For God!

“You’ve time to build houses, and in them dwell, And time to do business — to buy and to sell; And none for repentance, or deep earnest prayer; To seek your salvation you’ve no time to spare. You’ve time for earth’s pleasures, for frolic and fun, For her glittering treasures how quickly you run; But care not to seek the fair mansion above. The favor of God or the gift of His love. You’ve time to take voyages over the sea, And time to take in the world’s jubilee;

But soon your bright hopes will be lost in the bloom Of the cold, dark river of death and the tomb.

You’ve time to resort to the mountain and glen; And time to gain knowledge from books and from men;

Yet no time to search for the wisdom of God, But what of your soul when you’re under the sod?

For time will not linger when helpless you lie, Staring death in the face; you will take time to die.

Then, what of the judgment — pause, think, I implore! For time will be lost on eternity’s shore.”

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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