

Dear Citizen of Heaven! I greet you that way because your status is that of a 'Citizen of Heaven'. IF you have been 'WASHED in the BLOOD of the LAMB, our soon coming KING, JESUS CHRIST. There is no position among the sons of men that can even begin to compare with your exalted status. In CHRIST you have an ANCHOR of the SOUL both SURE, (it won't break amidst the storms of life) & STEADFAST, (it won't slip amidst the shifting tides of life) (Heb. 6:19). It is vitally IMPORTANT that we remember who we are In CHRIST (Eph. Chap. I) during this critical & uncertain hour of history.

We who are in CHRIST, HIS CHILDREN can be secure without fear & panic in light of present world events. GOD is in perfect CONTROL even though we are living in CRISIS days. The leaders of our world appear to be confused (I Cor. 14:33), disoriented & out of control. PRAISE GOD we won the war! PRAYERS of all the believers were like searchlights, shooting up to heaven (Prov. 15:29). I prayed hard for our armed forces to be protected & for our leaders. You see how God had HIS HAND in this awesome victory.

Speaking of VICTORY, this month brought the AWESOME celebration of EASTER, our RESURRECTION DAY. I ministered at the L.A. Cty. Jail & there was a large harvest of souls, over 150. VICTORY IN JESUS! The CROSS of CALVARY is more than a mighty redemptive moment where JESUS, once & for all, is a BLESSED SALVATION moment when a human soul comes HUMBLY to CHRIST & receives ETERNAL FORGIVENESS for sin, beginning a new life (I Cor. 5:17) in following (Luke 9:23) & serving (Matt. 20:28) the SAVIOR. It is a wonderful journey of learning about HIS LOVE & SACRIFICE at the CROSS in the WORD OF GOD (Rev. 19:13).

April was a blessed month of ministry & during 20 services, well over 300 either gave their hearts & lives to JESUS or rededicated. It was also a humbling time of reflection for me. This month was my 20 year anniversary of preaching CHRIST CRUCIFIED in the SKID ROW missions, in HIS STRENGTH (Phil. 4:13) & POWER (Eph. 6:10) & 16 in prisons. My time of ministry, April 6th, at Donovan Penitentiary was cut down to one service in Yard I. Yard II had a riot before I got there & Yard III had one while I was there. Both got locked down. It was frustrating. I was also interviewed by Duffy of KKLA's Duffy & Co. at the Long Beach Rescue Mission where I did two services this month. Warren Duffy is such a precious brother in Christ & has the best Christian radio talk show. Tune in! All the services this month at the L.A. Mission, Fred Jordan Mission & the Union Rescue Mission were well attended as GOD'S

WORD went forth. As always, Chino Womensí Prison had a large gathering & harvest. It seems like multitudes in Prisons & Skid Row have **NEVER** forgiven themselves. They feel forgotten & have believed satanis lie by thinking there is no way **GOD** would care for them, but **HE DOES** (I Peter 5:7). They struggle with feelings of loneliness, depression & unforgiveness. Everyone has a need to belong & **GOD** has revealed **HIMSELF** to us thru the life of **HIS SON**, the **LORD, JESUS CHRIST**. **HE** has set **HIS** loving seal of ownership on us. With this seal comes **HIS WONDROUS GRACE** (Eph. 2:8). **NOTHING** we experience on earth can compare to this sense of **BELONGING**. Too many find this **FACT** hard to believe.

The greatest privilege we have is the privilege to know **GOD**. We are **HIS** first & greatest concern & nothing we ever do can **CHANGE HIS ETERNAL LOVE** for us. When we invited **JESUS** in our hearts as **SAVIOR & LORD**, **HIS FORGIVENESS** cleansed our life of sin & gave us a new sense of **HOPE**. The wisest thing we can do, especially when we are facing trials & tribulations (Ps. 34:19) is the **RUN to GOD in PRAYER** (Matt. 11:28-30), tapping into **HIS INFINITE** supply of **MERCY, GRACE & WISDOM** (Jas.1:5). It comes down to **FAITH**. (Forsaking All I Trust Him) (Heb. 10:23);(Heb.11:1 & 6)

FAITH in **CHRIST** begins with a strong foundation (Matt. 7:24-27). If you build a house on a sandy location, it cannot withstand flood waters of troubles or winds of adversity that blow at hurricane force. Build your house on the **ROCK of JUDAH, JEUS** is the **FOUNDATION** of our **FAITH**. Here are several key elements that becomes building blocks which **GOD** uses to form a perfectly shaped & immovable foundation of **FAITH**.

ï **THE CROSS**, where **GODÍS** only **SON** died for you & me. **HIS** sacrificial death was sufficient payment for all our sins.

ï **BELIEVERS BAPTISM** is **GODÍS WILL** for each believer. This is how we identify with **HIM**.

ï **THE HOLY SPIRIT** is the watchman set by **GOD** over our lives & **INDWELLS** each believer. Through the presence of the **HOLY SPIRIT**, **GOD** empowers us for **CHRISTIAN SERVICE**. **HE** is our mighty **COMFORTER, COUSELOR & TIRELESS ECOURAGER**.

ï **THE CHURCH**, which is the body of **CHRIST**. Our **FAITH** is strengthened through contact with other believers. Here we grow spiritually & learn **MORE** about the **TRUTH OF GODÍS WORD**.

ï **CHRISTIAN SERVICE** to **GOD** provides us with an opportunity to tell others of **HIS** unconditional love & mercy. It is a **HIGH HONOR** to **SERVE**.

ï **SURRENDER** is crucial. Give **GOD ALL** that we are & **ALL** that we

HOPE to be. He BLESSES us with much more than we could ever have or achieve on our own (Jas. 1:17).

When we ignore the principles of GOD, the first strong breeze or clap of thunder sends shock waves through a live whose spiritual foundation is built on sandy soil. Dig deep into GOD'S WORD, PRAY, PRAISE & WORSHIP HIM. I guarantee that when storm clouds gather, your FAITH will hold FIRM. PTL.

Until next month, may GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU & to YOU who sent LOVE offerings, I PRAISE HIM & THANK YOU.

**In His Majesty's Service,
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