

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 RESURRECTED LORD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. There is no position among the sons of men that can begin to compare with that exalted status. In CHRIST, you have an anchor of the SOUL both SURE & STEADFAST. (Heb. 6:19). It is CRUCIAL that we know who we are in CHRIST (study Eph. Chap. 1) during this critical & uncertain hour of history.

Next month we CELEBRATE EASTER, our RESURRECTION DAY. What a JOY to have the BLESSED HOPE of ETERNAL LIFE because of JESUS CHRIST'S FINISHED WORK at the CROSS of CALVARY. The CROSS of CALVARY is more than a mighty REDEMPTIVE monument where JESUS died for us ALL, & took away the sins of the world. It is that awesome SALVATION moment when a human soul comes humbly to CHRIST & receives ETERNAL FORGIVENESS FOR sin & begins a new life. (II Cor. 5:17). It is a lifetime of learning about the CROSS & HIS LOVE in the WORD OF GOD. Here are some blessed & wonderful scriptures to meditate on & give thanks for: I Cor. 15:1-4; Rom. 5:8; I Peter 3:18; John 14:19; John 5:24; John 11:25; Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 16:24; Luke 14:27; Rom. 6:1-14; Gal. 2:16, 20; Phil. 3:7-11; Heb. 12:1-4; Heb. 13:12 & I Peter 4:12-16. GOD'S precious WORDS & PROMISES (II Cor. 1:20) will truly bless you. I know my brothers & sisters in Christ who are in prison will enjoy each scripture.

March was a blessed month of ministry, & like February, the battle to win souls was more intense. The devil is raging but the power in the NAME OF JESUS (Phil 2:9 & Eph. 1:20-23) prevails. At the alter calls, I bind up (Matt. 18:18) all the controlling strongman spirits in JESUS name. Then the harvest comes forward. The mocking spirit has manifested several times this month & I went after it in Jesus name. I wish you could come with me some time & see the battlefield. Only JESUS sets these captives free (Is. 61:1). There were 19 services at the Fred Jordan, Union Rescue, L. A. & Long Beach Rescue Missions. On the streets outside the Fred Jordan Mission, there were fights over drugs & sales of anything you want. I always say that drugs are a potent tool of satan that destroys lives. The L. A. Co. Jail & Chino Women's Prison had a good harvest, and some 200 came forth this month. I always bring a CHRIST CRUCIFIED message &

the HOLY SPIRIT brings them in (John 6:44).

Also did two more cable shows for Rose Columboís ìIssues of the Dayî. I enjoy the shows as she gives me free rein to use scriptures to back up everything I say. April 4 will be a full day with three services at three different yards at Donovan Penitentiary. Iíve been ministering there for fourteen years. EASTER is my 21st anniversary of preaching in the Skid Row Missions, P.T.L. Happy 50th anniversary to Pastors Jack & Anna Hayford. My daughter Lea & grandchild Elijah are coming to visit during the Easter weekend. Sure miss them & Nikol. They are doing well.

You know, one of the most exciting truths about GOD is that HE is personally involved in our lives. I always encourage those I minister to about this. HE knows our every need & HE promises to take care of our needs, NOT OUR GREEDS (Phil 4:19). The people JESUS met during HIS earthly ministry had needs. The woman at the well had a great need to be FORGIVEN & LOVED. The man who was born blind LONGED to SEE. JESUS is the ONE who met the needs of these people. HE forgave the sins of the woman & offered her an opportunity to experience GODÍS UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE. HE gave sight to the blind man along with healing the diseases of countless others. Peter had needs. So did John, Matthew & each of the disciples. Just like you & me, these were people with needs that could only fully be understood & satisfied by GOD. Those whom I minister to on Skid Row, Prisons, psychiatric wards, broken marriages, & ones with terminal diseases ALL have needs.

What is the deepest need of your heart as you read this? Is it spiritual in nature, physical or financial? Perhaps your greatest need is relational---you long to know that you are not alone (Matt. 28; 20; Heb. 13:5) or you may need wisdom (Jas. 1:5) to face the pressured demands of this life (Phil. 4:6,7). Whatever the need is, GOD UNDERSTANDS & HE has a solution. Often, however, especially in times of great trials (Ps. 34:19), we become more focused on our insufficiency than on the ONE who HAS the ABILITY to MEET THAT NEED (II Cor. 5:7). When we stop rushing in an effort to have our needs met, we discover a tremendous TRUTH: GOD is NOT as concerned about the pressing issues of our lives as HE is about our FELLOWSHIP with HIM. This is HIS foremost GOAL for us---that we could desire HIM more than any earthly gain or reward.GOD does NOT have favorites(Rom 2:11). HE HAS INTIMATES. These are the people who have entered into an INTIMATE relationship with HIM through personal DEVOTION & PRAYER.

An INTIMATE relationship with GOD is defined by genuine LOVE. This is what GOD desires for us---LOVE so genuine that it moves us into a place of INTIMACY with HIM where every need we have is perfectly & completely satisfied. Take time to be ALONE with HIM. PRAYER is an essential part of building a close relationship with the LORD. Learn to WAIT for HIS answer to PRAYER. There is PEACE & ASSURANCE waiting for ALL who draw NEAR to the LORD thru PRAYER.

Until next month, may a dying SAVIOR'S LOVE, a RISEN SAVIOR'S prayers & an ETERNAL SAVIOR'S glory be the comfort, joy & strength of your heart.

Thank you & LORD bless you who sent LOVE offerings.

In His Majesty's Service,

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