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LOVE HAS NO BOUNDS: Isn't it funny how God's Love is always with us no matter how we act. The bible says, *"But God commendeth His love toward us (He demonstrated, he showed, He proved his love) in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."* Rom.5:8

Love being an action word:

- **What** did Christ do? - He died on the cross for us.
- **Why** did He do it? - He died because He loved us.
- **When** did He do it? - While we were still helpless, hostile and rebellious sinners.

The SOLUTION for the err of our helpless, hostile rebellious hearts is God's Love through Christ Jesus.

How can God love me? *We are His creation, "His workmanship, meticulously created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which He hath before ordained that we should walk in them."* Eph.2:10 He does not prod, shove, or push you to love Him. There are only two choices: Life or Death.

God knew about our rebellion. When a child comes into the world, you do not have to teach them to rebel. You have to teach them right from wrong. God has presented the Word, His Son Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to teach us

the right way from the wrong way. The Word can't be understood without the Spirit of God connecting with our spirit. How important is it to know the truth, verses the lie we may live daily. A lie is to keep us from truth. Once truth comes, a lie has no more power. Bondages are broken, shackles are loosed, and freedom brings life to blinded minds and harden hearts to be converted and healed. *"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."* 2Corth.3:17

Free now to believe and accept what Christ did on the cross was a done deal.



He suffered in our place, was crucified, nailing all our sins to the cross [the penalty of the Law, the penalty of sin, sickness, and destruction we were under, bound for Hell!] *"God sent his Word and healed us and delivered us from destruction."* Ps.107:20 The penalty of sin died with Christ on the cross. Love doesn't come any bolder than that.

When we truly know, be-

lieve, and accept that kind of Love, it truly changes us inwardly. And to know, believe and accept that He did it while we was still rebellious and didn't care, moves me to say, I want and need that kind of Love in my life. Well he has already given us a mustard seed of faith to believe we can have it. Keep reminding yourself of Rom.5:8; **What** was done, **Why**, and **When!** Christ died for us! He Loved us! We were still helpless, hostile, and rebellious sinners, which leads to two choices: **Life or Death!** Which leads to two more choices: **Eternal Life** with God or **Eternal Damnation** with Satan. The choice is surely yours to think about, and as God draws you to His Son, look at the picture of Jesus stretched on the cross with His arms wide open to allow a chance for pure, unchanging, and unconditional love. **His!** I don't have all your answers, but I know where the answers come from. The Person of Jesus Christ wants to commune with you today. **Today is the day of Salvation!** Peace is not peace unless you are **One with Him.**

Be Blessed!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *The Word can't be understood without the Spirit of God connecting with our spirit.*
- *A lie is to keep us from truth. Once truth comes, a lie has no more power.*
- *I want and need Jesus' pure, unchanging, unconditional Love in my heart!*
- *Peace is not peace unless you are "One" with Him.*



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CONTEND EARNESTLY FOR THE FAITH: THE EPISTLE OF JUDE 3

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Jude identifies himself as the servant of Jesus Christ and the brother of James, Jude is the English form of the name Judas (loudas), the Greek form of Judah which literally means to give thanks, or praise. The English version of the name is used in most versions of the bible to disassociate Jude from Judas Iscariot.

The book of Jude is an important book for us today because it is written for the end times for the end of the church age. The Church Age began at the Day of Pentecost. Jude is the only book given entirely to the great apostasy meaning when the church became faithless. He admonishes us to contend for our faith, for there

are tares among the wheat, false brethren are in the Church, the saints are in danger. A small but important book worthy of studying it for ourselves, written for the Christian of today. Therefore Jude wants the reader to understand that in the face of pressure due to false Christian doctrine we should stand firm and *look to*

“KNOW THE GOSPEL, PROTECT IT, AND DEFEND IT.”

“THE MOST EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN IS ONE THAT LIVES THE FAITH... ”

“HOLD ON TO STAY IN GOD’S WILL!”

CONTINUED:

the hills from which cometh our help and all of our help comes from the Lord.

How can one earnestly contend for the faith? We must be on guard for false doctrine which can so easily deceive us if we are not well versed in the word.

We need to know the gospel, protect, and defend it, and accept the Lordship of Christ, which is our evidence of a changed life. The most effective Christian life is one that lives the faith in everyday life. **Real faith always reflects Christ-like behavior.**

Our hearts and souls should overflow with love and faith which is a gift of God.

We need a personal relationship with Him, only then will we know His voice, so a stranger we will not follow.

Verse 3, Beloved, when I gave all diligence to



“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that you should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the Saints.” Jude 3

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write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that you should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the Saints.

This is the key verse of the book of Jude. It tells them to **contend for the**

faith, fight for the truth. But here we have to recognize that this is only a small part of what Jude is implying. It means we are to **hold on to our profession of faith, hold on to our testimony, our usefulness, our working with God.** In other words we

should work diligently in staying in the will of God.

“THE WORD OF GOD IS FOOD FOR THE SOUL.”

PRAYER:

Father, thank you for this day, for those that don't know You. Open their hearts to believe on You to be saved this day. May a door of utterance be opened to speak the mystery of Christ in their hearts. Give a hunger and thirst after righteousness to them. Lord draw them today to the Father. Position them to make a commitment to You, the only one that will bring it to pass. Thank You Lord!

For those who do know You, I pray that as I and others acknowledge You, please inspire us with the spirit of wisdom and

revelation through a deep and intimate knowledge of You.

May the eyes of our understanding be enlightened to know and understand the hope to which You have called us. How rich Your glorious inheritance is **in** us, and your surpassing great power is **for** us who believe.

Father grant out of the riches of Your glory that we be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the Holy Spirit's indwelling. That Christ may dwell, settle down, and abide

in our hearts, having deep and firm roots in Your marvelous Love and fixed securely on that love.

That we truly come to the understanding of how long, how wide, how deep, and how high Your love really is. And that we experience this love of Christ for ourselves and become a body wholly filled, *fixed*, and flooded with God Himself. Praise God! Thank You Lord! Amen!

Acts 16:31; Col.4:3; Matt.5:6; Jn.6:44; Ps.37:4-5 Eph.1:17-19; 3:16-19



Renew Your Faith This Easter

GOING THROUGH THE PAIN

There are many of us that are going through some type of pain. Pain in your body, childbirth pain, pain in a relationship (whether friendship, dating, boyfriend/girlfriend, marriage, children, parents, or relatives, death, oh yes job, and co-workers). And pain because you are far away from home (where you lived or that place of no connection with the Savior).

Myself, it is the first one because I've started exercising. Yea, and I'm filling the pain where I don't want to feel it. Usually when that starts, I quit because I'm limping by then and I don't see it helping me at all! But somehow, I have a little more energy afterwards, but still hurting. 😊

As I think about Jesus on the cross going through the pain, the hurt, the shame for us, gives me a change of heart to know that this pain I'm going through now was already

foreseen and predicted on the cross. I need this pain because there is always a testimony after a test.

Jesus decided to conquer death, burial, and the grave for us. There was no breadth, length, depth, or height in his way. Can you see Him weak on the cross, forgotten, given vinegar to drink, darkness covering the earth, people yelling *Crucify Him, Crucify Him!* But He wouldn't come down from the cross. He wouldn't give in to the overwhelming pain from the people. He didn't stop and say, "I've had enough!" There was a Purpose! There was a Plan! There was a Promise!

Purpose: Get us back into right relationship with the Father.

Plan: Die on the cross, be buried in the tomb— 3 days and 3 nights, Rise with all power in His hands. Halle-

lujah!

Promise: Where I am, there ye may be also (Heaven). There are many, many promises in the bible, but I picked this one because I'd rather be no other place than where He is.

There is a purpose to my exercising (good health), a plan (confess God's Word when it gets tough), and a promise (a body to give Him glory). He hasn't given up on me. I can't stop on Him because He's my coach and I have too much he wants me to accomplish! Believe It!

I encourage you to go through the pain for the gain. We have a lot of power within us to not allow the enemy to whip us!

There is a '**THROUGH**' on the other side of **PAIN**.

God Bless!

THEREFORE, PREPARE YOUR MINDS FOR ACTION, KEEP A CLEAR HEAD, AND SET YOUR HOPE COMPLETELY ON THE GRACE TO BE GIVEN YOU WHEN JESUS, THE MESSIAH, IS REVEALED.
1 PETER 1:13



REMEMBER HIS PURPOSE, HIS PLAN, AND HIS PROMISE!



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For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
Hebrews 4:12

POWER IN THE WORD MINISTRY:

My MISSION: Reach and encourage others in letting you know that God is able to do the impossible.
My VISION: Be on the web reaching those I don't see but God does.

IT CAN HAPPEN :

My MISSION: Use the God-given gifts for His glory!
My VISION: Teach others to reach for those God-given gifts in them!

How much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him? Matthew 7:11b

**BELIEVE !
IT CAN HAPPEN !**

APHABETICALLY LEARNING THE SCRIPTURES:

1ST WEEK	2ND WEEK	3RD WEEK	4TH WEEK
MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD ALL YE LANDS. PSALMS 100:1	NO WEAPON THAT IS FORMED AGAINST YOU SHALL PROSPER, (CON'T TO NEXT WEEK)	& EVERY TONGUE THAT SHALL RISE AGAINST THEE IN JUDGMENT THOU SHALL CONDEMN. THIS IS THE HERITAGE OF THE SERVANTS OF THE LORD. ISAIAH 54:17	OBEY YOUR PARENTS IN THE LORD: FOR THIS IS RIGHT. EPHESIANS 6:1 <i>Meditate on these for 30 days</i>



The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be afraid you will make one !

Elbert Hubbard

Dates to Remember - April 2009

April 1 April Fool's Day

April 5 Psalm Sunday

April 10 Good Friday Day

April 12 Easter



JESUS' DEATH

Part of God's plan in sending His Son Jesus to earth was that He would take the punishment for our sin when he died. That way we wouldn't have to pay for our sins by being separated from God forever.

Jesus had never sinned. Not once in His life did He do anything wrong. Because He was perfect, He could pay the penalty for our sins. And we are able to live with God forever after we die.

Even though Jesus did no crime, He was treated like a criminal. To find one way the Roman government punished criminals, read the Bible verses and fill in the blanks.

Read Matthew 26:36

1. The name of the garden where Jesus was arrested: _____

Read Matthew 27:54

2. A Roman military officer: _____

Read Mark 15:46

3. A place where the dead were put: _____

Read Luke 22:48

4. The man who betrayed Jesus: _____

Read Matthew 27:33

5. The name of the place where Jesus was nailed to the cross: _____

Read Matthew 27:26

6. To be beaten with a whip, like Jesus was before he was nailed to the cross: _____

Read Matthew 27:32

7. The man named Simon who carried the cross for Jesus was from this city: _____

Below some of the letters from your answers you will find numbers. Write these letters in the boxes to find another way criminals were punished.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.
