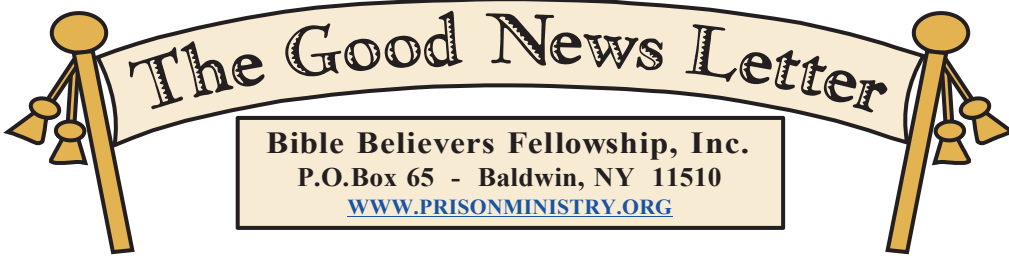




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"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" MARK 16:15

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FROM US TO YOU

Greetings to everyone in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We hope this is a good year for you. So far, 2026 has not been a good year for us. We are both feeling crummy physically. We hope you will remember us in your prayers. Eric has sciatica and arthritis, and Anne has Parkinson's Disease. On top of that, our eleven-year-old cat, Tiger, died recently from a disease we'd never heard associated with cats before, jaundice. We are also in debt. And three days ago we suffered about twenty-four hours of blackout where we couldn't even use our computers. It was also too dark for us to work in our offices. We hope where you are it's nice and sunny. Here it's cloudy, rainy, and there's a chill in the air. One thing that did surprise us yesterday was the electrician from our utility company. Like Eric, he has sciatica. But he didn't let that bother him. He knew that we were in need of having repairs made before the next newsletter comes out. We don't know whether he was a Christian or not, but he sure had the personality of one. He fixed our electric problem very quickly, although he was in pain, and he said that the work was not done properly by previous electricians. So he fixed their work as well. He said that he'd send the order for the electric company to send people around to cut back some annoying tree limbs that are getting in the way of the power lines. And, because it was an outside job, he told us we wouldn't get a bill for their services, because the work was all outside.

To become a Christian, a person repents of their sin and gives their heart to God. That's all there is to it. God will give that person a measure of the Holy Spirit. But there are gifts that a Christian can get that do not automatically come with salvation. *"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ"* (1 Corinthians 12:4-12 NIV).

The works of the Spirit are one of the best ways to tell whether a person has their heart right with God. They don't let little things bother them. Of course, we loved our cat Tiger. And we miss him. But getting upset about it won't help. The Bible says, *"The LORD is*

close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all" (Psalms 34:18-19 NIV). It's not easy to be cheerful and happy when everything is going wrong around you. But it is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Anyone can be grumpy and depressed when things don't work, and you are discouraged. But only a Spirit filled man or woman of God can be happy and trust God when everything goes wrong, and you feel like your life is on a downward spiral, and it's getting worse. When you find yourself in that situation, pray about it. Confess your sin to God not a priest. The priest didn't pay for your salvation. Christ did. So you need to accept Him as your Lord and Savior. Your troubles will not go away right away, but they won't seem as bad.

This month's message is "Needing God's Help." Too many people rely solely on their house of worship when they don't know what to do or who to turn to when they need help. We want to show you what the Bible says, and we are backing it up with scripture. You may notice our graphics are better. We are now using High Definition graphics created with AI. We've come a long way since electric typewriters.

If you would like to help support this ministry, you can do it in several ways. (1) [Donate with a credit card or with bank withdrawal](#) when visiting our website. (2) [Mail a check or money order](#) (made out to Bible Believers Fellowship, Inc.). For other ways, please visit our [website](#). Many people do not understand that we at Bible Believers Fellowship, Inc. have many expenses which include our Certified Public Accountant, occasional audit, shipping expenses, office supplies, telecommunications, etc.

Eric does not receive a salary. He donates his time and services to Bible Believers Fellowship, Inc. Anne gets a tiny salary. We are not doing this to get rich. We doing it because we love the Lord. This summer why not renew your walk with God. And to help you, we'll end with one of our favorite Christian songs *"When We All Get To Heaven"* written by E. E. Hewitt in 1898:

"Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing His mercy and His grace; in the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain:

*When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus we'll sing and shout the victory.*

*While we walk the pilgrim pathway, Clouds will overspread the sky;
But when trav'ling days are over, Not a shadow, not a sigh. Let us then be true and faithful, Trusting, serving every day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory Will the toils of life repay. Onward to the prize before us!
Soon His beauty we'll behold; Soon the pearly gates will open;
We shall tread the streets of gold."*

In the Lord's service, *Eric and Anne Kaestner*



Needing God's Help

By Anne Kaestner

is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short” (Revelation 12:7-12 NIV).

Recently, have you been feeling like you want to get closer to God? Let's face it, this is a lousy world, and it is getting worse all the time. I'll tell you the reason for that later. Perhaps you are facing a personal anxiety or maybe there's a bigger problem happening in your life. Does it seem bigger than you can handle yourself? In fact, it may feel like it's out of control. Since we deal with prison inmates, I am very aware of how many prison inmates write to us wanting a Bible and Christian literature. When people are facing a deep emotional crisis in their life, they need spiritual help. They need God. They want a way out of this problem for which they can't find a human solution. Our original parents, Adam and Eve, were originally made perfect. But when they disobeyed God, they brought sin into this world (Genesis Chapter 3) and passed it on, through their bloodline, to their children. That means they were no longer perfect children of God. Most likely, the devil had a lot to do with your current problem as well. The Bible says, *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus"* (Rom. 3:23-24 KJV).

But there is a solution. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him"* (John 3:16-17 NIV). In other words, God made Adam and Eve to be His children. But before they were created, God had created angels to serve Him in Heaven. And one angel in Heaven became jealous of God and turned one third of God's angels against Him. He, Satan, encouraged God's first human children, Adam and Eve, to sin against God. He knew that doing so would make them his servants though their obedience to him (see John 8:34). God loved the children He created so much that He wanted to undo the damage Satan had done. God knew that could only be accomplished if the sin was paid for by a person without sin. Jesus was the only one perfect enough to do that. That's why Jesus Christ came into this world, to pay for our sin. That way, we can have our sin paid for, so that we can be free to be God's children again. So, the scripture is saying that Jesus didn't come into this world to condemn us for our sin, but to save us from it.

The book of Revelation is mostly futuristic, telling us what Christians can expect to happen to us in the future. But it does contain some passages regarding the past as well. It tells us that Satan, one of the angels that God created, became jealous of God and caused problems in Heaven and earth. *"And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He*

That's why this world is such a mess right now. Satan, God's enemy, is causing all kinds of problems. Speaking to His Jewish disciples, Jesus said in the last days on earth, *"...many will come in My name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains. 'Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of Me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold'"* (Matthew 24:5-12 NIV). Even right now, we are seeing this prophecy coming true. Many people hate the Jews because they are so central to what is going on in the world, and our redemption. After the Jews, Christians will be hated. We are heading into the most horrible time in earth's history, the Tribulation. Jesus said that things will get worse before the Rapture of the church (1 Thessa-

lonians 4:15-18), when Jesus comes back for His people. It will not be as King of Kings this time (Revelation 19:16). It will be to take us out of this world before the Tribulation starts (see Matthew 24:29). He will not come back as King of Kings until the time runs out of the period that God gave to Adam to run this planet. And Satan took it away from him. Jesus will then come back as ruler of this worldly earth system. The Bible tells us about Satan, calling him the King of Tyre. *"Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: 'You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty."*

"You were in Eden, the garden of God;

every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings. By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching" (Ezekiel 28:12-18 NIV).

The King of Tyre is obviously the devil. His name was originally Lucifer when he was a heavenly angel. The name means something like Morning Star, but God changed his name to Satan, which means accuser of the brethren. Originally, God was very happy with him. He served God perfectly in what God wanted him to do. He was a cherub angel, an important one. In fact, he was a



guardian cherub. God said he walked among the fiery stones probably in Heaven. Then something changed in his heart. He began to feel jealous of God. He had many gifts and blessings God had given to him. He had good looks, many valuable stones that God had given him, and wisdom as well. It seemed strange that he could become God's enemy when God had been so good to him. In the end, he lost all his blessings when he rebelled against God and took one third of God's angels away from Him and made them follow him, Satan, instead. Because of his rebellion, he lost his good looks. God put Satan and the angels he had corrupted, on a type of trial in Heaven. God cremated them as they stood before Him. One of the charges against Him was that they had **desecrated their sanctuaries**.

There is evidence in the Bible that, prior to God remaking this planet for mankind, the angels had a kind of civilization here. Satan had been so proud of his good looks that God burned them up, and made him invisible to humans, except as a pile of ashes. God had given control of this world to Adam for a certain amount of time. When Adam sinned against God and obeyed Satan, Adam became a sort of slave of Satan (see John 8:34), and he got everything of value that Adam had. Now God knows Satan's desire to continue to influence those he had already corrupted. And, since Jesus told His disciples that in the last days, before He comes back, there would be many false prophets coming in His name. And He said that "Not

everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from Me, you evildoers!' Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand" (Matt. 7:21-26 NIV). So

it is important that you know your Bible well enough so you know when someone is telling you the truth or a pack of lies.

Even today, as I write this, there are those out there who like to win people over by impersonating men of God. And it's not to lead people to Christ. Is your name written down in the book of life? (See Revelation 20:12). To give you an example of false prophets trying to impress people with their phony holiness, here is an example. "Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded" (Acts 19:13-16 KJV). These men were just trying to make a name for themselves and were not interested in spreading Christianity.

God tells us in the following passage what happened with Satan and what happened to him before mankind was even created. "...**I made a spectacle of you before kings. By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes**

on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more'" (Ezekiel 28:15-19 NIV). It seems from scripture like this one that many people were present. What nations? Could they be angelic nations on earth, before Adam and Eve? And, of course, on planet earth, before it was remade for humanity. Who were the kings that were there when God made a spectacle of the devil and those who sinned with him?

I believe that the angels had a type of civilization here on earth before humans came into existence. God had sent them to the earth when they got kicked out of heaven. "The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was **hurled to the earth**, and his angels with him" (Revelation 12:9 NIV). Aside from his sin committed in Heaven, he may also have committed sin on earth, before God remade the earth for us. He's been accused of **dishonest trade**. Remember the Bible says: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, **darkness** was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters and God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light" (Genesis 1:1-3 NIV). So, anything God makes it not dark. Jesus made the world for us. It is full of light. So how did it get dark? Scripture says "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,

and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the **light** of men. **The light shines in the darkness**, but the darkness has not understood it" (John 1:1-5 NIV). And if the demons were guilty of dishonest trade, who were they trading with? There were no civilizations on earth in those days.

Adam's control over this world was not forever. He limited it to a few thousand years, and that is the time that Satan had control. Jesus eventually will come back as King of Kings and an angel will throw the devil into Hell for 1,000 years (see Revelation 20:2). So don't be deluded by his fake impostors. They, too, will be destroyed by the Lord. Stay true to Jesus.

Even if you miss the Rapture you can still get to Heaven if you remain true to God throughout the Tribulation (Matthew 24:21 KJV). But it's going to be rough. It's better to be ready when God is ready for the Rapture. It's hard to try to picture what Heaven will be like because it can't be compared with anything on earth. So it's best to start by removing anything that we consider undesirable on earth. There will be no pain. We will not ever get tired or fatigued or bored in Heaven. And all the animals are cute and friendly.

"The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear; their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to Him, and His place of rest will be glorious. In that day the Lord will reach out His hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of His people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the sea" (Isaiah 11:6-11 NIV). **(Continued on Page 4)**



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So don't get discouraged even if it takes a long time of waiting. Jesus will return soon for His beloved church at the time of the Rapture. And we will come back with Him when Satan's time of running the earth is over, and Jesus comes back to reclaim it. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it"* (John 1:1-5 NIV).

Do you want to be invited to the marriage Supper of the Lamb? Jesus is the Lamb who spilt His own blood (as they did in the Old Testament with lambs) so that you have the opportunity to be saved and attend the marriage supper of the Lamb. *"The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for His son. He sent His servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. Then He sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared My dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized His servants, mistreated them and killed them. The King was enraged. He sent His army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then He said to His servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, He noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless. Then the King told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are invited, but few are chosen"* (Matthew 22:2-14 NIV).

Do you want to be invited? It may be that the Jewish religious leaders were invited, but did not come because it wasn't as important to them as earthly things. And the man that got into the wedding without proper wedding attire is a man who didn't think the wedding attire was important. And he decided he was appropriately dressed, when he was not. He thought his way of life was good enough and he needed nothing more. People, nothing is as important as getting to Heaven and the Lord's wedding feast! The King was obviously God and the Bridegroom is obviously Christ. Those mentioned in Matthew in 25:11-13 are the Bride of Christ (see Matthew 25:5, 2 Corinthians 11:2). The point is that the Jewish people were supposed to be the Bride of Christ. But they would not listen to their priests and obey God's laws. God chose Paul the Apostle and Peter the Apostle, to try to teach the Hebrew people God's way. God loves the Jewish people. But they would not disobey their rabbis. And most of them would not accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. So the apostles were given the task of reaching the Jews for Jesus. So God decided to send them to the Gentiles. The man wearing the wrong wedding clothes, is the one who clings to his old wedding teaching and does not repent, but thinks he is righteous enough by his works



alone so that he doesn't need a Redeemer. The only Redeemer available to them is Christ. But it was through the Jewish religious leaders that Christ, their only redeemer is available, He was available to wash away their sins. So Jesus turned the scripture into a parable. It must have been very painful for God to love the Jewish people so much that He was willing to die for them yet be rejected by them so horribly. But the Gentiles would accept Him. Even the Samaritan woman that Jesus met at the well was so impressed with Him that she was willing to accept Him as her Savior. Jesus was tired from the problems of the day. Jesus spoke to her very briefly, and yet she was willing to tell others about Him and gather together a crowd. *"When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.' 'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?' Jesus answered, 'Everyone who*

drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to Him, 'Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.' He told her, 'Go, call your husband and come back.' 'I have no husband,' she replied. Jesus said to her, 'You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.' 'Sir,' the woman said, 'I can see that you are a prophet'" (John 4:7-19 NIV).

The Samaritan woman was so impressed after a short talk with Jesus, that she told her friends and neighbors about Him. *"Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"* They came out of the town and made their way toward Him. *Meanwhile His disciples urged Him, 'Rabbi,*

eat something.' But He said to them, 'I have food to eat that you know nothing about'" (John 4:29-32 NIV). These days we are getting to the time it was spoken of in prophesy when Jesus is coming back for the Rapture of the church and the Jews will be more willing to accept Him as Savior and Lord. Like the Samaritan woman, who noticed something amazing about the Lord, they too are noticing a new kind of excitement in Him that they never felt before. This morning there was a show on television that I watched briefly. I think it was called "Jewish Jesus," and I was glad to see that the Jews are a sign that we are growing closer to the Rapture of the church.

There are Christians these days who don't know anything about the Rapture of the church. And there are those who never knew that they need to be Born Again (see John 3:3). With all the signs of the Lord returning, don't you want to get closer to Him so that you won't be left behind? There's *"...wars and rumors of wars..."* (Mark 13:7 NIV). *"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold"* (Matthew 24:12 KJV). So Remember how close we are to the Rapture of the church (see 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 NIV) and be prepared.