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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

Since the days of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:1-14, 1 John 3:12) there have always been angry conflicts in this world. Battles and wars have been going on since mankind began to populate the earth. However, they were mostly on a localized scale, such as one tribe against another or a few nations battling a few others. Yet things are different these days. For with all the convenience of new technology, the world has become a much smaller place in terms of human influence. We can actually communicate live with someone half a world away, or even in outer space, and see the person we are talking to. These virtual meetings have become especially more popular since the advent of Covid-19. But with the blessing of modern inventions, human nature has not become any less violent. It just has a wider arena in which to do its damage. All the carnal things that we humans, have learned to depend upon are under attack. This includes privacy, personal freedom, election integrity, a truthful press, property rights, and local police. In fact, the unthinkable is happening. These days there are even calls for the police to be defunded to the point of not being able to protect the vulnerable. And, lately, many of those who break the law are given more respect than those who uphold it.

The media can spin the subject any way they like but the Bible says, “Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God’s servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God’s servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience” (Romans 13:1-5 NIV). Submitting means it is wrong to resist arrest.

It’s not hard to feel like George Orwell’s book, “1984” is becoming a reality. “Big Brother” has to be everywhere. In populated areas, you can’t even walk down the street, or look in a store without being under surveillance. Through computer networks, even the most personal of information can be seen by people you don’t even know. American society seems to be in the process of being divided up along economic lines. It is between big corporations, such as those who survived the Covid shutdown, and small, family owned business’ which have gone bankrupt. And big corporations are taking a more active role in politics. For example, Bible Believers Fellowship, Inc. was denied an account on EBAY recently. No proper reason was given, no discussion was allowed. They only stated that they considered us too dangerous. And even children and young adults are being indoctrinated into one way of thinking, which is not only anti-Christian but promotes pagan

religions, as many are being taught in the classrooms of our country. Yet traditional education, that involves reading, writing, math, science, and history are taking a back seat. As a result, many students leaving school do not have basic reading skills.

Sadly, name calling has also become a part of the current political agenda. After the recent State of the Union speech, the rebuttal was given by South Carolina Senator Tim Scott. It was a very good rebuttal. However, Senator Scott, who is an African American, was called an “Uncle Tom” by some on the left who didn’t agree with him. Apparently, it was meant as an insult, by those who believe it refers to a weak, cowering man who let himself be pushed around. Yet those who think that are believing a lie and just showing their ignorance. In the book, “Uncle Tom’s Cabin,” the character of Uncle Tom was a strong, educated, family man who, as the story begins, was the most valuable slave on the plantation. He knew ahead of time that he would be sold, as the man he worked for was deeply in debt.

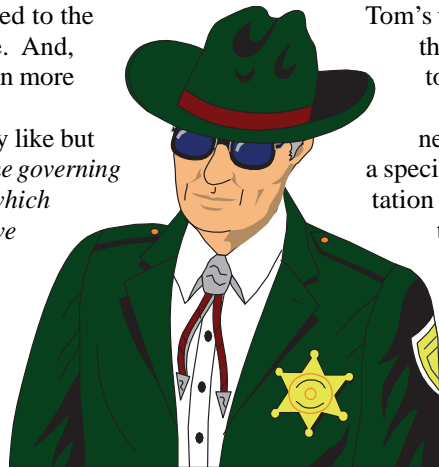
Tom’s wife suggested he run away. However, Tom knew that if he did that all the other slaves would have to be sold in his place. So, he was willing to be sold.

Things were working out well for Tom at the new plantation where he worked. And he developed a special friendship with the young daughter of the plantation owner. Both were strong Christians. However, the plantation owner died and his wife sold Tom once again. This time things did not work out well. He was purchased by a man named Simon Legree. He was a sadistic, brutal man who ordered Tom to flog a female slave who was weak and sickly, so she would work harder. Tom said that would be a wicked thing to do and he refused to comply. He told the owner, “I will work hard for you but you cannot have my soul.”

He knew that belonged to Jesus Christ. Tom knew that if he continued to refuse to whip the woman, it would cost him his life. He bravely stood up to Simon Legree and was killed for his faith. The character of Uncle Tom touched the hearts of so many white Americans that it helped turn the sympathy of many against slavery and precipitated the Civil War.

Those who really know Jesus Christ have the same love, faith, and bravery, as Christ did. Tom is symbolic of the many black men and women before the Civil War, who had become enslaved by warring tribes in Africa. God knew that they would never find out about His love for them and salvation if they remained in that condition. So, just as the Lord brought Joseph to Egypt in chains to save his own people, He brought thousands of African slaves to America where they would learn to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. Because of slavery, Heaven is populated with many black men and women today. As Joseph said to His brothers, “...God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives” (Genesis 50:20 NIV). And the saving of many souls.

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



# Our Christian Legacy

By Anne Kaestner

If you're as tired of bad news in the media lately as I am, let's take a break from all the stress and focus on the blessings Jesus put aside in Heaven for those of us who truly love and serve Him. As the Apostle Paul told the suffering Church in Philippi in his day, "...whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things" (Philippians 4:8 NIV). And when we read about the promises Christ has given us, there is much to get excited about. It's the devil who wants to make us gloomy and depressed. He's running this world with all the problems that go with it (Ephesians 2:2). And he wants to get you agitated so that you will commit some terrible sin and lose your relationship with God. That way you would suffer the same fate that awaits the devil in hell (see Revelation 20:10). Those who go there will continue to feel pain "where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched. Everyone will be salted with fire" (Mark 9:48-49 NIV). That's Satan's legacy (Revelation 20:10).

However, the legacy for the true child of God will be something to look forward to. As Paul told the church he had started in Corinth, Greece, "...it is written: 'No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him'—but God has revealed it to us by His Spirit..." (1 Cor. 2:9-10 NIV). Jesus said that we will have all kinds of troubles in this current world. So, don't let yourself get discouraged or give up hope. As for this temporary world, Jesus told His followers, "...in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33 NIV). We have so much to gladly anticipate when we go home to God! Jesus said, "In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:2-3 KJV).

I like the song that John Starnes sings, "Don't Give Up On The Child Of God" by Joseph Larson. The lyrics say: "Don't give up on the child of God, he'll be there when the battle is over. He will make it through the storm, find his way through the darkest night. Don't give up on the child of God, He's the one who God is keeping. Don't give up, don't give up on the child of God. Weep your tears for others. We don't need your sorrow. We are held by a mighty hand, the hand that holds tomorrow. We have stood through every test, and every situation. We stand on His mighty word, a mighty firm foundation. You may wonder why we smile when we are sometimes in affliction. But you see we have more than human hands. For I know the great physician. The reason that we stood the test and over mountains soar. Over every circumstance you know Jesus Christ is Lord."

This world is not going to be around much longer anyway. It may seem like it's taking a long time for Jesus to come back and for our new world to come together. "The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.

That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness" (2 Peter 3:9-13 NIV). Most likely the Apostle Paul was speaking about himself when he said, "I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell" (2 Corinthians 12:2-4 NIV).

The inspiration for this article came from the song, by Dottie Rambo, entitled, "I've Never Been This Homesick Before." The words are: "There's a light in the window, the table's spread in splendor. Someone's standing by the open door. I can see the crystal river, Lord I must be near forever. Lord, I've never been this homesick before. Let's see the bright light shine, it's just about home time. And I can see my Father standing at the door. This world's been a wilderness, I'm ready for deliverance. Oh Lord, I've never been this homesick before. I can see the family gather, sweet faces stand so familiar. No one's old or feeble anymore, and though this lonesome heart is crying, I think I'll spread my wings for flying. Lord, I've never been this homesick before."

On May 11, 2008 Dottie Rambo finally got her wish to go home to Heaven. While on her tour bus heading toward Texas for a Mother's Day concert, her bus crashed killing her instantly. The crash took place in Mt. Vernon, Missouri. The other 6 passengers survived with injuries, including her manager Larry Ferguson and his family. Dottie is at last with Jesus. We can only imagine the glories she has seen so far in Heaven. There is no sickness, no aging, no injuries, no misery there. There is just joy, peace, and love. That's why Jesus told us not to let our hearts crave the things of this

world. For they are not going to last! He said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21 NIV). This world is eventually going to be burnt up to a crisp, and will disappear forever anyway. So, "do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever" (1 John 2:15-17 NIV).

What will Heaven be like? It was made by the same Creator who designed all the beautiful and amazing things of this world, before mankind corrupted it. That includes glorious landscapes, the waterfalls, the fish, the cute little animals, the mountains, streams, flowers, trees, and rainbows. And there will be horses here. Jesus will return on a white horse, when He kicks the devil and his cohorts out of this world (Revelation 19:11). And those of us who were redeemed by Christ (Job 19:25-26, 1 Peter 1:18), and living in Heaven, will be following Him (Revelation 19:14). Dottie may have already seen "...the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1 NIV). She has probably seen the



great street of the city, and the glories of that city, New Jerusalem (see Hebrews 12:22-23). As the Apostle John described it, “*On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations*” (Revelation 22:2 NIV). “*No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him. They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever*” (Revelation 22:3-5 NIV).

There will be no pain, misery, or violence in that city. “*Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes*” (Revelation 7:16-17 NIV). That city is in Heaven right now. However, God will eventually transport it down to earth along with all the redeemed residents who live there. John describes it this way, “*Then I saw a new Heaven and a new Earth, for the first Heaven and the first Earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’ He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’...”* (Revelation 21:1-5 NIV).

If some of the Bible language sounds strange to you, it is because God uses figurative language to describe spiritual things. That’s because He doesn’t want those who do not respect such things to understand their meaning (John 16:25). He doesn’t want that which is holy to be sneered at or ridiculed by those unworthy to hear it. Jesus told His disciples, “*Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and then turn and tear you to pieces*” (Matthew 7:6 NIV). However, when scripture says the Lamb was on the throne (Revelation 5:6,13), it is referring to Jesus (John 1:29), who had no sin, but was sacrificed for our sins, as lambs were sacrificed in Old Testament days, to push back the human’s sin. Jesus paid it all. That’s why lambs no longer need to be sacrificed. When the Bible talks about the Word of God, most people think that it is referring to the Bible. Although the Bible is the written word of God, Jesus Christ, God’s “*...only begotten Son...*” (1 John 4:9 KJV) is the living Word of God (John 1:1-4). And when it talks about New Jerusalem being “*prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband,*” it is talking about the citizens of New Jerusalem, the church, the “Bride of Christ.”

In the same manner, the Bride of Christ (Matthew 25:10, Ephesians 5:25-32), that will exist in Heaven, will be brought down to the new, remade earth, the way an earthly bride is transported to her wedding in a limousine. In this new city, New Jerusalem, Satan won’t be running things, as he is currently on earth. Satan will be locked up in hell for a thousand years. John wrote, “*And I saw an angel coming down out of Heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time*” (Revelation

20:1-3 NIV). That time will be for the testing of ordinary people who will be living there.

Our Lord Jesus Christ will be doing for a thousand years what Adam was supposed to have done originally, rule the earth (1 Corinthians 15:45-49). At that time, things will be exceptionally peaceful because, “*...with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be His belt and faithfulness the sash around His waist. 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 [Jesus] will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to Him, and His place of rest will be glorious*” (Isaiah 11:4-10 NIV). Obviously, there will be natural people born during that time, or there couldn’t be any children. The redeemed in Christ are going to be there helping the Lord rule the earth. In fact, we will come back as conquering heroes with Christ when He destroys the devil’s kingdom on earth. I believe we will be a part of His army in Heaven. We will have new solid bodies by then, which we will acquire during the Rapture of the church (1 Corinthians 15:51-57, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). We will truly be Christian soldiers for the Lord (2 Timothy 2:3)!

When Jesus returns to destroy the power of the devil and his helpers, as John saw the future, “*The armies of heaven were following Him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of His mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. ‘He will rule them with an iron scepter.’ He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On His robe and on His thigh He has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS*” (Revelation 19:14-16 NIV). The oppressors of the church will be slaughtered by Christ.

They will be the ones who will persecute all those Christians who were not found worthy to go up in the Rapture when Jesus returns in the clouds (Matthew 24:30, 1 Thessalonians 4:17). The ones left behind are, metaphorically, represented as the foolish virgins (Matthew 25:1-12) who don’t have enough oil in their lamps (Holy Spirit) when Jesus comes back for His bride (compare Matthew 7:21-25 with Matthew 25:10-13), during the Rapture. They will probably have to go through part of the Tribulation.

The Tribulation is mentioned in Revelation. It is God’s judgment on this wicked world (Revelation 6:16-17). Those who accept Christ after the Rapture and are left behind to go through the Tribulation, will not accept the mark of the beast (Antichrist), and will be “*...beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years*” (Revelation 20:4-6 NIV).

Mankind has been trying to get into Heaven another way, without Christ, for thousands of years. Even in the days of Nimrod, they thought they could build a tower tall enough to reach into Heaven (Genesis 11:4). They failed, because God does not want sinful man to corrupt His home. Moreover, “*...flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit*” (Continued On Page 4)



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*the imperishable*” (1 Corinthians 15:50 NIV). The only way we can get there is through repentance of our sins to God (not your religious leader), and asking God for forgiveness through the shed blood of His Son, Jesus Christ (Matthew 6:9-13, 1 Timothy 2:5-6). The reason why you won’t find Heaven in this world is because Heaven is not just on another planet, but another dimension. When Lazarus, a righteous man, died Jesus said, “...*the angels carried him to Abraham’s side...*” (Luke 16:22 NIV).

Abraham was in Past Paradise, a waiting area where the righteous who died waited for Jesus to pay for their sins. It was next to Hell, but it was a place of refreshment. When Jesus died on the cross, He descended into Past Paradise (Luke 23:43) and freed those waiting for Him. Then He ascended into Heaven with them (Ephesians 4:8-10). What a time of total ecstasy that must have been! So only our Redeemer, Jesus Christ can get you to Heaven (Job 19:25-27, 1 Timothy 2:5-6). Do you wonder how angels move around? It’s the same way that we will travel when we get to Heaven. I’m talking about thought power. I have experienced this in a dream I had long ago. It was like the lens of a camera moving back and forth.

When my Mother-in Law was dying in 1998, we had the joy of telling her that we would see her again. For she had come to Jesus just five days earlier. I had never seen her more happy than the day I led her through the sinner’s pray. And I’ll see my paternal grandmother too, who prayed me into the kingdom (Mathew 4:17).

I believe she asked God to do whatever it took to bring me to salvation. It took six years of severe pain and physical misery in her body for Him to do so. For she had terminal lung cancer. The diagnosis was made in 1958. She made medical history at the hospital! Even these days people don’t live that long with lung cancer. But she asked God to let her see her grandchildren before she died. I was born in England because my British mother, who was a war bride, refused to return to the United States after going back to England to visit her family. Rather than be without her, my dad moved to England to be with her. He remained there for nine years, during which time I was born. Grandma had seen me as a baby, when she traveled to England for my birth. And her prayers for my salvation went up to Heaven as a sweet aroma to God (Revelation 5:8).

When my Dad found out about his mother’s cancer he returned to New York right away. Mother was supposed to follow him, but she kept hoping that after his mother died, he would return to England. Mother sent me to Sunday School in England, but I never learned that I needed to be “born again” (John 3:3) in order to get to Heaven. The assumption was that because England was considered a Christian country at that time, that we would all get to Heaven, as long as we didn’t become evil. Yet Jesus told His own disciples that they were evil (Luke 11:13). The letters between my mother and dad continued regularly, and Dad told mother he would not return to England. Mother would not budge. Two years went past and Grandma continued to live in great pain. Finally, Dad threatened to sue for divorce. Mother finally acquiesced and brought my sister, brother, and me to America. Two years later I accepted Christ as my Savior and Lord at Ridgewood Pentecostal Church in Queens, New York. I was ten years old. Grandma was thrilled! God had found a way to answer her many prayers. She was also the first one to tell me that I would have a ministry. I went upstairs to her apartment one day and found her in great joy. She told me that God had spoken to her and told her that He would give me a worldwide ministry. Grandma lived a few more years. When she had surgery a



short time before she died, the doctors were astounded. Not only did she have lung cancer but she also had peritonitis and gangrene! I was twelve years old when Grandma went home to Jesus. Later that year I received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11-12, Acts 2:1-18, 19:1-7).

I hope I will sit near Grandma at the “Marriage Supper of the Lamb” in Heaven someday! It will be wonderful to see her again! And she will be healthy, youthful, and cancer free, as will all those who are found worthy to be at that marriage supper (Revelation 19:9). Best yet, there won’t be any pain, misery, or torment anymore. That will be reserved for Satan, and everyone whose name is not written in God’s book of life (Revelation 20:15). Jesus will destroy all our enemies who chose to war against Him. He is our champion, our real hero! “*Out of His mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. ‘He will rule them with an iron scepter.’ He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty*” (Revelation 19:15 NIV). The term “winepress” refers to blood. In fact, Jesus won’t be coming back as a suffering Savior anymore. He will be very angry at Satan and all those who have been helping him. His fury will be so great that, with the help of angels, the blood will spill so much that it will be as if it is put through a heavenly winepress. The “grapes” in the winepress represent bad fruit (Matthew 7:16-20, Galatians 5:19-26). “*The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God’s wrath. They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses’ bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia*” (Revelation 14:19-20 NIV).

What lots of Christians fail to understand is that many who expect to be there will miss out!

Jesus said, “*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!’*” (Matthew 7:21-23 NIV). Many were in-

invited, especially religious leaders. But worldly things were of greater importance to them. This sounds a lot like the Lord’s parable.

“*The kingdom of Heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for His Son. He sent His servants [prophets] 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). Repentant sinners like Mary Magdalene (Luke 8:2, 7:37-48) and tax collectors, like Matthew/Levi (see Matthew 9:9-13) will be there. Will you?