



**“In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer;
I have overcome the world” John 16:33b**

**Periodical Message
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A Word from us,

Are we still harassed with evil attacks and rumours and feel stressed and losing sight? Are we thinking more of Corona...but not His Crown? Well, that is the ‘normal’ of the world today, but we should have confidence in our Lord Jesus Christ and His word. In the time of troubles, we should encourage one another, praying for those ‘members’ who are weak and reaching to those who need help. The Lord promised to be a refuge in the time of troubles; dear believer in Jesus, use the offer and don’t be ashamed to cry “Save me Lord!” as Peter did. The holy Bible says “The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble” Psalm 9:9. Please remember and CLAIM that for yourself.

**Yours in the Lord,
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**A Word according to the
Guidance of the Holy Spirit**

Christ’ love and its depth and length,

Most of those who go through trials in life, forget about what the Scripture says like “My brethren, **count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations.** Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing” James 1:2-4.

They seem stressed, desperate and not knowing what to do; which is understandable BUT as believers in Jesus Christ, they should always run to Him. We need to make it a natural habit to trust in and run to our Lord Jesus when we face temptation, because He ALONE can ‘manage’ it. I read or heard so many true stories telling about people, who were trying by all means, to help those whom they love; though they try their best, they always fail. When a building was on fire one mother tried to ‘save’ her little son...by throwing him out of the window; of course she meant it good, but with which price!!

The world is full with true stories like this, but the end of it never true and real success.

Every time I hear or read about such people and their efforts to help loved ones, it just reminds me of the lengths to which our Lord went through to deliver us “Who hath delivered us from the power/domain of darkness, and hath translated/brought us into the Kingdom of His dear Son(The Kingdom of Light!)” Colossians 1:13

Certainly only God the Father knows the depths to which Jesus went to redeem us. Do you know the Apostles’ Creed well enough? Well, I encourage you to read it again, because it tells us that Jesus “descended into hades” to rescue us. And there are numerous Scriptures in the Bible to back up that; I’ll mention but some of them:

1. “When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his

spoils” Luke 11:21-22 —

I want you, dear believer, to see the two great weapons of the Lord Jesus’ testimony which are shewn forth, namely, casting out demons, and the authority of His Word. Our Lord Jesus had manifested the power that cast out demons; they attributed it to the prince of the demons! **Nevertheless He had bound the strong man; He had spoiled his goods; and this proved that the kingdom of God was indeed come.** In such a case as this, God being come to deliver man, everything took its true place; everything was either of the devil, or of the Lord.

2. “He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that **His soul was not left in hell**, neither His flesh did see corruption” Acts 2:31—this indicates that His Soul **MUST** have been in hell **BUT** it was **NOT** left there. So He **WAS** there, proving that the depth of His love is difficult to fathom!

3. “Wherefore He saith ‘When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men (**Now that He ascended, what is it but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth/hades?**)” Ephesians 4:8-9

4. “For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit. **By which also He went and preached unto the spirits in prison.** Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water”

1 Peter 3:18-20 – didn’t He speak to the people in Noah’s time?!

5. “For, **for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead**, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit” 1 Peter 4:6

Of course we have to admit that the phrase in the Apostles’ Creed ‘He descended into hades’ is disputed among theologians. But one thing is clear: Jesus endured both the judgments of God and the wrath of God which should have fallen on us. This is why the New Testament writers referred to Jesus as God’s propitiation (Greek Hilasterion or Hilasmos) or satisfaction for our sins. The Bible tells us “Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God” Romans 3:25. And also “And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world” 1 John 2:2. And finally this: “As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God” 1 John 4:10

In other words, Jesus is the sacrifice that fully and forever satisfies God’s justice and quenches His wrath. To accomplish this, Jesus had to have been judged in our place; we who in reality were the ones who’ve committed the sins and thus deserve the punishment...and should landed in HELL!

Dear brother, know this, the Lord Jesus had to suffer the equivalent of eternity in the lake of fire for multiplied billions of guilty sinners; how terrible it might have been for HIM...and He was the **ONLY ONE** without sin! Only because of His deity could He accomplish it in the three days between the crucifixion and the resurrection; what love...oh, what mystery.

Dear believer, you should know the extent of Christ’s suffering; it was portrayed by every burnt offering of the Old Testament that was consumed in flames. I want **YOU** to note how God told Moses **NOT** to boil the Passover lamb or to eat its flesh raw, but rather to roast it with fire (“And they shall eat the flesh in that night, **roast with fire**, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, **but roast with fire**; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof” Exodus 12:8-9)

Did you know that the flames of the altar pictured the wrath of God? And it came upon Jesus... Please note what John the Baptist’s words means “Christ will gather the grain into His barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire” (Matthew 3:12). In a real sense, Jesus did descend into the fires of hell to save us.

And consider this, just as those who committed violent crimes, did not deserve the love or labors of their relatives or families, on their behalf - they were probably murderers, thieves...etc. neither do we merit anything of what Jesus did for us. As Paul the Apostle wrote: “For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us**” Romans 5:6-8—sometimes I feel **SO** sad that my Saviour, my Lord Jesus, had to endure **ALL** of hell’s fire, because I **WAS** the sinner!

The Word of God tells us: “But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners,

Christ died for us” Romans 5:8 -- Brother, when we were UTTERLY helpless, hopeless and perishing, and had no chance at all, Christ came at just the very right time and died for us sinners...for ME!

I believe most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, no matter how upright is he, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. Please try to ask yourself ‘Am I especially GOOD according to God’s standard?!’ Amazingly, and YES, it is mind blowing to me, and should be for everyone, that God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were STILL SINNERS. Oh, yes, we were not only living in sin, but WANT to commit sin DAILY; not caring about God and His Law AND encouraging others to do the same!

I believe in our daily life we see THAT happening around us, in our community, in our family and even in the Church; isn’t shocking to see people, perverted in their minds defending the murder of innocent unborn babies? Isn’t mind blowing to hear those perverted in their mind and the way the live, to justify even pedophilia? Isn’t frightening to see millions DENYING that Jesus was crucified?!

Still the greatest news though is, Jesus never fails; He didn’t fail at the cross, in hades, or from rising triumphantly from the tomb. He will never fail to keep us from stumbling through all the storms of life and then present us blameless in heaven before His Glorious Presence with great joy; as it is written: “Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.” Jude 24-25.

What do you think, dear believer, how deep is the love of Christ towards you after all what you read? How far are you willing to go with Him? And are you willing to CHANGE your attitude towards others? Yes, Jesus died for THEM too...and His love towards them is amazing. Reach out and tell them about it!

Prayer Ideas

1. May the Holy Spirit guide you to pray with us; oh, dear Lord Jesus, thank You for enduring the fires of hell to redeem me from Satan’s power and destruction. Grant, oh, dear Lord, that I will never neglect so great a salvation nor outlive my love for so great a Savior. Open my eyes, dear Jesus, to the depths You descended and the agony You suffered for my sake. Strengthen my faith, dear Lord, in You and my commitment to You. Amen.
2. Knowing that the Lord is with us and He is fighting to defend us, we want to thank Him; so say ‘Thank you Jesus for your faithfulness; thank you for your love; thank you for never failing to defend and provide for us. Help us, oh, Jesus, to love others, especially from the ‘Household of God’ and ‘Our enemies’ as you loved us. Change our world, Lord, through our love towards the brethren and encourage believers to let YOU fill and guide them daily’ Amen.
3. Because of what is going on in the world, with the so-called Pandemic and else, people are losing hope and are confused; we rebuke the spirit of confusion, in Jesus mighty name, and claim YOUR Light, Lord Jesus, to shine upon people in order to see The Way. We claim guidance according to your will, trusting the Holy Spirit to bring us to the ‘safe shore’ Do NOT let’s be like the world, desperate, confused and without hope, oh, dear Jesus; instead remind your people— remind US -- that YOU are their/our hope.
4. Your Word teaches us: “In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and His children shall have a place of refuge” Proverb 14:26 – that we should have strong confidence in YOU and should fear you alone. Help, oh, Lord and guide us DAILY on your ways. Do NOT let our troubles, stress or even fear drive us away from you or your Word.
5. Yes, TEN long years of service, evangelizing and more from our Mission House in Erbil were great, but we believe that the Lord has STILL greater things to come and they will be done from the NEW Mission House. We ask our Jesus in faith to help us to be established in Ainkawa, the Christian Area of Erbil, Iraq. First of all we ask for neighbours who are peaceful, Christians and loving in order to serve in peace. We want to ask you, Lord Jesus also for provision; every dollar we are paying for the NEW Mission House is needed. Yes, you promised to provide for us, but we need more on all levels; the area is expensive, new workers/helpers are needed as well as new furniture. Join our prayer, if led by the Spirit, and claim provision for us and all other needs.
6. We received reports from our Team in Lebanon concerning the terrible explosion on August, 4th that destroyed most of Beirut, Lebanon. Pray with us, first of all, for the Lebanese people, for Lebanon and their future. Ask the Lord to use the current situation and disaster to reveal the truth about politicians, parties, religious leaders and else. Ask the Lord to protect the country from foreign powers; many are willing to ‘help’ but in reality want to exploit the Lebanese and their country. We ask you to join us and to

PRAY and also encourage others to join you.

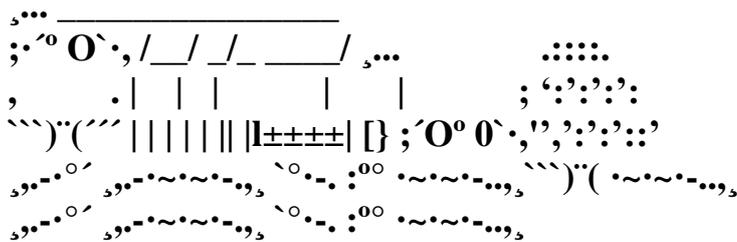
7. Your word encourages us to pray for the poor and fatherless “Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. “Psalm 82:3 Your Word says– yes, there are SO many who need you, Lord Jesus. We pray for them and ask you to stand with them in this time of loss, stress and despair. We are claiming for them Salvation, through knowing you. You promised to be here for those who seek you; we ask you Lord to reach out and touch them. Change their heart oh, Saviour by convicting them of sin. We know you don’t want any to perish, thus we claim salvation for many of those whom we’ve reached with the Gospel and to whom we preached Christ as Saviour AND Judge.

8. As last prayer we just want to thank you, as Ministry, for keeping us and ALL our Team members protected and healthy, despite the so-called ‘Pandemic’ and the Corona Virus. Thank you Lord for keeping the liberated Christian territory in Iraq Covid-Free...hallelujah!

Finally we encourage you in the name of Jesus to keep the Word, live the Calling and continue serving in a humble heart WITHOUT fear. Don’t ever forget your joy in the Lord no matter what might happen---He will never fail you.

We also ask you, dear Saints, to forward our Messages to as many people as you can, whether believers or else with many thanks. We would love to visit you, if invited to your Church, Prayer Group or else and share our testimony with all the Saints or hear from you. Please let’s know through an E-mail containing a phone number to send a message to or even call you back. We will be waiting for your Feedback or commentaries too. What did the Message tell you and what did the Holy Spirit teach you through it? If you want us to pray for you, or for somebody else, please let us know and we will pass the name/s over to our 24/7 Prayer Team-Jesus Highland Prayer House- JHPH.

Have a \\\^I^// Blessed Day



Built on the Rock: JESUS CHRIST THE LORD

“Choose this day whom you will serve, As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”

Joshua 24.15

“...I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me”

Micah 7:7

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