

March 29, 1985

Salvation

Dear Paul and Jeannie,

Thank you for your letter to us letting us know how you both are doing. We are glad that you two were able to take a few days out of your busy lives to spend some time with us here at Tabitha's Place. We hoped that your visit here would make a lasting imprint upon your lives, resulting in your salvation. We love you and hope that you will see the value of eternal life, and find the joy of salvation.

Elbert was burdened to write this letter to you, hoping that you both will take the time to really go over the following things, which he has written to you. You will need to use your Bible and to really make an effort to understand what Elbert had upon his heart to say to you...

...It is truly from a genuine concern and a sincere love for both of you that I write this letter today. In my heart I have felt compelled by the Holy Spirit to share these things, desiring that they would be received as Good News, a sweet aroma unto salvation. For so they are to all those who are being saved.

The gospel is good news because it shows one how to be saved from all of God's wrath and judgment. He desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim 2:4). He wishes that none would perish but that all would come to repentance (2 Pet 3:9-10). This is His desire and that is why He has instituted the full gospel. The good news recorded in the first four books of the New Testament is the gospel of the kingdom. Yahshua himself in Mk 1:14-15 came preaching this good news saying that the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe in the gospel. The good news is *Good News* not bad news. You seem to think it is bad news or "hard to swallow," but it is the full gospel that must be taken in for there to be healing and salvation — not just swallowing the part that suits your fancy. The good news is the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Yahshua. A fragrance are His messengers to one an aroma from death to death, to another an aroma from life to life. The message cannot be received without receiving its messengers. So are you among those who are being saved or those

perishing? (2 Cor 2:14-16; 1 Cor 1:18-29; 2:7-10,14). A person is saved by believing in and trusting upon the Son – obeying the gospel fully. What does that mean? It means that a person must totally adhere to, trust and rely on Yahshua. It is total leaning of one's entire personality in faith and confidence upon Yahshua. Only when one obeys the gospel in this way is the Holy Spirit given. Acts 2:38-47 speaks about the fruit being given when there is repentance and forgiveness. Verse 38 specifically states that it is then that you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. When a person is saved it is within the Body of Messiah (in Him) as John 3:15 states. You can't get *in Him* outside of His Body — the one that one is baptized into (1 Cor 12:13). Only by this act of faith does one put on Messiah (Gal 3:27).

I speak not in words taught by human wisdom but with those by the Spirit — not the spirit of this present dying world, but the Spirit who is from God and knows the thoughts of God, in order that we might know the things freely given to us by God (1 Cor 2:10). He is the same eternal Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey His Son Yahshua (Acts 5:32).

He has come into the world to convict the world of their sin – unbelief. He bears the testimony that only in Yahshua, whom God has exalted to His right hand as Prince and Savior, can repentance be granted and sins be forgiven. It is upon a person receiving this truthful eyewitness who is from God and being convicted of his sin by Him that repentance can come about. This is a repentance that leads a person to change radically — the very root, origin and foundation of his life. In other words, it requires a total abandonment of his life, relinquishing it, and dying in the waters of baptism to his old life, and being raised up to a new life in His Body, permitting the Holy Spirit to come in and make His eternal dwelling place in him. This alone brings reconciliation to the Father, bringing fellowship with Him. In light of all of this, how could it be that you possibly do have communion with the Father?

This same Spirit is the truth and He bears witness of the truth. His testimony is in agreement with the water and the blood as recorded in 1 Jn 5:8-13. It is a fact that is confirmed by the testimony of three witnesses (2 Cor 13:1). This is enough to convict a lawyer of the crime of rejecting the testimony of God. Do you feel that without the utter abandonment of your life

you can nullify the righteousness of God by going around the cross and that the only true and righteous judge can accept your criminal life, full of sin and rebellion against Him and His law?

Paul and Jeannie, in what way and in what facsimile (exact copy) have you obeyed Him yet? In what way and in what facsimile have you denied yourself and taken up your cross and followed Him as He called for in Mt 16:24-26? What life have you given up in order to have eternal life? Whoever has the Son has the life (1 Jn 5:11), so how did you get the Son without obeying Him? (Jn 3:36). And if you were to read 1 John, would you still believe you had eternal life? 1 Jn 5:13 — Why is it that you feel you have done all the things the gospel requires for salvation and eternal life in the same manner as did the rich young ruler in Mk 10:17-30? Have you considered what 1 Jn 5:13 is really talking about? Can you take time enough apart from your own pleasures and business to read His saving words? It is speaking about eternal life. What can be compared with the value of eternal life? Also if you read Mt 16:24-26, and especially verse 27, what deeds are you doing better than the ones in Mt 7:21-23? And what kind of foundation are you building upon — sand or rock? For the day will come when all this that is recorded in Mt 7:21-27 will happen in your lifetime.

Mt 7:13-14 states that there is a broad road and a narrow road. Which one are you building on? I write these things because I love you and I want you to see. I hope that in your case all we can say is not like a parable to you (Mt 13:13-58).

There are two groups of people¹ — those who do not obey the gospel (Jn 3:36; 2 Ths 1:8-10) and those who do obey the gospel and are sealed on their foreheads (Rev 7:1-3; 9:1-6). The letter to the church in Thessalonica (2 Ths 1) was to a people who were worthy of the kingdom because they were suffering together (verse 5) as part of one another, living together and dying together, obeying the gospel. They were in the temple of the church (Body) where one lives and not merely visits once in a while when it's convenient. It is the House of Yahweh, the only house that has a High Priest over it (Heb 10:21). There is no way one can serve in this house as a priest

¹ That is, among those who have heard the gospel, so as to obey or disobey it.

outside of the temple of the Body of Messiah. These people were knowing Yahweh and were having an intimate knowledge of Him in their midst. This is the only place where He dwells and where we can have communion and peace with God. Yahshua told the Pharisees, the hypocrites, that they thought they had peace with God too, and that God was their Father, but it was all along an evil spirit that was giving them consolation and justification of their flesh. They were men who ignored God, living as though he did not exist, yet giving lip service that He does exist. They disobeyed the gospel and paid no attention to it as to repent (Acts 2:38-47).

There is a people, though, whom you know about who have left everything for Yahshua's sake and for the gospel's sake, and who are denying themselves — not just *things*, but *selves* (Mk 10:28-29).

What about you, Paul, and you, Jeannie? What category do you fit into? Are you of those who ignore God and have no intimate knowledge of Him? Or are you of those who disobey and do not take heed of the gospel? (Rom 1:16; 2 Ths 1:9-10).

There is much you do know and much more you don't know and you will ignore in order to go your own way, down the broad road that leads to destruction (Mt 7:13-14). Have you ever considered how close it is to the end of this age? What do you see according to Lk 21:29-33? The generation "that sees these things won't pass away until all these things come about." So be on guard for the things that verse 34 warns you of. Are you ready for what Yahshua speaks of in Lk 21 — events that you have seen in past history like the first and second world wars? You personally today have seen the unjust persecution upon the Body of Messiah. The true church, the very Body of Messiah, will always be known or considered a cult or sect (Acts 28:22). It was so in Paul's day and so it is also in ours. Even down through history the true Body of Messiah is always persecuted (Mk 10:30; Jn 15:18-22).

Today is like the days of Noah as spoken in Mt 24:37-44. The ark of the Body of Messiah is being built up and here we are preaching to you to help in its construction and to get on board. How will you, standing alone and outside of His Body, the Ark, be able to stand in the presence of the Son of Man without vigilantly and unceasingly praying so that you will be able to pass

through and escape the impending events which are about to happen. None will escape, not even those tucked securely in their alternatively-heated house (Lk 21:36).

The gospel, if believed on and trusted in and adhered to, can deliver you from this impending destruction (Rev 22:15) and allow you to enter the Holy City by one of its gates (Rev 22:14). This is a city with twelve gates and twelve apostles (Rev 21:2,8,12-14, 19-21). Which jewel designates the tribe you have entered into by its gate? Which door did you strive to enter in by? (Lk 13:24). Nothing unclean and no one who is immoral shall ever come into this city, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. Are you following Him? (Rev 14:1-4; Mt 16:24-26). No one but disciples can enter one of those gates. Only those who forfeit their lives (abandon their fondest dreams, hopes and desires) can enter in one of those gates.

Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and all the immoral persons, fornicators, murders and idolaters and everyone who loves and practices lying (everyone who is partaking in the judicial and political system — yes, even lawyers, for you cannot be a lawyer in the world system without practicing lying; Rev 22:27; 13:15). Those who enter that city will be those in whom no lie was found in their mouth. Everyone in the judicial and political system must accept the Mark of the Beast (Rev 13:8,16,17; 14:11). All who dwell on the earth will worship Him, all whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of Life (Rev 13:8; 14:9-11). How are you going to get out of it if you are now drawing your life from that system? If you are not receiving a love of the truth today, you will be turned over to a deluding influence so that you will believe what is false. You will find yourself persecuting the very Body of Messiah. The world ruler who is coming will give to everyone who does not receive the love of the truth his very own mark (Rev 13:13-18). Unless you want to end up there, you must come out and be saved from this wicked and perverse generation. You must become a part of the kingdom which is coming and is now being raised up on the earth (Dan 2:44; Rev 11:15).

I hope you have endured in this letter and you will take time to look into the many scriptures from God's word, so that you will see where you are and so you can see what to repent

from and what to believe in. You must believe in the truth. Yahshua said, “My word is truth.” As he said, “Unless you eat My flesh and drink my blood you have no life in you. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life and I shall raise him up on the last day” (Jn 6:53-54).

You can only hear Him and fellowship with Him in a place where He lives and speaks... (Rev 3:20-22 — “to the churches”). This is the word of God.

Since you two have been here in Sus you have been upon many people’s hearts here. There have been many prayers offered up before our Father on your behalf. Every time we have had contact with the U.S. we have asked about you. We are eager to hear any news of you. We know that this interest in you is coming forth from the heart of our Father. He cares very much for both of you. We greatly appreciate all the time and effort you and Jeannie have put forth in our behalf and for our defense. We have prayed that our Father would bless you for your kindness to Israel. His greatest blessing would surely be your salvation. For that we pray much.

Please keep in touch with us if you can. Hopefully, the words of this letter will ring true in your hearts.

It is in the name of our beloved Savior Yahshua that we write this letter to you today...

With much love in Him, Elbert