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“But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.” 1 Jn 3:2

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As many of us *seniors near finals for graduation*, Bob at 76 has had quadruple by-pass 15 years ago, and Geri at 73 has had 6 months of chemo for peritoneal cancer, we eagerly look forward to *our “new bodies”* as we leave these deteriorating bodies to enter heaven. We look forward to the *glorious reunion with loved ones and embracing our Savior Jesus face-to-face*. But it won't be too long after that, that we *leave heaven* and follow Jesus and the other believers to *return to this renewed earth* as Jesus ends the Great Tribulation to establish the 1,000 year period called the millennium. This letter is meant to eliminate fears of transferring from *our earth* suit to a heavenly *new body*.

THE MILLENNIUM, part 1, 1824

Why learn about the millennium now? Pastor **David Jeremiah**, founder of *Turning Point* radio and TV, says, “There **must be** a millennium so we can *live out our rewards* based on *work we've done on earth*.” So we can live our lives with decisions and actions that will be rewarded in the millennium. There will be NO elections in the millennium since all office holders, governors, judges, pastors, etc., will be appointed by Jesus for work done now.

Jesus will come back riding on a white horse with us behind him to rule from Jerusalem as the *King of Kings* that believers had *hoped* he would do in his earthly body the *first time* he was on earth. Jesus will grant believers *the privilege* of sharing in His rule over the earth. **Who** will we rule over? The people who *took the mark* of the beast and all those unsaved will **not** be in the millennium. This means that the *first generation* of millennial inhabitants will **all be believers**. Only those who are saved and survived the incredible destruction of the *Great Tribulation* will enter the millennium. (See Tony Evans below in millennium part 2.)

What will it look like *when all sin is removed and Satan* and his demonic hordes are chained up in hell?

Imagine deserts blooming, lions as vegetarians, living in an invincible glorified body just as Jesus has.

- ❑ There will be *great peace* among people and nations. There will be **unbelievable prosperity!** “*The desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, even with joy and singing.*” Isa 35
- ❑ “*In that day the wolf and the lamb will dwell together; the leopard will lie down with the baby goat. The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion, and a little child will lead them all.*” Isa 11:6
- ❑ “*Never again will there be an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child.*” Isa 65:20

This will be **paradise on earth!** This will look like the *Garden of Eden* before sin ruined it. The lion will eat straw like the ox. We will be in glorified bodies like Jesus's body after he was resurrected. Our bodies now are not designed to last very long. We are wasting away, wearing out, in these temporary bodies of death. (2nd Cor 4) Our new bodies will be **eternal bodies that won't grow old, or ever get sick, or die.**

We will have sharper minds, stronger bodies (without working out!) and greater abilities and resources. The millennium will be an exhilarating time of happiness and JOY! Hooray! Can't wait!!

The expert on the Biblical scriptures of *Heaven* is **Randy Alcorn**, founder of *Eternal Perspectives Ministries* and author of over 60 books on heaven – translated into 70 languages, selling over 12 million copies, says, “Our resurrected bodies will be like Jesus's body with **flesh and bones**. No blood is necessary.”

When Jesus appeared, the disciples **touched him, and he ate food to show he wasn't a ghost**. We won't be *disembodied spirits* floating on clouds! NO! Randy Alcorn says, “We will live forever in **physical bodies!** This is great news! We don't need to worry about *this old decaying body* but look forward to **YOUR NEW BODY!**” A **resurrected body is the very definition of a real PHYSICAL BODY!** That's what a resurrected body **means!**

By *definition* a resurrected body means a **physical** body, right? If it's not a physical body, it's *not a resurrected body* and a resurrection is *meaningless*. That why Jesus said to His apostles, “**Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do.**” Lk 24:39

As two men were walking on the road to Emmaus, Jesus in His **resurrected body** came up and walked with them. Although they were **kept from recognizing him, he still looked like a physical man, not a ghost**. He asked them, “What are you discussing?” *They stood still*, their faces downcast. “Are you only a visitor and don't know what has been happening?” “What things?” Jesus asked. They told how Jesus had been crucified but that some women didn't find His body in the tomb. The women had seen a vision of angels who said **he was alive**.

Jesus said, “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. And beginning with Moses he explained to them what was said in the Scriptures concerning himself. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks and broke it and began to give it to them. Then their *eyes were opened*, they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. *They must have seen the nail holes from the crucifixion*.

“Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we KNOW that when he appears, **we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.**” 1 John 3:2 WE WILL BE LIKE JESUS!

Jesus's body is our prototype. A preview of what our new bodies will be like.

Jesus in his resurrected body could just materialize into a room:

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and frightened, *thinking they saw a ghost*. He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my **hands and my feet**. It is I myself! **Touch me** and see; a ghost does not have **flesh and bones, as you see I have.**” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and **he took it and ate it.**” Lk 24:36-43

Jesus **ate** to show he was a **REAL** person! Just as Jesus could **materialize** and **dematerialize** or travel from one location to another **instantly**, we also will “**be like Jesus**” and do the same in our resurrected bodies. **Absolutely AMAZING! Spectacular! What we will be able to do!** 1 John 3:2 He had the same **personality** and ours will be too.

“For the last 2000 years the Jews have been wrong!”

Amir Tsarfati, is a Messianic Jew born in Jerusalem who is an expert in prophecy and founder of *Behold Israel* and author of the excellent book *Revealing Revelation; How God's Plan for the Future Can Change Your Life Now*, quotes Zechariah 12:10: “They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.”

“For the last 2000 years, *the Jews have been wrong!* Jesus is our **Savoir** and Deliverer. The Jewish people will repent and enter into a new covenant with God. (OK so they missed him the first time he was on earth, didn't believe in him, in His first coming.) After Christ has reigned in the millennium, after a thousand years, there will still be some who *still will take a stand against him and with Satan* after he is released to deceive the world again. This time Christ will defeat all who stand against him and with Satan and blow them into hell forever.” Amir Tsarfati

Our glorified bodies will have great powers and capabilities to serve our King Jesus.

Who will Jesus and we rule over? Those who survive the Great Tribulation will be in their flesh and blood bodies like we have now. **We will rule over them in our resurrected bodies that will invincible! Nothing can hurt us.**

THE MILLENNIUM, part 2, 1825

Tony Evans is the senior pastor of the mega church *Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship* in Dallas and author of many books including *Divine Disruption; Holding Onto Faith When Life Breaks Your Heart!* says, “There is coming a **paradise on earth** where we will have **amazing powers and abilities**. We will see Isaiah 65 lived out with the **wolf and the lamb** eating together and the **lions eating straw**. **Tony Evans** says, “We will rule with Jesus to enforce righteousness in glorified bodies that are **invincible, indestructible!**” **Nothing can hurt us in our glorified bodies.**

We will be in constant communication with Jesus! Before we even pray, Jesus will answer our prayers! “I will answer them before they even call to me. While they are still talking about their needs, I will answer their prayers!” Isa 65:24

What will the millennium earth look like? Tony Evans says, “Nothing you’ve ever seen! There will be people in their natural bodies getting married and having babies and people will still be dying. We are not in heaven but still on the renewed earth. ‘They will build houses and live in them; they will plant vineyards and eat grapes.’” Isa 65:21

How can we have a taste of God’s Kingdom now? By praying the Lord’s Prayer, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” And then ending our prayers in Jesus’s name that means that we are praying they are in accordance with **His will**. Since Jesus is all-powerful and loves us so much **he died to save us**, we know we can trust him to **do the best for us right now**. Praying that **His will be done** gives us **peace that takes away our anxiety**. We no longer need to feel regret over the past, nor feel *anxiety over the future*, but **trust Jesus** for His will to be done, which gives us a **taste of His Kingdom now**.

Author of *Heaven*, **Randy Alcorn**, says, “We will not be *disembodied spirits* but have **real bodies**, arms, legs, ears, hands just like Jesus has. We will **eat and taste the best food imaginable**. **Your favorite food may be one you have not tasted yet.**” **Every time Jesus appeared in His resurrected body, he ate to show he was tangible, REAL- flesh and bone.** Our old, physical body will be left behind, while our new, resurrected body will be “raised up!” Christ “will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.” Php 3:21.

Pastor Chuck Smith, is the founder of the *Calvary Chapel* movement beginning in 1965, which now extends to over 1000 churches worldwide, some of which are among the largest churches in America, says, “That after the 1000 year reign of Christ in the millennium has come to an end, the earth’s population would have lived in a *perfect paradise*, yet a large percentage will **rebel against** the Lord.” **Chuck Smith** goes on to illustrate:

- ❑ Imagine the whole earth will be like **Hawaii** with a *protective canopy* over the earth, and the polar ice caps melted, so there will be no *violent weather extremes, no tornados or hurricanes, just gentle breezes*. So there will be a population explosion to repopulate the earth with several billion people!
- ❑ Imagine living with *no war*, indeed, swords are beaten into plow shears, living with *no crime*, and free food and living very long, some people **living the full 1000 years in their natural bodies**, healthy lives. Just try to imagine that reality.
- ❑ For us in our glorified bodies, **travel will be just a thought away**. We can just think it and we will be there instantly. If I want to visit Jesus in Jerusalem, I can just think it, and I’m there with him. Long airplane trips for us will be replaced with “instant trips!” No reservations required. No wings needed. Just using our minds and we’re there. “I want to be in Hawaii! And poof – I’m there!”
- ❑ We will be ruling with Jesus to **enforce righteousness**. **We will be able to read minds** so those who are thinking of doing evil we will be able to stop him from doing it. *We will rule with Christ with rods of iron.*
- ❑ So there will be no sin, no Satan, no fears!
- ❑ But after 1000 years, at the end of the millennium, **Satan** is released from hell by God to *deceive the nations* and gather a *huge army to go to war against Christ*. Those who were born during the millennium have not been tested whether they will follow Satan or choose to love and follow Jesus. So they **must** be tested.
- ❑ A wealthy attorney had lavish mansions with servants and huge, magnificent yachts in Newport Beach and Hawaii. He wanted to be loved *for who he was and not what he owned* since women married him for his wealth then robbed him in divorce courts. He was desperately seeking to find someone to love so he would go places where no one knew who he was or what he had. That way he could find someone who had a genuine love for him and not what they could get from him.
- ❑ So too with Jesus who is wealthy beyond imagining and can give anything to anyone. He came to the earth he created in such a way that most people **didn’t really know who he was so he could find people who would love him for his personality not what he could give them. Jesus was and is GOD!**

- ❑ In the millennium there will be the ultimate test for those still in their natural bodies to see if their love for *Jesus is genuine* or that Satan has deceived them when he's released. *That's why Satan is released.* Those of us in *our glorified bodies have already passed the test.*
- ❑ But it *boggles the mind* to think that after a thousand years of perfect peace and happiness in paradise, without Satan or demons, there will be a huge multitude who will *choose Satan and go to war against Jesus.* They are like Adam and Eve not knowing the terror of evil, only knowing good, they will make the fatal mistake and end up in hell with Satan and his demons. Incredible! Yet people make that mistake today too. "The heart of man is *deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.*" Jer 17:9

THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE, #1827

Most people have no idea of the infinitely high price God paid for their salvation! Pastor **Robert Nash**, author of *Last Words -7 Sayings From the Heart of Christ on the Cross-*, says while Jesus was gasping for every breath, he spoke words filled with hope and compassion. **John MacArthur**, of *Grace to You*, tells how the disciples were terrified before the resurrection but after seeing Jesus, they became fearless & transformed the world. "Since God can raise the dead, *death has lost its power over us.*"

Pastor **William Frey**, tells how a blind man, who he was ministering to by reading to him, told him how he was so despondent and miserable with self pity for being blind, that he'd resisted his dad when he was told to put up the storm shutters since a storm was coming. He told his dad that he'd be sorry for asking him since he would probably fall off the ladder and become paralyzed or crippled in addition to being blind.

The father was insistent so the son begrudgingly felt his way along to the garage, got the shutters, and put up a ladder and carried the shutters up and over the windows. Then, as the blind man was relating this account to William Frey, *tears welled up in his eyes as he said he later found out that his dad was no more than an arm's length away from him all the time he struggled to put up the shutters watching and protecting him.* That's the way it is with our loving Lord – Jesus Christ. Even though we don't see him, *he is closer than an arms length away. In fact, he is inside of us.* Jn 14:20, 17:26

Pastor **Chuck Smith** says, "The crucifixion wasn't an accident, it wasn't men taking control, *but designed by God the Father sending His Son to die for the sins of mankind and be risen again as proof that Jesus was fulfilling the scriptures* to show His love and forgiveness for ALL our sins **past, present and future.**"

WHERE ARE ALL THE MISSING CHRISTIANS? #1826

"They were **caught up** (raptured) together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." 1 Th 4:16-17
When nuclear Russia and the Muslim nations (and China?) come against Israel, we are near the end of this age! The super sign of end times is Israel being restored and threatened by a nation from the north. **Jimmy Evans**, author of *Where Are The Missing People? The Sudden Disappearance of Millions and What Happens next*, says Russian president Vladimir Putin could be "Gog" in Ezekiel 38. Russia is motivated to invade Israel for their wealth and their recently discovered natural gas. Muslim nations aligned with Russia must invade Israel for their Imam to appear. When Gog attacks Israel, God will destroy his army with burning sulfur.

THE GREAT DECEIVER, part 1, 1822

Is the Antichrist on earth now? How will most *professing* Christians be deceived by the Antichrist? Jesus said, "Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of *most* will grow cold." That means *most* will be *lost* and only a few, a *remnant called 'the elect'* will be saved. Jesus wants followers who are *red hot, fully committed*, like Jesus was *for you in going to the cross for you.* Pastor **John Hagee**, of *Cornerstone Church* said unequivocally,

"God's judgment *is coming* to America! Noah's generation *mocked God's grace, and God flooded the whole world. If God doesn't judge America, he owes an apology to Sodom and Gomorrah. Hello Planned Parenthood! Selling baby body parts is BARBARIC!* YOU DO NOT BELONG in a civilized society! *Selling baby body parts* is beyond what *cannibalistic pagans tribes would do.* It's so completely *demented and degenerate* yet what's more amazing, is that this so-called *Christian nation* would not only allow it, but also **fund it** through OUR tax dollars! *That makes our whole nation accomplices.*"

Charles Crismier, a trial attorney for 20 years and pastor for 37 years, is the author of *Antichrist – How to Identify the Coming Imposter*, said, “Without the mark of the beast, **you cannot buy or sell or use the internet**, thus you won’t be able to buy groceries, get into a hospital, cannot buy a house or car. **You could starve, a slow painful death**. But the Bible says that the Antichrist **and those who take his mark** will **spend eternity suffering in hell**.”

- ❑ Crismier says, “The false Prophet will **have such power from Satan** that he will even make **fire come down out of heaven**, and **fashion an image that will come to life**. *How can Satan do such miracles?* Just as God permitted Pharaoh’s magicians to perform miracles, God **will allow Satan’s ministers to do the miraculous**.”
- ❑ *The authentic gospel is not a product to be sold but a Savior to be served! People want the fruit without the root. They want righteousness without repentance; happiness without holiness; passion without purity; ritual without relationship.*

THE GREAT DECEIVER, part 2, 1823

There is coming a time of great testing of everyone’s faith. Pastor **John Hagee** says, “Our nation has been deceived by globalists who depend on **submissive Americans**.” **Charles Crismier**, author of *Antichrist – How to Identify the Coming Imposter*, said,

- ❑ **“Most Christians will be deceived!** The coming of the lawless one, the **Antichrist**, will display all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, that will deceive those who are perishing.” 2 Thes 2:9
- ❑ Paul made it clear, “For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine because they have an **itch to hear what they want to hear**.” So we have the **churches that preach a false gospel, bland pabulum without salt intended to win over those who find a crucified Christ a little too harsh and too offensive. People who want a more comfortable cross to bear. Just a cross necklace without suffering.**

Chuck Crismier said, “The great imposter, the counterfeit Christ or Antichrist, will **soon** be presented globally and gloriously with a false salvation as Satan’s final representative on earth.”

In the Great Tribulation, the two witnesses who were given great supernatural powers were killed and **the whole world saw their bodies** lying in the street. **Only recently has technology advanced to where the whole world could see their dead bodies!** Rev 11:9 says, “For 3 ½ days, *men from every people, language and nation will gaze on the bodies of the two witnesses.*” Never before in history has there been satellite TV, cell phones and the Internet that could show their bodies through satellite technology that was invented July 10, 1962.

Pastor **John Hagee** said,

- ❑ Americans have become a **morally and spiritually confused generation** ready to **embrace** the Antichrist. The Antichrist will be **Hitler on steroids**. Just as Satan used Hitler so **Satan will totally possess the Antichrist! He will literally be Satan incarnate**. The American mind **is incapable of understanding the terror of tyranny** under a one-world government headed by the Antichrist filled with people who worship the Devil.
- ❑ **“The Antichrist will promise peace but bathe the world in blood!”**

DEBATE: EVOLUTION VS CREATION, part 1, 1820

Is evolution science or religion? Former science teacher, **Dr Kent Hovind**, with *Creation Science Evangelism*, who is one of the best creation speakers, debates 3 evolutionary science teachers. The evolutionists **said they have proof** for evolution **that a land animal, a cow, evolved into a whale**. Dr Hovind says a piece of a skull; a few teeth and a piece of a jaw don’t prove **anything! The fossil record is a myth**. Fossils are just a bunch of bones found in the dirt that aren’t proof of anything except that evolution is a fairy tale to make atheism acceptable. The fossil record is a **farce and evolution is a dying religion supported by taxes**. Yet this absurd fable is taught as science!

HAS SCIENCE DISPROVEN THE BIBLE? part 2, 1821

Have scientific discoveries made Adam and Eve a fable or is *Genesis real history*? Former science teacher, **Dr Kent Hovind**, with *Creation Science Evangelism*, powerfully debates 3 evolutionists and says **fossils don’t prove anything**. They’re just a bunch of bones found in the dirt. Evolution is a religion based on the **preconceived imagination** of evolutionists. Saying the universe is billions of years old is **calling Jesus a liar** since God created Adam and Eve no more than 6,000 years ago. **Jesus, who is the Creator**, (Col 1:16) said, “Haven’t you read that in the

beginning the ***Creator made them male and female?***” (Mt 19:4) Evolutionist use lies of fraudulent drawings proved to be false, to justify evolution, that are still in textbooks and deceiving generations of kids paid for by our taxes.

WHEN GOD DOESN'T MAKE SENSE part 1, 1818

Since God is good, and all-powerful and good, why does he allow *terrible things* to happen to people? How do you handle unanswered prayers and God seems *distant, uncaring and silent*? **Dr James Dobson**, founder of *Focus on the Family* and author of ***one of the best books we've ever read***, *When God Doesn't Make Sense – Holding Onto Your Faith in the Toughest Times*, tells how his 3 year old son Ryan had an ear infection that was so painful it kept him and the family awake at night. Jim Dobson wrote:

In the morning, we took Ryan to the pediatrician who said the infection had adhered to Ryan's eardrum and had to be scraped off. It would hurt as he scraped it off and Ryan would squirm and throw a fit but he must be held still. So I wrapped my 200-pound, 6 foot 2 inch frame around my little toddler. But what made it so emotional was the mirror that Ryan was facing made it possible for him to look directly at me as he screamed for mercy.

I really believed *I was in greater agony than my terrified little boy*. It was too much. I turned him loose and got bawled out by the doctor. But the doctor and I got the job finished. But what really hurt me most was the look on Ryan's face. He was talking to me with those big blue eyes. He was saying, "Daddy! Why are you doing this to me? I thought you loved me. I never thought you would do anything like this! How could you?"

It was impossible to explain to Ryan that his suffering was necessary for his own good, that I was trying to help him, that it was *love that required me to hold him on the table*. How could I tell him of my compassion in that moment? I would gladly have taken his place on the table. But in his ***immature mind, I was a traitor*** who had callously ***abandoned*** him. So too there are times when our loving Lord feels our intense pain and suffers with us. How can He explain to our *human limitations* that *our agony is necessary*, that it does have a *purpose*? Yes, there are answers to the tragedies in life!

Think how Jesus pleaded with His Father in Gethsemane the night before the scourging and crucifixion. He pleaded and agonized ***sweating drops of blood***, "Father if there is any other ***way***." "***Way*** for what? ***Why did Jesus have to die?*** The Cross is the ***ONLY way*** any person can be saved. The Father agonized watching His Son slowly die a horrific death on the cross yet it was necessary for our salvation. "*No other way*" means that it's foolish to think you are *basically a good person*, that your ***"good works"*** out weigh your ***"bad!"*** Compared to what God considers good works, your works are ***filthy rags!*** ***"Our righteousness is like filthy rags."*** Isa 64:6 There's only one way and that's *through faith in Christ alone and HIS righteousness. Good works won't save you.*

Why Did Jesus Let His Friend Lazarus Die?

Mary and Martha were ***grief stricken*** at the death of their brother Lazarus. It must have been frustrating that Jesus healed strangers yet let his good friend Lazarus die. Was He too busy? Didn't he care? After Lazarus had been in the tomb 4 days Jesus shows up. They said, "Lord where have you been? You could have saved our brother." Jesus allows the two sisters to scold him for being late. The sisters were not intimidated by Jesus. They do not submissively accept what has happened as the will of God but rather pour out their hurt and anger to Jesus.

Jesus purposely waited until Lazarus was dead and buried. He arrived at ***exactly the perfect time to show his most dramatic miracle***. He wasn't *late at all*. Jesus said to Mary and Martha, "Your brother will rise again." Martha responded, "I know but at the last day" Jesus said, ***"I AM the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."*** John 11

But ***words are meaningless without action!*** Jesus needed to ***prove*** he could raise Lazarus back from 4 days in the tomb. This wondrous miracle was vital to give us faith that Jesus did have the power over death so we will trust him to ***raise us from the grave***. Still Jesus melts in sympathy, weeping along with his friends Mary and Martha. He cries tears of compassion with Mary and Martha over their dead brother even though he knew he would soon be alive and in their arms. The Lord ***suffers with us and commiserates with us in our pain***. The Creator of the universe has no trouble giving life to a dead body but has reasons for letting us suffer.

The apostle Paul said he was given a *thorn in the flesh* from Satan to torment him. It was irritating and painful. Three times the Apostle Paul prayed but was ***not healed***. The Lord told Paul, "My ***grace*** is sufficient for you, for my ***power is made perfect*** in weakness." So how would ***you*** respond? Would you be ***mad at God? Angry?*** Paul wrote,

- Therefore I will boast all the more *gladly about my weaknesses*, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, ***I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.***

The Lord, whom Paul knew personally and spoke to, had a reason for ***not healing*** Paul and didn't tell Paul why at that time. So Paul believed that the Lord had good reasons for not healing him and accepted and *delighted* in it.

The Lord knows what we are going through. We have the choice to be ***angry at God***, become **depressed** and turn ***away from him***, or let God be God and say, "Lord I don't understand why I'm going through this but I trust you knowing you love me infinitely and will bring me through it. ***It's either despair or Trust! Your choice.***

WHEN GOD DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, part 2, 1819

Why do Godly people suffer? Job was a real man, a righteous man, whose prominence, prosperity and wealth were legendary. But he suffered horrendous calamities and lost everything ***including all of his beloved 10 children – all in one day!*** Then he got a ***painful disease*** covering all his body with painful boils! Why? ***What had he done?*** What Job didn't realize was that ***behind this physical world was a cosmic battle*** where Satan challenged God, "Take away all he has and he will curse you to your face." In other words, Job serves ***you just for what he can get from you.*** **Michael Brown**, President of *FIRE School of Ministry*, host of *The Line of Fire*, and author of *Job – The Faith to Challenge God*, says, "God put Job through a ***horrendous test*** to prove his faith was real."

The test for Job is the ***test for all of us!*** Do we really ***trust and love God or not?*** For some people, their love for God is ***conditional*** on getting what they want! ***Some people give up their faith when they or a loved one isn't healed as they prayed.*** Others give up on God, because they ***can't understand*** why God allows terrible things to happen to them. Job lost everything and wanted to know why. So ***he challenged God!*** God heard him speak but God didn't talk about Job's suffering without cause, instead God ***asked Job***, "Where were you when I created the universe? When I laid the foundations of the earth?"

God is telling Job ***he can't possibly understand why God does certain things even if God tried to explain it.*** We deceive ourselves to think we ***can possibly understand the Creator of trillions of stars.*** ***Who are you to tell the Creator how to run his universe?*** It's like trying to explain to a ***baby in the womb*** why he has ***arms and legs that just get in the way*** without knowing he will need them ***when he is born.*** There are things happening now that we won't understand until we are born into heaven. But we can know this! That God so loved the world that He sacrificed his one and only Son by sending His Son to die for our sins so we could live in heaven with him and ask him all the questions we want then!

Job didn't have a copy of the Old Testament or the New Testament, but he ***knew God well enough*** that he could trust in the ***goodness of God.*** Job said, "I will trust God even ***if he slays me.***" He said, "I know my redeemer lives." He had ***real, saving faith*** in our Lord so he could say, "In the end, he (Christ) will stand upon the earth. Even after my skin has been destroyed, yet ***in my flesh I will see God.*** I will see Him for myself; ***my eyes will behold him***, and not as a stranger. How my heart yearns within me!" That's beautiful! God rewarded Job with double his possessions, and 10 more children on earth and the hope of seeing his other children in heaven forever.

RAPTURE READY OR NOT? #1817

Some people say the rapture is just an escape. It's no more an escape than getting on Noah's Ark before the Great Flood. **Pastor Jack Hibbs** says he's excited to be "raptured" up to meet the Lord. **Jeff Kinley**, the author of *Aftershocks – Christians Entering a New Era of Global Crisis*, says the time is coming when all believers will be 'caught up' i.e. ***raptured*** up to be with Jesus as the world goes through the *Great Tribulation*. Kinley reveals God's magnificent plan from rapture to return to earth with Jesus to be in His Millennial Kingdom and reign with him for a 1000 years. Then, the New Jerusalem will come down from heaven.

Q & A ON ABORTION #1816

For 50 years, child killing was legal in all 50 states until the Supreme Court decision in Dobbs, in June 2023, which leaves the abortion ***decision to each state.*** Powerful pro-life speaker **Seth Gruber**, president of *The White Rose Resistance* says, "50% of all abortions are done with a ***pill***, RU 486! The lynchpin for secularists is, "This is my body, my choice." Abortion is part of the deeper ***spiritual war*** but many pastors miss it. **Charlie Kirk**, president of *Turning Point USA*, joins Seth Gruber to answer questions from students on abortion. What about "Keep abortion safe and legal"? What about rape, incest and the life of the mother?

THE HORRORS OF ABORTION #1815

The number one cause of death in America is not heart disease or cancer but is abortion. Without the right to life, no other rights matter. **Seth Gruber**, a renowned pro-life speaker and president of *The White Rose Resistance* gives a powerful, passionate speech saying, “Many pastors don’t understand that *the culture war is a spiritual war. Abortion forms the lynchpin to the silent Marxist revolution.*” Margaret Sanger, founder of *Planned Parenthood*, was greatly influenced by communism and euthanasia to start abortion clinics to rid the world of the “unfit.” The strategy of our adversaries is sexual chaos, abortion and euthanasia.

WILL THE RAPTURE BE IN 2023 #1814

Are we close to the rapture where believers will rise in the sky and be transformed into a spirit body? Prophecy expert **Dr David Reagan**, founder of *Lamb & Lion Ministries* and author of *Living on Borrowed Time – The Imminent Return of Jesus*, said, “Before satellite TV, people couldn’t understand how **God’s witnesses in Rev. 11 could be seen worldwide.** Holograms & virtual reality show prophecy is becoming reality. The Israelites said Jeremiah was a false prophet, and God would never destroy Israel since they had His Temple. God did destroy Israel, and He will destroy America if we don’t repent.”

Jesus Christ, the Almighty, did not act high and mighty.

When God whispers Your Name by Max Lucado wrote:

Jesus, the Holy One, wasn’t holier-than-thou. **The One who knew it all wasn’t a know-it-all.** The One who owns everything on earth never boasted about it. But he could have. He could have said, “Did I ever tell you about the time **Moses came up the mountain to be with me?**” He could have been a show off: “Want me to beam you into the twentieth century?” He could have been elitist and haughty: “I’ve got some property on Jupiter.”


Jesus could have been all of these, but he wasn’t. His purpose wasn’t to **show off but to show up.** He went to great pains to *be as human as the guy down the street.* He had no need for income, but still worked in the workshop. He had *known fellowship with angels and praises in heaven, yet still went to parties thrown by tax collectors.* On his shoulders was the challenge to redeem creation, but he still took time to walk *ninety miles* from Jericho to Cana to go to a wedding.

As a result, people liked him. Oh, there were those who ridiculed him. They called him a blasphemer but never called him a braggart. They accused him of heresy, but never of arrogance. He was branded as a radical, but never called unapproachable. There is no hint that he ever used heavenly powers for personal gain. He never heard someone sarcastically say, “Who do you think you are? God?”

Jesus had been through 40 days in the desert without food or water. He was tempted and taunted by the devil. He had a week breaking in a dozen trainee Galileans. A break would be welcome. A good meal with some good wine and good friends sounded pretty nice. So he walked 90 miles to a wedding to enjoy himself and have fun with his friends. His purpose wasn’t to turn water to wine. That was just a favor for those at the wedding. His purpose *wasn’t to preach or display his powers. That leaves just one reason. Fun.* Jesus went to the wedding because **he liked the people, he liked the food and wine.** He may have wanted to *swirl the bride around the dance floor.* After all, he is planning a big wedding himself. **Jesus was likeable and people liked him.**

His foes accused him of eating too much, drinking too much and hanging out with the wrong crowd. It’s been awhile since I was accused of having too much fun. How about you?

God does not want us to be like vases of glass or porcelain. He would have us like these *toughened pieces of steel, able to bear twisting and crushing to the uttermost without collapse.* He wants us to be, not **hothouse plants, but storm-beaten oaks; not sand dunes driven with every gust of wind, but granite rocks withstanding the fiercest storms.** To make us such he must bring us into his testing room of suffering.

In Christ’s Love,
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“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.”