



*** He Is Savior; Acts 4:12**

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The week of Passover – what happened 32 A.D. and why.

Passover is observed on the 14th day of the month of Nisan, the first month of the Jewish religious year. **Jesus was crucified on Passover** and rose on the 3rd day, appropriately on the **Feast of First fruits** (the morning after the Sabbath after Passover). This was always on a Sunday, irrespective of the day of the week of Passover. Thus, Christians have traditionally celebrated His resurrection on Sunday.

In the West, most of our major holidays occur conveniently on fixed dates. However unless you are an astronomer, the date of *Easter* can be much more difficult to determine. That's because its date is set by the lunar calendar. **Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the spring equinox.** Therefore, it is held on a Sunday on varying dates between March 22 and April 25.

We hope to get this letter to you before March 31st which is this year Resurrection Sunday. Just a week prior, March 24th, we celebrated Palm Sunday. **Palm Sunday** is the day when our Lord rode into Jerusalem on a donkey to fulfill what Zechariah had written over 500 years before. ***“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.”*** (Zech. 9:9.) (At this time rulers were riding on horses, not on donkeys.) **This was the 6th of April 32 A.D., the very day predicted by Daniel** (Dan. 9:24-26), the day that the **Messiah the King** would be presented to people and then killed, ***“cut off, but not for Himself”***. This ***“presentation day”***, which we call **Palm Sunday**, was exactly **173,880 days after** Artaxerxes Longimanus had (on the 14th of March 445 B.C.) given the commandment to ***“restore and rebuild Jerusalem”*** - as recorded by Daniel. (This is another interesting study to see the exactness of biblical prophecies.) From the New Testament we read how His followers had many times wanted to declare **Jesus as their Messiah-King**, but He had always, before this very day, said ***“my time has not yet come”***, but on this day **He not only allowed it, He arranged it** (see Matt. 26:17-18), **for this was the day, His Day, four days before the Passover**, which was the day of selecting and ***presenting*** the Passover Lamb, to be kept four days before it was to be killed on Passover – according to Ex. 12:5-6. Accordingly Jesus was coming to Jerusalem as ***“The lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”*** (John 1:29.) [Had we been in Jerusalem on that ***“presentation”*** day, we would have seen ***King Jesus*** riding on a donkey and around Him on the hills tens of thousands of lambs driven to Jerusalem to be offered as sacrificial lambs on that Passover week.] When the multitudes saw Him, ***“they cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.”*** (Matt. 21:9.) Pharisees commanded Jesus to rebuke the people for declaring Him as the King of the Jews, but Jesus answered them saying, ***“if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out”***- for this was **the predicted day of His visitation** as recorded in Daniel 9:25.

“...He beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, if thou hast known, even thou, at least this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thy eyes.” (Luke 19:39-42.) If the people had only received Him as

their Messiah, it would have meant **peace** for them. **But they did not know** what the scriptures had foretold of **“this thy day”! All Old Testament scriptures were written about Him – so they should have been able to recognize Him when He came.** (Luke 24:25-27, 44; 2 Tim. 3:16.) **But they** (as a nation) **did not!** We find **His Virgin Birth** (Isa. 7:14), **His place of birth** (Bethlehem) (Micah 5:2), **His Davidic lineage** (Acts 13:22-23) and over 300 details about His life predicted in the scriptures and fulfilled in His life, but since the leaders of Israel were blind to God’s Word they did not teach the people about these prophecies and thus the nation of people did not know. Jesus’ life was foretold from Genesis through Malachi. When He came He presented Himself to His own **“but His own received Him not”.** (John 1:11.)

Genesis 3:15 gives a sign of Messiah – *“seed of the woman”*. Galatians 4:4 reports its fulfillment. Genesis 12:3 He was to be *“the seed of Abraham”*. Matthew 1:1 reports fulfillment. Gen. 17:19 says that He will be the *seed of Isaac*. In Luke 3:34 we read that He was. Genesis 49:10 says that He will be *from tribe of Judah*. In Luke 3:33 we read that He was. Micah 5:2 says that He will be *born in Bethlehem*. Luke 2:4 says that He was. Isaiah 7:14 gives a sign: He will be *born of a virgin*. Luke 1:31 says that He was. Hosea 11:1 says that He will *flee to Egypt*. Matthew 2:15 says that He did. Psalms 78:2 predicted that He will speak *in parables*. Matthew 13:34 tells that He did. Isaiah 61:1-2 tells that He will *heal the brokenhearted*. Luke 4:18 tells that He did. Isaiah 53:3 says that He will be *rejected by His own*. John 1:11 tells that His own did not receive Him. Isaiah 54:3 tells that *He will be silent* before those who accuse Him. Mark 15:5 reports that He did not answer His accusers. Psalm 22:1 says that the *Father will forsake Him*. Matthew 27:46 reports that happening. Isaiah 53:9 predicts that He will be *buried with the rich*. In Matthew 27:60 we read that it happened. Psalm 49:15 says that *He will come out of the grave*. In Mark 16:6 says, *“He is not here, He is risen.”* **Jesus Christ is unveiled in His glory and splendor before our mortal eyes. When we turn to the Book of Revelation, we do not see Him as He was yesterday, we see Him as He is today.** In Hebrews 10:7 quotes Psalm 40:6-8 where He is saying that the *“Volume of book is written of Me.”* We can indeed find Jesus in every book of the Bible. In Genesis He is *the seed of the woman*. In Exodus He is *the Passover Lamb*. In Leviticus He is *the High Priest*. In Numbers He is *the pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night*. In Deuteronomy He is *the prophet like Moses*. In Joshua He is *the Captain of our salvation*. In Judges He is *our judge and lawgiver*. In Ruth He is *our Kinsman Redeemer*. In Samuel He is *the trusted prophet*. In Kings and Chronicles He is *the reigning King*. In Ezra He is *our faithful scribe*. In Nehemiah He is *the rebuilders of broken down walls* in our lives. In Esther He is *our Mordecai*. In Job Jesus is *our giver of life*. In Psalms He is *our Shepherd*. In Proverbs and Ecclesiastes He is *our wisdom*. In Song of Solomon He is *our lover and bridegroom*. In Isaiah He is *our Prince of Peace*. In Jeremiah He is *the righteous branch*. In Lamentations He is *the weeping prophet*. In Ezekiel He is that *“wheel turning”*. In Daniel He is *the fourth man in the fiery furnace*. In Hosea He is that *bridegroom married to the backslider*. In Joel He is *the baptizer with the Holy Spirit and fire*. In Amos He is *the burden bearer*. In Obadiah He is *the mighty Savior*. In Jonah He is *the great foreign missionary*. In Micah He is *a messenger with beautiful feet, carrying the gospel*. In Nahum He is *the avenger of God’s elect*. In Habakkuk He is *the great evangelist crying for revival*. In Zephaniah He is *the restorer of God’s love*. In Haggai He is *the cleansing fountain*. In Zachariah He is *the merciful Father*. In Malachi He is *the Son of Righteousness rising with healing in His wings*. In the New Testament Matthew says, I saw Him, *He is the Messiah*. Mark says, I saw Him, *He is the wonder worker, the healer*. Luke says, I saw Him, *He is the Son of Man*. John says, I saw Him, *He is the Son of God*. In Acts they declare that *He is the ascending Lord who sends the Holy Spirit*. In Romans Paul stands tall and says the *He is the justifier*. In Corinthians He is *the Gift of the Spirit*. In Galatians He is *the man who sets us free*. In Ephesians He is *the Christ of riches*. In Philippians **He is a God who meets our every need**. In Colossians, He is *the fullness of the Godhead*. In Thessalonians He is *the soon coming King*. In Timothy He is *the mediator between God and man*. In Titus He is *a faithful Pastor*. In Philemon He is *the friend that sits closer than a brother*. In Hebrews (and oh, how we should love Hebrews), He is *the blood that washes our sins away*. In James He is *the grape for picking*. In Peter He is *the Chief Shepherd*. In John He is *the Everlasting Love*. In Jude He is *the Lord coming back with ten thousands of His Saints*. In Revelation, **He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is all of them.**

Matthew 23 records Jesus' rebuke against the leaders who should have known but, who instead, prevented others from knowing also. "**Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.**" (Matt. 23:13.)

Preaching the gospel, as we all are commanded to do, means teaching others who Jesus is and that He died for our sins, was buried and rose again on the third day, according to the scriptures. (1 Cor. 15:1-4.) His sacrifice brings forgiveness and eternal salvation **to all who accept Him as their Savior and Lord.** (John 8:24; 14:6.) We are accustomed to calling this celebration time "**Easter**". This word appears in the King James Version of the Bible only once, in Acts 12:4. It is actually a *mistranslation* or *misinterpretation*, of a sort, of the Greek word, "*pascha*", which means **Passover, which is a Jewish Feast. Easter is a festival, or a feast, of the Christian church that commemorates the resurrection of Christ, in place of the Passover.** It is celebrated at this time of the year, according to the Jewish calendar, on the first Sunday following the full moon. If the full moon falls on Sunday, it is celebrated a week later (again: the time of *Easter* falls between March 22 and April 25). **Easter replaced the Jewish Passover ("pascha") among those who have accepted Jesus as their Messiah and Savior.** The trouble with the timing of Easter, until about the 8th century, was caused primarily by the fact that the Jews observed a calendar based on lunar months. *Passover* was celebrated on the **14th of the Jewish month Nisan**, and it was not therefore tied to any day of the week. The first dispute was whether Christians should celebrate this festival on a weekday or the following Sunday. *Eusebius* (4th century) in his ecclesiastical history describes, "***The Christian communities of all Asia [i.e. the Roman province, so-called] thought, according to a very old tradition, that the feast of the Savior's pascha ought to be kept on the 14th day of the moon, on which Jews were ordered to sacrifice the lamb, and that therefore on whatever day of the week this might fall...But the churches in the rest of the world were not accustomed to observing this practice: in virtue of an apostolic tradition they followed the custom now in force and considered that no other day was right...but that of our Savior's resurrection*** [which was Sunday, ***the first day of the week***] ..." Every Sunday was then called a "**little Easter**". *Passover* is the basis for our Easter, but "**Easter**", by that name, was originally a pagan festival honoring Eostre, a Teutonic goddess of light, spring and fertility, celebrated around the same time as *Passover*, but **Easter**, celebrated by pagans, was focused on spring at the time of the vernal equinox (when the sun crosses the equator and day and night are equal in length). **We, as Christians, do not identify or have anything at all to do with pagan festivals**, but we do need to know, if asked, where some of these names came from and why. **We need to remember that we should not celebrate Easter with fertility symbols of eggs and Easter-bunnies, etc, as unbelievers do, we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord that took place at this time of the year!**

In Jewish homes, all over the world, *Passover* is still celebrated, which they also call the **Festival of Redemption**. They observe the **Feast of Unleavened Bread** at that time also. They eat only **unleavened bread** during the entire *Passover* week. *Passover* is the most sacred event in Judaism and stands as the cornerstone of Israel's identity and purpose. **The Passover Lamb** is the symbol of God's deliverance of the Jewish people from bondage in Egypt. They also partook of bitter herbs, symbolic of bitterness of their bondage, and **unleavened bread** that symbolized hurriedness of their flight, and **also their need to purge sin from their lives. Exodus 12:15 explains that there must not be yeast** (leaven) found in their homes during the **entire Passover week**. God uses "everyday items", like bread and leaven/yeast, to teach us His truth. **Leaven**, i.e. yeast (in Hebrew 'homez') **is used throughout the Bible as a symbol of sin**. Leaven is sour, and like sin, it "sours" life. **Leaven changes that which was before unleavened; it puffs up and corrupts.** Putting a rotten apple into a barrel of good apples spoils the rest of them, but we cannot make a barrel of rotten apples good by putting a fresh apple in it. **That is how it is with sin, it contaminates what it touches.** Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "**Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.**" (1 Cor. 5:6.) Sin does the same thing, it makes us self-centered and puffed up, and the sin of pride causes us to think more highly of ourselves than we ought to, while **adding no substance at all**. Jesus warned against the "**leaven of Pharisees and of Sadducees**" (Matt 16:11-12), **which was their hypocrisy and malice.** Just

as a small amount of yeast puffs the bread-dough up, and as the dough rises, it does not have any more weight or substance than unleavened dough, it just takes more room. In order to understand this symbolism better we need to be aware how yeast/ leaven works. I may have mentioned it before how my grandmother in Finland used to make sour-dough rye bread weekly. Each time she saved a small part of the dough, with its original culture of leaven, and when it was put into a new patch of dough, it leavened or "corrupted" it, and the fresh dough raised, puffed up. Paul's instruction to the Corinthians was to **"purge out the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened."** (1 Cor. 5:7.) Jews had to clean their entire homes and **"purge out"** all leaven, symbolic of sin, before they were allowed to celebrate the **Passover**. We must likewise purge out all that is not good in our lives, examine our hearts, and truly wholeheartedly celebrate Resurrection Sunday (Easter) and meditate in the meaning of the Gospel (1. Cor. 15:1-4), which is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. We are saved at the very moment we confess **Jesus who is God**, and believe on Him. (John 1:12;8:24.) Paul wrote in Romans 10:9-10, **"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."** Our faith and confession **from our heart** gives us our **new birth by the Spirit**, and at that instant we **become children of God**. (John 1:12-13.) When we **become** His, **"He will never leave us nor forsake us."**(Hebr. 13:5.)

As death passed over all Hebrew homes in Egypt that had blood of the lamb brushed on their doorposts, we, who have believed on His name, will also be saved from eternal death by the Blood of the Lamb.

"God saved His people by the applied blood of the sacrificed lamb, and then He led them out of bondage into freedom. He gives the same salvation and freedom today...through the blood of His Son, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world to save us from death and give us life and freedom!" (Quoted from Joel Kramer's letter of 3/25/13 from Jerusalem, Israel.)

Unleavened bread (bread without leaven) we take as communion symbolizes sinless body of Jesus, our Passover Lamb, broken and sacrificed on the Cross of Calvary for you and me. Red wine or red grape juice we take, symbolizes His blood that cleanses us from all sin. (1 Cor. 11:23-29; 1 John 1:7.) It was during the Passover Celebration with His disciples that Jesus instituted communion of bread and wine as a remembrance of Him. (See Matt. 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:23-26.) As Mormons, we did not even have that right! The Mormon Church uses as their "sacrament" puffed up "Wonder bread", bread made with yeast, a symbol of sin, and water that could not symbolize the blood of Christ. This LDS "sacrament" is symbolic only of "another Jesus", and a watered-down "another gospel", Paul had warned about in 1 Cor. 11:4. While we were blinded in the bondage of Mormonism, we did not notice the emptiness and meaninglessness of taking this "sacrament" of leavened, puffed up bread and water, which was given every Sunday, it's frequency making it even less special.

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and our salvation through our faith in His finished work, let us not forget that He is coming soon. As His first coming was foretold of in the scriptures, so is His second coming. We must not be ignorant and be taken by surprise, but we must be ready, expecting Him to come at any time. He comes first for His Bride, the Church, saved by His grace and mercy, and meets us in the air, (1 Thess. 4:13-18), and after that He will come as the Judge of the unbelieving world. Our prayer is that many more will come to know Him now while we still have time and opportunity to escape God's wrath (Rev. 6:15-17) that will be poured on this wicked world. (Isa. 26:20-21; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:9; Luke 21:36). Examine your own faith (2 Cor. 13:5) and tell others about Jesus and His love. (Rev. 22:20-21.) "Christmas gives a promise of coming Messiah, but Easter gives us the proof that He is our Messiah."

FROM OUR MAILBOX: "I am LDS trying to understand the Bible better. I have a question that may seem simple: What does Romans 12:2 mean, when it says, 'Do not be conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...?'"

My reply: *The world* in the Bible means society built by men to make themselves satisfied and happy without God. *The*

world and people of the world (unbelievers) try to make others “conform” to their thinking, and fit into their mold. The Bible informs us that the god and prince of this world is Satan. (2 Cor. 4:4; John 12:31;14:30;16:11.) All people who are not converted to Jesus of the Bible are Satan’s subjects, and he seeks to attract them by music, art, worldly lifestyles, politics and by religions where he has the pre-eminence to hold them captive and to fill their minds with unbiblical concepts of God, Jesus and salvation – focusing on **feelings** rather than truth found in the Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16). It is interesting to see how “liberals of the world” preach “tolerance”, but they are the most intolerant when it comes to followers of the true Christ of the Bible. **To renew our minds** means that we use the Word of God to wash away all worldly concepts and false beliefs by replacing them with God’s Word that acts as detergent ...”*sanctifying and cleansing with the washing of water by the word*” (Eph. 5:26). It is the Word of God that cleanses our mind, heart and soul and cause us to “*Be[ing] born again, not of corruptible seed, but by incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.*” (1 Peter 1:23.) Removing all false teachings makes room in our minds for new life in Christ. It is like re-programming our computer – we get out what we put in. When our minds are **renewed** by God’s Word, then we can experience direct guidance of God in our lives, and that brings us into understanding His perfect will for us. – If you have more questions, please contact us again.

A Mormon man wrote: “*You claim in your writings as one of the evidences against the LDS Church is that our prophet Joseph Smith was a polygamist. So what! That is no evidence against the Church! Abraham was polygamist and so were the other prophets. Muslims are polygamists and they see polygamy as completely normal. Koran permits a man to have four wives. Maybe Jacob or Israel [of the Old Testament] believed the same as Islam. King David had many wives. Prophet Nathan said that God had given them (Saul’s wives) to David. Jesus never said anything against polygamy either. It is just the Western culture that is against polygamy – not God, nor prophets of the Bible.*”

My reply: God established monogamy. Adam and Eve. (See Gen. 2:24.) One man, one wife – not wives. “*The two shall be one flesh*” – not three or four. Abraham was not polygamist, even though he had “obeyed” his wife, Sarai, who wanted her maid Hagar to bear a child for her, for Sarai assumed she was now too old to bear a child. Hagar was still Sarai’s maid, not Abraham’s wife, after she had her son, Ishmael. (See Gen. 16:1-2, 5-6.)- Kings, as David and Solomon, had multiple wives (more or less as *trophies* from their victories), but it too was against God’s command (Deut. 17:17). God’s prophets were not polygamists. Jacob and Muslims/Islam are not connected at all. Jacob lived about 2000 years before Christ. Islam was not established until over 600 years after Christ. In Arab countries there has been no law against polygamy as there is in USA and other “*Western cultures*”. However, even men who have known God’s law, have, throughout human history, rebelled against God and broken His commandments. That is why God had to become a man and die for all who would repent and come to Him for salvation. He reconciles with all who love Him and accept His Gift of salvation. (Eph. 2:8-9.) Prophet Nathan did not endorse polygamy when he, after Saul’s death, gave Saul’s wife to David. She was David’s mother-in-law. (From 1 Sam. 18:20, 27 you can see that David had married Saul’s daughter, Michal.) [BTW, King Saul had only one wife!] After King Saul’s death all of Saul’s household, his entire family, became David’s responsibility, and that according to the Jewish law and customs. David was obligated to provide for all of them, take care of them. Besides that, according to the Jewish law, a man could not have physical intimacy with his mother-in-law, so it is clear that David did not “*marry Saul’s wife*”, but took care of her and the entire household of Saul.- During the first years of Christianity, there well could have been those coming to faith in Christ from among Gentile nations who were practicing polygamy, for there were no civil laws against it, but the New Testament set a standard that forbids polygamy of any one who is to be a leader and an example among the believers. (See Titus 1:6; 1 Tim 3:2.) **That settles it!** In addition to that, US law has forbidden polygamy from the start. Joseph Smith started his womanizing in Kirtland in early 1830’s, calling it later *plural marriage*, continuing in it through the Nauvoo period. Brigham Young took this practice all the way to Western Territories, but polygamy always was and still is against the law in this country and also against God’s instructions.

We praise the Lord from our whole hearts for He has heard our prayers and your prayers for Catherine, an LDS lady who came to Calvary on that Sunday when Dennis gave his sermon, "***It Is All About Jesus***" (2/17/13.) (We wrote about her in our March newsletter, p. 7.) After her trip to Oregon she came to see us on 3/10/13. We explained to her **who Triune God is, who Jesus is and what it means to be saved**. We presented the biblical Gospel to her and **she understood and believed!!!** We prayed and conversed with her about 5 hours that Sunday afternoon and evening. At the end of evening she said that she wanted to commit her life to the Lord Jesus and live for Him the rest of her life. We prayed together and she received Jesus. (John 1:12.) We learned that it was just about 2.5 months before this, during her *tithing settlement* at the end of December 2012, that her LDS bishop had asked her to serve in the SLC temple as "*an ordinance worker*". She had called her sister (she has 8 sisters and one brother – all LDS), whose husband has been over 9 years a branch president (equivalent to bishop) in a small Montana town, to tell her about her new *Church calling*. Her sister surprised and even shocked her by telling her that she needs to think about that before accepting this new position, for she does not any longer believe that the Mormon Church is true! That was the reason why Catherine had started to visit some Christian churches in SLC to find out what they taught. She came to Calvary on 2/17/13 when Dennis was substituting for pastor-Terry who was in Israel. Dennis now calls it a "*divine appointment with Catherine*" – for when Catherine heard Dennis say that he was a former Mormon, she went to meet Dennis, wanting to know more. God's amazing plan for Catherine begun to come in view. She has 8 adult children, some of them have served LDS missions... We can see that this is going to be a tough road for her, but praise be to God that her husband is not opposing her, but he is wanting to search for the truth also. Three days later (3/13) she came to get more materials from us so that she can share with her family. We loaded her up with 30 of our booklets and many DVDs and other helpful materials. Please pray with us that she can learn fast. She fears that she is not yet able to defend her new faith in Triune God and biblical doctrine that is so opposite to what she has believed all her life as a Mormon. We reminded her that the Lord has promised that the Holy Spirit will give her words to say if she keeps on studying the Bible. (John 14:26.)

In our last month's letter we also wrote about Kim and asked prayer for her (on p. 6). I have spent many hours on the phone with her since that time. We have discussed *Mormonism vs. biblical Christianity* through emails also. She has been studying the **NKJV of the Bible** we sent to her about 5 weeks ago, along with Chuck Missler's MP3 Bible studies and other materials that she has been able to learn from. 3/17/13, during our long phone call, Kim prayed to receive the Lord Jesus and she committed her life to Him. She is asking prayer for her parents who are not happy about her decision to leave the LDS Church, especially because Kim is a *temple-endowed Mormon*. She would very much want that her parents would open their hearts to **Jesus who is God with us**. (Matt. 1:23; John 1:1, 14.) She is currently staying with her parents in Georgia till her move with the Air Force to New Mexico (in April) and then (in June) to LA and from there (in the fall) to Kuwait. We know God answered prayers - we all have prayed for Kim and she is now one of the Lord's own. Thank You, Lord!

It is interesting that many of those Mormons who have lately contacted us with questions and desires to know the Truth, are **active, temple-going LDS**. Just about every one of them has said that they wanted to talk to us because we have been where they are now and that we can understand how heart-wrenching it is to *even wonder if Mormonism is true* after having made oaths in their temples to obey the Mormon leaders. Most of them have questions about the temple ceremonies, even though they have participated in them for many years. They also know that those who have not lived *that part of Mormonism*, could not understand the fear and inner feelings connected to temple-questions. We were temple-active Mormons for 20 years, and we are not proud of the fact that we could not see the fallacy of it sooner, but questioning Mormons know that we can relate to them without wondering if they are out of their minds. When we came to understand the truth of God, we complained at first, asking the Lord why He did not help us to leave sooner, and why we did not see the strangeness of temple rituals then as we see them now. However, we have come to understand that God kept us in **His school** so that we will surely **know what Mormonism is, and what it is not**, and can

have the trust of those who are starting to see the un-biblical nature of the LDS Church and how against the true God it all is. We have come to appreciate Lord's patience with us and His wisdom in teaching us.

Our hearts are thankful for all that we are going through – even for the obvious attacks of the enemy of our souls. He tries to side-track us and cause worry, but we refuse to bend, but depend on the Lord in all things, no matter what the devil throws at us. He knows our vulnerabilities and he always hits where it hurts the most. When Dennis' truck was broken into and he lost his work record, accounts receivable etc., it was just three days after he had spoken at Calvary where at least two persons came to the Lord, and we were at that time also working with others who were fast advancing in their understanding of biblical Jesus and doctrine of Trinity. The devil hates to lose souls from his grip, for once these people become Spirit-born, they are the Lord's own forever. This fierce enemy keeps us, and all others who work for God's kingdom, in his radar and tries to get our focus from the Lord to circumstances that do not look so good, but **our God is able to see us through these things if we just keep our eyes on Him - and we will!** Please pray for our strength and wisdom.

Please pray for Tom and Mary that they will also cling to the Lord and trust in His ability to help them. Our friend Bruce needs the Lord's awakening for his children that are being drawn to participate in a *Hindu-god Hare Krishna's "festivities of color"* - that hundreds of young people have been flocking to every spring near Orem, Utah, where *Krishna temple* is located. This is spiritually a very dangerous movement, but non-Christian youth, or even adults, do not seem to be aware of long-term effects that come from participation in Hindu-god worship, no matter how innocent and fun it may seem. There will come a price to pay for this foolishness!

We ask that you join with us asking health-blessings for Dave and Ruth Hunt, Dick and Patti, Merridy, Max, Pat, Heber, Debbie, Sandy, Al, Dale and Sharon – their needs vary, but the Lord knows what they are and He will take care of them.

We want to thank you who have contacted us with your concerns for us. It means very much to us and warms our hearts. We thank you for your prayers and help. The Lord works through His own that you are!
These times are financially hard for everyone, but we trust in the Lord. *We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.* (Phil. 4:6-7,13, 19.)

We'd like to announce again the **Capstone Conference** that will be focused on our **Christian love for Mormons**. It will be held the **12th and 13th of April at Calvary Chapel of Salt Lake City, 460 W. Century Dr.** Admission is free. Registration begins at 5:30 PM on Friday, the 12th. Conference will officially start at 6:30 PM and continue till 9:00 PM. Saturday morning at 8:00 there will be a Continental breakfast and meetings will begin at 9:00 AM and continue till 4:00 PM. We will have the honor to hear from **Dr. Phil Roberts, James Walker, Dick Baer** (via Skype), **Sandra Tanner, Jim Spencer, Kurt Van Gorden, Rocky Hulse, Jill Martin Rische** (daughter of Dr. Walter Martin), **Marv Cowen and Doris Hanson**. We will also have a former LDS, **Carl Moore**, presenting a fantastic Hopi-Indian dance. We are sure that all attending this conference will be blessed and gain a new enthusiasm for the Gospel of Christ and His love for Mormons, and for all that are lost. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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