



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

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As we study how the Israelites were instructed to prepare for the Passover, we see its connection to us as followers of Jesus Christ, our *"Passover Lamb"*, about what He did for His own and for us as gentile believers in Him.

In Exodus 12:1-10 God commanded Israel to select *a male lamb without blemish* on the 10th day of the Jewish first month (Nisan) and keep it for inspection for 4 days and then kill it at *"twilight"* (between the ninth and eleventh hours). The Lamb's blood was then to be applied to the doorposts to cause the destroyer to pass over. The Lord had said that *on that night He will smite all the firstborn of Egypt, but when He sees the blood He will pass over you and the plague (death) shall not be upon you to destroy you.* (12:13-14.)

When we look into the Jewish Passover Feast and Christian celebration of Easter week, we come to see how exactly they are connected. Jesus is called *the Lamb of God for He was our perfect blood sacrifice* (Lev. 17:11; John 1:29). Peter wrote, *"...you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot."* (1 Pet. 1:18-19.)

It was 32 A.D., at the start of the Passover week, when *Jesus, the King of the Jews*, rode into Jerusalem fulfilling Zechariah 9:9 that says, *"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."* [Rulers always rode on horses, not on donkeys. This is another proof of the exactness of Bible prophecies.] This took place on the day predicted by Daniel, the very day when the Messiah was to be presented, and then killed, *"cut off, but not for Himself"*. (Dan. 9:24-26.) This *"presentation day"*, which we call *Palm Sunday*, is calculated from March 14th 445 B.C. (Nehemiah 2:1, 5-8, 17-18.) and it was exactly 173,880 days after Artaxerxes Longimanus had given the commandment to *"restore and rebuild Jerusalem"*. (Dan. 9:25.) [This date is another interesting fact of how literally we must take God's Word.]

How Passover is celebrated is symbolic to our Easter week's observance. Passover is also closely connected to the *Feast of Unleavened Bread* that they kept for seven days. Leaven (yeast) is in the Bible taught as a *symbol of sin*, for leaven, like sin, even a small amount, corrupts (1 Cor. 5:7)—and thus it was taught that those who had been redeemed by blood should leave sin and the world (Egypt) behind them. Whoever ate leavened bread at this time would be *"cut off"*, i.e. be excluded from the camp of Israel and privileges it offered. (*"Cut off"* is also understood to mean the death penalty.) Passover meals included, among other foods, unleavened bread and four cups of wine. Each cup was symbolic of the redemption story: As the Lord had promised, 1. He took them out of Egypt, 2. He saved them, 3. He redeemed them, and 4. He took them as a nation out of Egypt to their own land.

[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 have mentioned it before how my grandmother in Finland made sour-dough rye bread every week. 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, “corrupted” it and the fresh dough 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, so that we too can celebrate Easter wholeheartedly and meditate in the meaning of the Gospel (1. Cor. 15:1-4), which is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus on our behalf.

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

It was during the *Passover* Celebration with His disciples that Jesus instituted *communion of bread and wine as remembrance of Him*. (See Matt. 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:23-26-27.)

Unleavened bread (bread made without leaven) we take as *communion symbolizes the 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.) As Mormons, we did not even have that right! The Mormon Church uses in their communion (they call “sacrament”), puffed up “Wonder bread” made with yeast (symbol of sin). That could not symbolize sinless body of Christ Jesus, and water could not symbolize the blood of Christ. Clearly the LDS “sacrament” is symbolic only of “*another Jesus*”, and “watered-down” “*another gospel*” Paul warned about in 1 Cor. 11:4. While we were blinded in the bondage of Mormonism, we did not even notice the emptiness and meaninglessness of taking this “sacrament” of leavened, puffed up bread, and water, which was passed around every Sunday, it’s frequency making it even less special.

From the New Testament we read that followers of Jesus had many times wanted to declare Jesus as their Messiah-King, but He always had, before this very day, said, “*My time has not yet come*”, but on this day He not only allowed it, He arranged it (Matt. 26:17-18) fulfilling Ps. 118:26 and Daniel 9. When the Pharisees rebuked Him for allowing people to declare Him as their *Messiah-King*, Jesus said, “*...if these would hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out*”. (Luke 19:28-44.) He rode to Jerusalem, on the exact day prophesied by Daniel, 4 days before the *Passover*, which was the day for all the Jews to select a *Passover* lamb, to be kept four days before it was to be killed on *Passover* – as instructed in Ex. 12:5-6. At the same time when Jesus, *the Lamb of God*, was riding into Jerusalem, there were about 250 thousand sheep driven to Jerusalem to be killed on *Passover* for an estimated 2 million Jews gathered there for the *Passover Feast*, the most important feast of Israel.

After He had arrived, and during the four days before *Passover*, Jesus **cleansed the Temple** by casting out money-changers and others who were financially profiting from selling animals to be sacrificed. **He cursed the fig tree** that had leaves but no fruit (symbolizing Israel) (Luke 13:6-9), for **Israel had a show of religion, but no fruit**. God wants us to produce fruit in the lives of people. Jesus also taught His disciples about the last days, warning them **first of all about deception** that will be rampant. (Matt. 24:3-28.) He also told them about the **Great Tribulation** (24:21) that will come to try and test them before **His Second Coming**.

Before Jesus' arrest and trial, He ate the Passover meal with His disciples (Matt. 26:17-20), and after Judas had left, He instituted the Lord's Supper, unleavened bread, and wine representing His blood that is the new covenant which is shed for many for remission of sins. He called the third cup, "*cup of redemption*" saying, "*This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you.*" (Luke 22:20; 1 Cor. 10:16.) [We will drink the fourth cup with Him at the Wedding Feast of the Lamb... Matt. 26:29.] They sang a hymn and then they, *the Eleven*, left with Jesus to go to the Mount of Olives. (Matt. 26:27-30.) He took Peter, James and John closer in with Him while He, in the Garden of Gethsemane, prayed in such agony that it caused *His sweat to fall "as it were great drops of blood"*. (Luke 22:44.)

[Modern medical explanation is that *under great emotional stress tiny blood vessels can rupture in the sweat glands and produce mixture of blood and sweat, called Hematidroses.*]

Judas, knowing where Jesus and the Eleven would have gone (to the Mt. of Olives), he led a group of chief priests, elders and captains of the temple to arrest the Lord. They kept Him overnight in *illegal trials* before the high priest, and towards morning, before the Sanhedrin Council. He was accused of blasphemy of claiming equality with God that carries the death penalty, but because Jews were under Roman power, they did not have authority to put prisoners to death. Thus they had to take Jesus to Pilate, but he was not interested in their religious charges so they had to invent political charges against Jesus. When Pilate heard that Jesus was "*Galilean*" he sent Jesus to Herod – but Herod sent Him back to Pilate, who eventually, under public pressure, declared Jesus "*Innocent but condemned*".

He was beaten and led to Calvary to be crucified. *He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.* (John 1:29.)

This year Jewish Passover and Christian celebration of Easter fall on the same week, beginning on April 9th, Palm Sunday, through April 16th the Feasts of the First Fruits - Easter/Resurrection Sunday.

We are often asked if it is proper to call this celebration time "*Easter*". This word appears in the King James Version of the Bible only once (Acts 12:4). It is actually a mistranslation or misinterpretation of a sort of a Greek word, "*pascha*" which means Passover, a Jewish feast. Passover is celebrated at this time of the year, which is, according to the Jewish calendar, on the first Sunday following the full moon. If the full moon falls on Sunday, Passover is celebrated a week later. The time of *Easter* falls between March 22 and April 25.

Easter replaces the Jewish Passover among those who have accepted Jesus as their Messiah and Savior. The trouble with the timing of Easter, until about 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 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.

Passover is the basis for our *Easter*, but by that name, *Easter*, it 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 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 to do with pagan festivals, but we do need to know this, if asked, where some of these names come from and why. We also need to remember that we do not celebrate Easter with fertility symbols of eggs and Easter-bunnies as unbelievers do, but *we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord that took place at this time of the year! Preaching the Gospel, as we all are commanded to do, means teaching 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 brought forgiveness and eternal salvation to all who accept Him as their Savior and Lord, (John 1:12; 8:24; 14:6.) 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 *He meets us in the air*, (1 Thess. 4:13-18), and after that He will come as a Judge of the unbelieving world. Our prayer is that many more will come to know Him now when we still have time. Please share the true Gospel of Christ with all who do not yet belong to Him. (1 Cor. 15:1-4; John 8:24; 14:6.) **We wish you a Happy Resurrection Celebration.**

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Questions received from LDS persons.

(These are questions that many LDS people wonder about. We have received similar questions often and answered them before, but it is obviously important to answer them again):

Question: *In order to be an apostle of Christ must he have been with Jesus in person? What about our apostles?*

Answer: Apostles were eye-witnesses of Christ's ministry. The word "*apostle*" is translated from a Greek word "*apostolos*", which means *an ambassador sent [to represent Christ]*. Luke 1:2 and 2 Peter 1:16 confirm that ***apostles were eye-witnesses of Jesus' ministry***. Throughout the New Testament this word is used of those who were true ambassadors/apostles of Christ. In 2 Cor. 11:13 *apostles* is translated from a Greek word "*pseudapostolos*", which means ***false apostles***, pretending to be apostles. The word *apostle* is a New Testament word, and was not known or used before Christ and His ministry. The Book of Mormon speaks of *twelve apostles* from the beginning of the BoM – timing: 600-592 B.C. which proves that the BoM is a 19th century production. The BoM also speaks about *Christ* and *Christians* hundreds of years before there was Christ or followers of Christ.

There are no more apostles after the Ministry of Jesus. We have their testimonies in our New Testament as witness of who Jesus is and what He did to save us. 2 Peter 1: 19-21 assures that the ***Prophetic Word of God*** is trustworthy and sure witness of Jesus, ***given to us by the Holy Spirit of God***. Paul wrote about that also – see 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16.

Question: *If one prays and asks God for an answer to a prayer, can Satan intercede and answer our prayer?*

Answer: I do not know if you are a "*temple Mormon*" and if you know what goes on in LDS temples, but if you are, then you'd know that in LDS temples Adam's prayer is answered by Lucifer, who says that he is the god of this world. That this happens in a LDS temple, the holiest place in Mormonism, should answer this question for you. The Bible warns us about "*another spirit*", and commands us *to test the spirits* (see 1 John 4:1) that can give "*good feelings*" or "*testimonies*" of something that is not true, but false. We must test all teachings and our feelings by the Word of God that will not lie. The Word of God was given to us so that we would know what the true doctrine is, and how to correct those who have gone astray. (Read 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16.) If all Mormons would test all things (1 Thess. 5:21), including their personal "*testimonies*" by the Bible, they would see that it cannot be the Holy Spirit that has given them "testimonies that Mormonism is true" for Mormonism teaches of *another Jesus*, and that *God was once a mortal man*, and that *men can become gods*, when the Bible says that Jesus is I AM (God) (John 1:1, 14; 8:24), and that *God is not a man* (Numb. 23:19), that *He is eternal God*, and *men will not become gods*. (Isaiah 43:10; 44:6; Ps. 90:2.)

Question: *Do you have to be baptized to be saved? Isn't Mark 16:16 saying that salvation requires baptism?*

Answer: Mark 16:16 says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he who believeth not shall be damned." It is "not believing" that results in damnation. We are to be baptized only after we believe. Romans 6:3-4 further explains why we are baptized. "*Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized INTO Jesus*

Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life.” {Note: **Christian baptism is into Jesus, not into a church!**} When we are baptized we demonstrate our faith in the Gospel of Christ which is a message of His death, burial and resurrection (1 Cor. 15:1-4.) The Bible clearly teaches that it is not baptism, but the blood of Jesus, shed in our behalf, that saves. (1 John 1:7.) Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9 explain how we are saved – no works can be added. Faith in Jesus alone is the way to salvation. (John 14:6; Acts 4:12) Jesus was asked *what are the works that we must do to be saved?* Jesus answered, “This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He has sent.” (John 6:29.)

Question: If we are saved through grace alone, why does the Bible command us to do works and obey His commandments?

Answer: The Bible says that if we love Him, we will keep His commandments! Keeping commandments does not save, but keeping them proves that we love Him and that our faith in Him is real, from our heart, not just words we say. (Romans 10:9-10; Eph. 2:8-9.) Eph. 2:10 says that when we are saved, God has prepared works for us to do that show others that we belong to Him. Jesus condensed all commandments into two: *To love God and our neighbor as ourselves.* (Matt. 22:37-40.) The way our children demonstrate that they love and respect us as parents is that they obey and do what we ask of them, for our reason for giving them rules to follow is our love for them and our desire for their best. Likewise God has given us commandments because He loves us and desires the best for us.

Question: If Jesus is God, as you say He is, how can He increase in wisdom and stature?

Answer: Jesus is 100% God and 100% a man. As God, He could not increase in wisdom and knowledge, but we tend to forget that he was also a man, and as a man He had to grow in His humanity just as we have to. If He did not, He could not have fully been a representation of us.

Question: If your name is written in the Lamb’s Book of Life, can it be taken out if you later don’t follow Him anymore? (Is it true that “Once saved, always saved”, as you say?) What about Hebr.12:15 and 6:4-6?

Answer: The Bible teaches that when we are saved through faith in Jesus Christ, who is God with us, we are born again by the Spirit of God (John 3:3,7), and He will never leave us nor forsake us. It is not a conditional promise! Jesus said that *He will give us eternal life* and we, who have received it, will never perish or be lost. (John 10:28-30.) If “eternal life” could be lost, then it would not have been “eternal life” at all. The moment we are born again, we become God’s children (John 1:12-13) and our names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. Our names will stay there forever. You cannot be “un-born” from your spiritual birth any more that you can be “un-born” from your physical birth. - You referred to Hebrews 12:15. “...*fall short of grace*”(NKJV) simply means that some may have been close to becoming truly born again Christians, but they were never saved at all – in other words, they fell short of accepting the grace of God by faith. The same could be said of any goal we fall short of reaching. *Being close* or “almost there” is not the same as truly being born again. In other words, they never had really received the grace of God. When we are born of the Spirit, we, at that moment, have BECOME a forever child of God. (John 1:12-13.)

Hebrews 6:4-6 is one of the most misunderstood passages I can think of. For that reason we need to carefully inspect this, and not jump to conclusions before analyzing the meaning of this passage. The main question in the minds of most seems to be *whether or not a born-again believer can lose his salvation.* In v. 6 it says, “...**IF** they fall away, to renew them again to repentance”! Note: it does not say WHEN THEY FALL AWAY, but IF. The key word is “IF” – if they could fall away, then they could not be saved again, because it would prove that

Jesus' work on the cross was not enough to keep them saved, and He would have to be crucified again for that one to be saved again! We must remember and understand that Christ purchased salvation for us at a price we could never pay, and He GAVE that salvation to us as His GIFT. (Eph. 2:8-9.) He will never take HIS GIFT from us! He is the One who keeps us saved! John 10:28-30 says that we are held in the handclasp of both the Father and the Son, and thus we will never perish! If that was not true, then He, Jesus, *would be put to open shame* for promising something that either was not so, or what He could not do. This statement in Hebr. 6, "...if they fall away" is hypothetical – something that could never happen. It ends with an assuring word, (v. 9) "BUT, beloved, we are persuaded better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner." (NKJV) This obviously means that "*falling away*" does not accompany true salvation – God's promises are "*better*".

Question: *Does "endure to the end" (Matt. 24:13-14) mean that we must believe and stay faithful to the end?*

Answer: It (Matt. 24) is a prophecy about the end times, *written for Israel*. "...and then shall the end come", which in this context means "*the end of the age*". Jesus revealed to His disciples what will take place before the very end.

1. The destruction of the Temple (verses 1-2).
2. The Signs of the End Times and the End of the Age (verses 3-14).
3. The Great Tribulation (verses 15-28).
4. The Coming of the Son of Man (verses 29-31).
5. The Parable of the Fig Tree (verses 29-35).
6. No One Knows the Day or Hour (verses 36-44).
7. The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant (verses 45-51).

This was written for Israel, not to the born again believers in Christ, which, we believe (according to 1 Thess. 4:13-18), will not be here on earth during the 7-year Tribulation period, also called "*the time of Jacob's (Israel's) trouble*". (Jer. 30:7.)

Question: *If God the Father and Jesus are the same one God and being, why does Christ make such a point over and over again distinguishing the two as separate beings and Gods? If they are one being, why is Jesus praying to the Father?*

Answer: As finite beings, we have a hard time properly describing and understanding an infinite God. But as we read and study the Word of God, we have to come to the conclusion that there is only one God, and that this One God consists of Three Eternal Persons; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Hebrews 11:6 says, "*Without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.*" **The Bible is His Book and this is what He says about Himself.** God, the author of His Word (2 Tim. 3:16; John 17:17), asks that we believe what the Bible says about who He is. It should not be hard at all for we have ample proof that the Bible is true and that it is the Word of God. It is "*history written in advance*". Only infinite God can know the past, the present and the future, all at the same time. The Triune **God of the Bible**, by His nature, **is Spirit**, not a man. (John 4:24; Hosea 11:9; Numbers 23:19.) Jesus is the Second Person of Triune God. *He is God, who became a man*, as John 1:1, 14 and Matt. 1:23 say. "**He is the image of invisible God**" (Col. 1:15) and He "*was made in the likeness of men*" (Phil. 2:7) and "*in Him all fullness of Godhead dwells bodily*". (Col. 2:9.) "*Godhead*" consists of three eternal Persons – **Father, Son and Holy Spirit**. "*Dwells*" means that all attributes and the essence of Deity are in Christ; not just divinity but Deity; not just Godlike, but God; not having a nature like God's, but a nature the same as God's. "*Bodily*" means that incarnation was real. Our Lord Jesus Christ was/is one Person with two natures; He was and is the

God and man. Paul (in his letter to Colossians) declares the Deity and humanity of Jesus in corporeal form. All this is true. He was and is eternal God. It is a salvation requirement that we believe that Jesus is God (John 8:24), for only God can forgive sins. (Mark 2:7b.) Three Persons in the Godhead are the One God (Trinity) – not three separate Gods. There is only one God, even the devils believe that and tremble, says James (2:19). The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit have always existed as One God. (Ps. 90:2; 1 John 5:7.) They have always communed/talked with and to one another. Jesus, who is fully God, became fully a man. He is 100% God and 100% man. Of course He talked/prayed to the Father. – [I hope this helped you who asked these questions.]

Dennis and I, with Emily, went yesterday (3/30/17) to visit with Grant Palmer. He is the author of “**An Insider’s View Of Mormon Origins**”, well documented book on Mormonism that we have recommended nearly 15 years to all Mormons we counsel. Grant was an LDS Institute of Religion Director and teacher for 34 years, and **he is now a Christian.** Grant has also written 2 other books on the topic of religion and faith; his latest book is about **Jesus Christ of the Bible**, and is to be published soon. Grant has a terminal pancreatic cancer and he may not have many months left on this earth, but he says that he is fine with that diagnosis, though, as he said yesterday, he knows that the true God can still heal him if that is according to His will. We had a wonderful, over an hour-long visit, with him. He was relating to us, among other issues we talked about, also about his meetings during the last few years with some LDS General Authorities... We hope and pray with Grant that these men will take to their hearts what Grant has said and is saying to them, and that this will bring repentance and change into their lives. He lamented that the High Leaders (meaning apostles) of this rich church are “*bought and bound by the church*”, and he didn’t think that at that level we can expect change. We each prayed together with Grant before we left. It was uplifting and lovely to connect with him in prayer to our God. We ask that you all also pray for Grant.

We have been very busy and engaged in discussions with many LDS persons, and also with many Christians who have come in contact with Mormons and needed help on how to best present the differences between what Mormons teach to what the Bible says. We spent hours just the other day with a former Christian pastor (originally from New York) who has come to Utah to learn more about Mormonism in order to be able to help Mormons into Jesus Christ of the Bible. He was amazed at how complicated and “cultic” Mormonism really is, when the Gospel of Christ is so simple. He had a hard time believing that I, being a Finn, converted to Mormonism, saying that he thought that Finns were analytic thinkers and “*hard to convert to something as ridiculous as Mormonism*” (his words). Dennis reminded him that it is “*biblical illiteracy*” that allows people who have not been before even thinking about God, and who do not know what the truth is, fall for “*worldly attractiveness of Mormonism*” or surrender because of a personal, emotional need they might have. I fell for it because I didn’t have a family - all my loved ones had died an early death, and I had been wondering if there is life after death, and where they might be... Mormonism presents a “*second chance for salvation after death*” and that got me “*hooked*” – I wanted to be with my family and even have them “*saved*”. It was not true, and thus I, in my heart, I “lost them all over again”, which was very painful. However, God has rescued me and given me hope and assurance of my eternal life, though I do not know what the spiritual condition of my parents was when they passed away. The Bible teaches that this life is the time when we are to seek God and answer His call for salvation. Knowing this now makes both Dennis and I eager to share God’s truth with all who are not saved. After they pass away, it is too late. He has the very same sadness concerning his dead relatives I do.

We are very thankful to you for your prayers on our behalf and behalf of this ministry that we love. We look to the Lord alone for sustenance through our life and ministry, and we are thankful for your faithfulness to Him and your support and help you give to us! Without the Lord’s provision and your help our work would not be possible.

We thank the Lord for His guidance in this work that at times seems overwhelming battle for souls that are rejecting their eternal salvation often because they cannot turn their backs to comforts they have now. It seems easy to say *“just have faith and trust the Lord”* when they are fearful of losing their family and friends, and even their jobs if they turn to Jesus of the Bible instead of stay in “the church” and follow their “prophets and apostles”. This is the struggle we are facing as we try to help them. Please pray for us and for them. We want to serve the Lord through this Ministry till He comes or calls us home. Many have asked if we are thinking of quitting our ministry of 34 years! We do not see the Bible even suggesting *“retirement”* as part of God’s plan for those He calls into Ministry. Besides, we have no retirement income, no 401, no savings for retirement. We trust in the Lord, He is our provider and He is our “employer”. Thus we are not planning on retiring! The Lord will have to call us home to stop our work. ☺. We just ask that you pray for our health also. He is our healer and there is no one better than He is. We thank Him for everything and are very happy!

We ask that you pray also for Helen Radkey. She had a breast cancer surgery in March. She will need to take radiation treatments as soon as surgery is healed. She has been writing a research paper on *“Mormon-Jesus”* for about 2 years. It is almost finished, and she is determined to get it done now while she still can. Prayers for healing and comfort are needed for Heather, our Canadian friend, and also for Tom, Mary, Al, Sandy, Kristine, Dan, Max, Merridy, Marlene, Dave and David H. Please continue also praying for Judy and that her therapy will complete her healing from strokes. Patty, Suzi, Karla, Carol and also Max need the Lord’s comfort as they miss their spouses whom the Lord has called home to Him. It takes time to heal from loneliness that they experience though they have joy knowing where their loved ones are now. We pray for the Lord’s direction to their lives. Prayer gives strength, increases faith in the Lord and opens our minds to clearer thinking off how to solve problems we are facing. He has promised to give us wisdom as we ask Him. (James 1:5.) Thank you for praying!

Again we wish you **Very Blessed Resurrection Day Celebration! HE IS RISEN!** (Rev. 22:20-21.)
He is coming soon. God bless you all.

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“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16.)

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