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*[H.I.S.] He Is Savior, Acts 4:12

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Happy May-day! (“Hauskaa Vappua”, in Finnish.)

It is spring that brings a new life in nature and hope to all! Let’s celebrate our life in Christ by wishing everyone Happy *May-day* that in most of the European countries is celebrated as a springtime festival with flowers and parades, and in some countries (as Russia) it is celebrated as a *Labor-day*. *May-day*, *May-day* is also used as distress-call for help, known and understood as such world-wide.- Our troubles are reasons for our “*May-day-calls*” to God, but we also need to be calling to Him in the midst of His blessings as well as our troubles, thanking Him for His closeness to us.

“*Pray without ceasing*” (1 Thess.5:17) is what Paul urges all believers in Christ to do. *LivePrayer devotion* advised, “We ought to take that literally. As we wake up in the morning, we ought to dial God, and never hang up the phone, but leave that line open all day long. God has given us a direct line to Him, and that is the greatest resource that there is in the world. There is nothing in our lives that we face that is too small or too big for God to handle. God cares about you! He cares even about our “little things”, as when we misplaced our car-keys, or our car won’t start, or if you have a toothache, or if you spill your coffee or milk. In other words, God cares about every detail in your life. He loves you that much.” Each one of us can face many challenges in our lives every day – many of them are unexpected. But if we start our day determined to “*pray without ceasing*”, we can depend on the Lord to help us and guide us through all troubling issues we face. If we begin our day with prayer and reading God’s Word, we demonstrate our dependence on God. Without prayer we only depend on ourselves. The Lord has told us, “Without Me, you can do nothing.”(John 15:5b.) We ought to ask ourselves: *Why do we even try to deal with our day to day problems of life alone, when God is ready and willing and able to help us?* We receive our strength, our hope and our answers from the Lord. *We ought to thank Him for all things, our trials as well as blessings.* We will be amazed how much easier each day is going to be when we operate in His strength and not on ours, despite the problems we have. We will have peace from God, His joy and abundant life is what we live each day in constant communication with Him. It does not necessarily mean that all our problems will go away, but *we can be confident that no matter what life may throw at us, we will be OK when we know that the Lord is with us through them all. He is our mediator and He intercedes on behalf of His own before the throne of God.* (1 Tm. 2:5.) ***That is Jesus’ present ministry is in heaven where He prays for us who have received Him as Savior and Lord and who have become God’s children through Him.*** (John 1:12-13.)

In our April 2021 Newsletter we again reminded that *Jesus was and is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.* (John 1:29.) He was crucified between two thieves on Golgotha on the same day that Passover lambs were slaughtered on the Jerusalem temple grounds as sin offerings for the nation of Israel. Three days later, “*the first day of the week*”, He rose from the dead, and from that day on, we, as believers in Him, have celebrated our Lord’s resurrection and ***the Good News of the Gospel of God.*** (1 Cor. 15:1-4.)

The Day of the Pentecost is the 50th day after the Sabbath (Saturday) of ***Passover Week*** (Lev. 23:15-16), and the first day of the week. ***Pentecost*** (meaning fifty) is the Greek name for the Jewish ***Feast of Weeks***, so called because it fell seven weeks after ***the First Fruits*** (Deut. 16:10), ***the Feast of Harvest*** (Ex. 23:16; Numb. 28:26).

The Old Testament Pentecost occurred fifty days after Israel had left Egypt and ***the Passover lamb was slain.*** ***The New Testament Pentecost*** occurred fifty days after Christ rose from the dead, the ***Lord Jesus being our Passover Lamb.*** ***The Old Testament Pentecost*** celebrated ***the birth of the nation Israel*** (Ex. 19:5). ***The New Testament Pentecost*** celebrated

the birth of the Church (Acts 2:41-47). **The Old Testament Pentecost** witnessed the **slaying of some three thousand people** (Ex. 32:28). **The New Testament Pentecost** witnessed the **saving of some three thousand souls** (2:41) – the former typologically points to the latter. This year, 2021, **Pentecost is celebrated on the 23rd of May** (fifty days after the Resurrection Day) **as the Birth of the Church, the Day when the Father sent the Holy Spirit to indwell all believers who at that time were there, and also all who come to faith in Jesus after that day.** **The coming of the Holy Spirit completes the work of the Triune God (the Father, Son and Holy Spirit) for salvation to all who will receive Him as the grace-gift of God.** It was on that very day, 2000 years ago, when **the Holy Spirit came to permanently indwell believers in Jesus Christ.** (Acts 2:4.) Up until that day, **the Holy Spirit of God**, who had been **with** the disciples, now came to take up **His residence in them** as Jesus had promised, “[He] **will be in you**”. (John 14:17.) This verse (Acts 2:4) marks an important turning point in **the Holy Spirit’s relationship with men.** In the Old Testament (and even in the New Testament, prior to this day) **the Spirit came “upon” men to be with them, but not in them as an abiding Resident.** **Beginning with the Day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God indwells all true believers permanently. He came to stay.** (John 14:16.) [We recall from Psalm 51:11 that David prayed after he had committed horrible sins, “**Do not take Your Holy Spirit from me**”. When men did not walk in obedience with God, **the Holy Spirit** would leave, but **after Pentecost the Holy Spirit resides permanently in every born again believer, and He will not leave him/her even if they disobey.**

From Acts 2:4 we read that **they were filled with the Holy Spirit.** We are often asked, *What is the difference between **indwelling of the Spirit** and being **filled with the Spirit**?* **When we are saved (born again), we are, from that moment on, permanently indwelled by the Holy Spirit.** We are “**filled with the Holy Spirit**” when we open our hearts and souls to God and **allow Him to work through and in us.** Thus we need to diligently study the Word of God, spend time in prayer and meditation of the Word **and live in willful obedience to the Lord to allow the Holy Spirit to use us for the glory of Jesus Christ.** **The coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost** also marked the day of **beginning of the Church when believers became members of the Body of Christ (which is the Church).** (Col.1:18, 24; 1 Cor. 2:13.) **By one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,** thus all believers, be they Jews or Gentiles, are new persons in Christ Jesus and **members of the same body, “one body through the cross”.** (Eph. 2:11-22.)

The disciples “**were filled with the Spirit, [and they] began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**” (Acts 2:4.) From the verses, 5-13, we see that they received **a gift and ability to speak the actual foreign languages which they had never studied or known.** **It was not gibberish or ecstatic babbling** but definite languages spoken in other parts of the country and the world, **corresponding to nationalities of those present there.** The miracle was with those who spoke, not with those who heard. Regardless of which countries or areas these people were from, **each heard the mighty works of God in Christ Jesus in their own language.** The word “**language**” used in verses 6 and 8 in Acts 4 is the same word we get our English word “**dialect**” from. This **gift of tongues** was one of the **signs or wonders that God used to bear witness of the truth of apostles’ message.** (Hebr. 2:3-4.) Miracles were needed because **the New Testament was not yet written.** Now that we have the complete Word of God, the need for the “**sign gifts**” has passed, even though of course God could still use any **gift, as tongues was, if He so desired and a need for that was present.** We must keep in mind that **tongues were for a sign, but not to those who believe, but to unbelievers.** (1 Cor. 14:22.) [Thus “**speaking in tongues**” in Christian meetings in our day, where all can understand the same language, does not make any sense!!] These occurrences took place at the beginning of the Church era when **unbelievers of different dialects were present, but these should not be used as a sign of the Spirit birth.** These “**sign gifts**” were given during these times when the New Testament was not written yet, proving that the **apostles were gifted by God** for people present were able to understand their message and the **truth about Jesus Christ in their own language.**

We are now living in expectation of the **Second Coming of Christ** for the signs of **His soon coming** are evident for those who have spent time in studying the Word of God. However, **only God knows the day or the hour of Christ’s return.** **He has given us clear instructions that we are to be about His business until that glorious moment.** We do not have to be Biblical scholars to understand passages found in Matthew 24; 2 Timothy 2 & 3; 2 Peter 3, and elsewhere, **pointing to us clearly that we are in the last days.** His coming is very close.

We are often asked if we believe in **the Rapture of the Church** and if we do, **are we “pre-trib, mid-trib or post-trib”-believers? Absolutely we believe in the Rapture of the Church,** which happens when **He calls His Bride, the Church (1 Thess. 5:9), to come home, before the 7-year Great Tribulation comes.** (John 14:1-3.) The Bible clearly teaches that! The only biblically logical time for that, in our opinion, is the **pre-tribulation Rapture.** We base our beliefs in the Scriptures, as one of them in 1 Thessalonians 4:11-18 (in v. 15 Paul emphasized that he is saying this “**by the word of**

the Lord", and not of his own thinking). Paul teaches that even though we are watching and waiting for Christ's coming, it does not relieve us from our responsibilities in life. The world is especially watching those who *say they are Christians* and they are judging our Savior by our behavior. Paul says that we should walk properly, *mind our own business*, not mingle in *other people's business* (1 Thess. 4:11-12), respecting others, sharing the gospel and *working to support ourselves so that we will not lack anything we need*.

Paul stressed the importance of his teaching, beginning of verse 13, saying "*I do not want you to be ignorant* (in this case) *concerning those who have fallen asleep*", i.e. those who have died. *Sleep* in the NT is used to refer to Christians who have died, but never to their spirits or souls. There are some, as *7th Day Adventists*, that have confused v. 13 to mean "*soul-sleep*". They teach that dead are not aware of anything, not until resurrection. That is not what the Bible teaches! Jesus taught that a person is *fully conscious while bodily dead*. (Please read Luke 16:19-31.) The story of the "*rich man and Lazarus*" that Jesus told before His own death, resurrection and ascension, describes that dead were housed in 2 places –(those who had died as unbelievers were in *Hades/Torment* and those who had died as believers were in *Abraham's bosom/Paradise*), and they were fully aware where they were and what it was like.

The New Testament teaches that after the Lord's ascension to heaven, all who die as believers in Him, will go immediately to the presence of the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8; Phil 1:21, 23), while those who die as non-believers in the true Jesus, will be in *torment* until the *Great White Throne Judgment*. (Rev. 20:11-15.) There are Atheists and other non-believers in God who may say or think that at death, they just cease to exist –i.e. in *annihilation*. That is not so! Nevertheless, a person who dies as a believer in true Christ Jesus, who may have even lost much because of his/her faith in Him, **now enjoys eternal life with God** (Mark 10:29-30) but an unbeliever will suffer *in torment* (Luke 16:24), and *after the Last Judgment*, receives eternal punishment in the Lake of Fire. (Rev. 20:15.) **These facts taught by Jesus in the Bible are the reasons why we must be telling our friends and loved-ones and all others who have not yet come to Jesus for salvation, that TODAY IS THE DAY OF SALVATION.** (Hebr. 3:7-13; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Eph. 2:8-9; John 1:12-13; 14;6.) Tomorrow is not promised to anyone. However, when our believing loved ones die, even though we have sorrow, it is not a *hopeless sorrow*, for we know that we will see them again – might be even very soon, as the Rapture could take place at any time. We have a promise from Jesus (John 14:1-3; referring to Rapture), that He is coming to take us to be with Him. In 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 we are told how it will happen and 1 Corinthians 15:50-52 tells that our bodies will, at that moment, be suddenly changed. In Rapture the *dead believers will be raised first (incorruptible)*, and we who are alive at that time will hear the trumpet and *in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, we also will receive our resurrection bodies and be with the Lord forever*.

The Book of Revelation promises a special blessing to all who study this Book, which actually is "*The Revelation of Jesus Christ*" (Rev. 1:1-3), given to John when he was a prisoner of Rome on the island of Patmos. In the first 3 chapters of the Book of Revelation Jesus describes the condition of the Church-age we are still in – *from Pentecost to Rapture*. Verse 1 in Chapter 4 begins with the words "*After this*" (KJV) [or in NKJV, "*After these things...*"] After what? *After the Church, the Bride of Christ*, is taken to heaven and when the 7-year Tribulation begins. **The proof that the Church** (i.e. all born again believers in Christ) **is not going to be on earth during the Tribulation is that the Church is not mentioned, not at all, after Chapter 3 ends, and not until Chapter 19, when believers come back with the Lord**, which, of course, means that they have gone to be with Him earlier. In the Rapture, the Lord comes "*for His saints*", but at that time He does not come to earth – **and we will meet Him in the air**. (1 Thess. 4:17.) [Thus we know that the Church has been taken up to be with the Lord (raptured) , maybe just before Rev. 4:1.] **After the Tribulation He comes with His saints, that is the Second Coming, when the entire world will see Him.** (Matt. 24:30; Phil.2:9-11.)

Studying Matthew 24 and Luke 21 reveal many signs for the coming Tribulation for Israel. We are to keep our eye on Israel to know when His coming for us draws near. (Luke 21:25-28.) The signs we are to watch what is taking place in Israel, as warnings of the closeness of coming Tribulation which is to bring them to repentance and realization that *they had missed their Messiah's First Coming*. (Zach. 13:6; Hosea 5:15; Luke 18:41-44.) There are no signs given for the Rapture, but *students of the Bible know that the Rapture comes before the Tribulation, the Great Trial of Jacob/Israel*. (Jer. 30:7; Matt. 24:21.) The Lord has promised that His Bride will not experience His wrath that is revealed during the time of the Great Tribulation. (Rev. 3:10; 1 Thess. 5:9-11; Rom. 1:18.) When Paul was teaching in his letters to Thessalonians about the end times and coming of the Lord *for His saints*, he also taught that "**that Day** (Tribulation) **will not come unless the falling away comes first**", [i.e. *apostasy from God's truth takes place* – and we already see it advancing fast], "**and the man of sin (the anti-Christ) is revealed, the son of perdition...**" Paul said that **the son of perdition will not be revealed until "He (the Holy Spirit) who restrains is taken out of the way."** That takes place "**After**

this (Rev. 4:1), *after the Church age*, all born again *Holy Spirit filled Christians, are taken out of the way, raptured.* *“And then the lawless one (anti-Christ) will be revealed...The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of Truth, that they might be saved...”* (2 Thess. 2:3-12.) Jesus warned, *“Take heed that no one deceives you, for many will come in My name...”* (Matt. 24:4-5.) *His Word is Truth, as He is the Truth.* (John 17:17; 14:6.) *Those who do not love His Word do not love Him, for it is the love of Truth* (one of the titles of Jesus - John 14:6) *that brings men to salvation.*

We are very concerned about our LDS friends and loved ones who have not been interested in Truth, not even now when all can see deception and violence flourishing in our country and around the world. These indeed are the *times of the signs.* Many may think and some even say *that after they see if the Rapture is true,* and all born again Christians have suddenly vanished, *maybe then it would be time to take Jesus Christ seriously... maybe then they can accept Him... and even promise to live for Him.* That is a very big “*maybe*”, for *if they reject Jesus and His Truth now, they could have already fallen under the “strong delusion” that Paul talked about that captures those who have not received the love of Truth,* but instead believe *the lie of Satan and be condemned for not believing the Truth.* (2 Thess. 2:10-12) We pray for these people every day while there is still time, but how long, no one can say.

Questions and answers: We received 2 Youtube-videos from a friend, a former LDS lady, who is now a Christian and lives in California. She had watched these videos and they *made her question the correctness of the Genesis account of the Bible.* The Word of God is brought to question by these videos, and it begins by taking *one word from KJV of the Bible,* in Genesis 1:28. The word is *“replenish”*, a command given by God to Adam and Eve, implying that if God had created Adam and Eve as *the very first man and woman on earth,* how could He tell them to *“replenish” the earth if there had not been any other people on earth before them?* He adds to this Gen. 9:1, saying that God used the same words, *“replenish”* also there. All mankind was killed in the Flood, excepting Noah and his family, so it would be correct of God to tell Noah to *“replenish” the earth then,* but what about Gen. 1:28. **Question:** *Were there other people on earth before Adam and Eve?* Genesis account, chapters 1-2, indicate that there was nothing until God created the heaven and earth?

Reply: For the love and respect for our friend who was asking us to view these youtube-videos, Dennis watched the first video, though from the start he could see that what this video-maker was saying was not based on research or knowledge, just on obvious desire to twist the facts.

We have about a dozen English translations of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, and we checked Gen. 1:28 in all of them and **ONLY** the KJV translates the Hebrew word *“m’la”* as *“replenish”*. The Hebrew dictionary says that the correct translation is *“fill”* or *“be full”*, and it is used *in all other English translations.* We checked *the King James Bible Commentary* that also notes that *the English word should have been “fill” the earth, and not “replenish”.* I have two Finnish Bibles and both of them in this case use a word meaning *“fill”*. [There are other groups, like Mormons, that use and depend on *KJV only* translation for “support” of many of their erroneous doctrines in order to gain converts.] [Note: In America *the King James translation* is perhaps the most used translation by all, though it is much harder to understand for (1611) it’s over *four hundred year old* wording. I would like to add that there are several great Study Bibles that also use the KJV translation, adding their commentaries/corrections/explanations to the bottom of each page, as Dr. Henry M. Morris, whose Bible, *“The Defenders Study Bible”*, corrected Gen. 1:28 in his notes to be *“fill”*, saying that *“replenish”* is a mistranslation, as have all other KJV Study Bibles have also done.]

This error, like other translation errors, can disturb reader’s correct doctrinal understanding, unless they are willing or able to test correctness of *words in question* by going to *original/ancient Hebrew or Greek texts.* What words mean in Hebrew or Greek can fairly easily be checked from *the Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance.* For exact meaning of the Hebrew and Greek words *“The Interlineal Hebrew– Greek Bible”* (exact “word-for-word” translation of the Bible) has been a great source to find accurate English words to use. We generally recommend NKJV or NAS Bible translations instead of KJV. However, we use KJV daily for we converse most often with LDS people, who use KJV only, but since we have the resources to verify the original meaning of the words, as in this case, it is fairly easy to find out. This, Gen. 1:28 has been a trigger for many false teachings as to those that say that the earth was populated by different people 10 million years before Adam and Eve. The Bible begins, *“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” and all that is in it.* If we do not trust and believe Genesis, how can we believe the rest of the Bible? The Bible is the most tested and researched book (66 books actually) in the world. It indeed is a *“history written in advance”*,

and only God can “*declare the end from the beginning*” and even thousands of years before, *tell about things that yet do not exist as if they did*. (See Isa. 46:10; Rom. 4:17b). God gave the OT prophets and the NT writers the words to say. It indeed is the Word of God. (See: 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:16.) *History, science and archeology and fulfilled prophecies* have also verified its correctness. No one knows better than the translators how difficult their task has been and is when translating ancient texts. To make the most correct translation, they must study the cultures, customs and practices and more, in order to be able to use the proper words and terms in each of the case. Looking into our English *Webster’s Dictionary* and checking what words mean or could mean, shows that there are many choices for each word and term that translators have to determine based on the context. We also see how the languages have changed, and are continually changing. Meaning of the many words is not the same that it was even one decade ago, and how huge the difference of words really is looking at the 1611 KJV translation. God is able to help us when we seek to know and understand His Word that is His love-letter to us so that we can come to know Him and have personal relationship with Him.

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Questions from an anonymous LDS person:

- “1. “Have you read the Book of Mormon and prayed about it?
2. You must be motivated by hate in trying to convince Mormons that their faith is wrong.
3. *Have you noticed the good fruit of the LDS Church and how fast it is growing? Does that not prove that it is true?*
4. *Why don’t you just preach what you believe rather than bash Mormons?*
5. *What can you say about errors and contradictions in the Bible? That is a reason why we need to have living prophets to correct all that.*
6. *We believe in God who was once as we are – he can understand us and we can understand him – your God, “Trinity”, is a mass of confusion, no one can understand that.*

My answers:

1. Yes, I have read the Book of Mormon, many times. As I read it I became more and more sure that it was not true at all. *It is a testament of another Jesus*. The Jesus of the Book of Mormon is not the savior who came to save sinners as the Bible says (Luke 9:56) but one who destroyed cities and killed their inhabitants. (See 3 Nephi 9:3-15 – read also 3 Ne. 8.)
2. I am motivated by concern for the lost, which Mormons are for they do not know *the only True God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent* (John 17:3). Jesus said that *unless people believe that He is I AM (God) they will die in their sins* and thus not be saved. (John 8:24.) I would like to ask you are question: Are tens of thousands of LDS missionaries motivated by hate when they go knocking on the doors of Christians around the world telling them that *all Christian denominations are false and abomination to God?* (Joseph Smith, History, PoGP)
3. The LDS Church has many good people who do good deeds, but good works do not get people to heaven, only Jesus does. (Eph. 2:8-9; John 14:6; Acts 4:12.) “*The fruit of any church*” is its message of God. The message of the Mormon Church is about a god who is not God at all, and about “Jesus” who is a created being and a brother of all, including Lucifer. Jesus of the Bible is not a brother of all, but *the Creator of all*. (John 1:1-3; Col. 1:16.) He alone came from heaven, we did not. Jesus said, “*I AM from above (heaven): ye are of this world; I AM not of this world,*” (John 8:23.) Fast growth of any group or church is not a proof of its truth. In most cases it only proves that people are gullible. Look at Islam with its 1.5 Billion members! Do you believe it is true? Even Jehovah’s Witnesses, a younger group than Mormonism, has grown faster than Mormonism. Jesus said, “*...broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat...but narrow is the way, which leadeth into life, and few there be that find it. Be aware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits.*” (Matt. 7:13-16) *Fruit of a prophet is his teachings!* Does he teach the biblical truth? Mormon prophets teach a false doctrine of God. The Bible commands that we test all things, including spirits and feelings. (1 Thess. 5:21; 1 John 4:1.)
4. We are teaching what the Bible says; that is evangelism. We are doing this because we trust and believe that the Bible is God’s Word and instructions to all who seek the truth and believe. We are contrasting Mormonism’s teaching with the Truth found only in the Bible. We do not “*bash Mormons*”, but we point out that Mormonism and its teachings are not biblical, hoping to challenge them to check the scriptures and study and prove what is true. (2 Tim. 2:15; 1Thess. 5:21; 1 John4:1.)

5. What errors? There are no errors in the Bible, in its original ancient text . How have your prophets “corrected” the Bible? Joseph Smith said that he retranslated the Bible. Impossible! He did not have the manuscripts in the original languages of the Bible, and without them he could not have translated the Bible at all, and besides that he did not know Hebrew and Greek. Regardless what is said by the LDS Church about Joseph Smith’s “translation of the Bible”, the LDS Church’s “official Bible” is still the King James Version, not Joseph Smith’s “translation”. Can you explain that?

6. Yes, we know that you believe that *your god was once a man*, but that does not make it true. *The Bible clearly teaches that God is not a man.* (Num. 23:19; Hosea 11:9 etc.) *The Bible says that God is Spirit and Spirit does not have flesh and bones.* (John 4:24; Luke 24:39.) You wondered about the Trinity and that no one can understand it. Actually I am glad that we serve a God who is beyond our human capacity to understand. If we could understand God, *he would be a god of our own making, just as Joseph Smith’s god –who is not god at all.* Joseph Smith made for himself a *god who is after his own image.* God of the Bible calls us to believe in Him and we do, *for His Word is truth* (John 17:17) and *that is what He says about Himself.* (1 John 5:7.) Individuals do not have to understand *the Trinity* to be saved but we must believe what God has said about Himself. That is essential. *“In essentials Christians have unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things love.”* The Trinity is a central doctrine of Christianity, as is the authority of Scripture (the Bible); that Jesus Christ was fully God and fully man; that Christ was born of a virgin; that He led a sinless life; that He died to atone for our sins; that He was bodily resurrected from the dead and will come again in power and glory to judge the world and deliver His people.

We want to again thank you, our prayer-partners and faithful supporters of our work. God will bless you for all that you do for Him and for our work for Him. We have been blessed by the Lord through you! You are in our daily prayers as we thank the Lord for you.

Times are very confusing and the entire world seems to have gone “nuts”, but that is what the Word of God tells us about the “*signs of the times*” . We indeed are living in these pre-told signs. *The Lord is coming!* Exactly when, no one can know, but the closeness of that time can be seen and even “felt”. Faith of many is vanishing, and that is sad. Now is the time to cling to our Lord and His promises and give hope to all who fear. He gave His promises to all His own, with warning. (Luke 18:8b.)

Please continue to pray for Judy – she really needs help with her health and so does her daughter, Liz, grandson Sam. Our prayers go to God for Aira and her desperate situation that we know the Lord is fully aware. Our trials come to make us strong – it important to remember. Please pray also for Richard, Heber, Al, Sandy, Cynthia, Scott, Mary, Bruce, Mark, Virve, Lisa and James. The Lord knows exactly what their needs are and we ask His comfort and peace to remain in their hearts. Please also pray for all of our unsaved friends and relatives that we will be able to reach them for the Lord. He loves them all. May the Lord be with you and bless you.

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Thought for the month: *“Religion is a story what a sinful man tries to do for the Holy God. The Gospel of Christ is a story of what the Holy God has done for sinful men.” Jesus said: “It is finished.” Paid in full. Just come to Me.*

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