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Jesus is alive!



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Deuteronomy 4 :29 **But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find Him with all your heart and with all your soul.**

FINDING JESUS

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First of all and most foremost, thank You heavenly Father, for another blessed Christmas season. A season again to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. May we always keep Christmas the same as it always is, and that is, that Jesus is the only real reason for the season! We as Christians, realize that there is a secular movement out there today in high gear, trying to take Christ right out of Christmas. So Father it is my special prayer at this time, that Christians throughout the world, will stay strong and fight to keep Jesus where He belongs. He is and always will be, the only real reason for Christmas! So Father, I ask this special prayer in Jesus name.....Amen.

This month's inspired message finding Jesus, is one of a lot of mystery and very controversial? Some people say that Jesus finds us, and others say that we find Him. For my personal surrender, it was one from being beat down and down, until there was no other way to go, and that was up. The Lord knew that I was very hard headed, and needed some serious persuading before I would finally give up. On the other side of the coin, the Lord says in 2 Chronicles 15:2 **The Lord is with you when you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you, but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.** As we study this scripture, the context of the scripture is very clear what Jesus is trying to tell all of us, and that is, if you start searching with all your heart and soul for Jesus, you will find Him.

A real good starting place to find the Lord, is in the Holy Bible! There are so many people out there spinning the word of God today, that it's no wonder why so many people are lost and so confused? The ones that are twisting God's word for their own personal interest, I believe belong to Satan's army of liars. You see when people are divided, confused and misled, the real word of God, gets put in the closet. The devil and all his demons, roam around the earth looking to divide and conquer lost souls. They will always have the edge, when God's word is locked in a closet! The Lord said in Luke 11:17 **“Any Kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall.** You would be surprised at all the false prophets there are in high places falsely preaching God's word on tv, radio, and in the church pulpits. It's staggering how many non-biblical preaching ministers and priests that are out there, distorting the word of God today.

It's not just non-denominational churches, it's denominational as well. The Lord said in Matthew 7:15 **“ Watch out for false prophets. They come in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them.**

The only real way to find the Lord Jesus Christ, is through faith. The Lord says in Hebrews 11:6 **And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.**

In that scripture, the Lord is very clear about starting with real faith, before you will be able to learn from Him. Once your faith is in order with Him, He will start teaching you the truth about life. No other place in the world, will you ever be able to learn about the truth in life, except through the word of God. You see, the more you want to learn, the more the Lord will teach you. All those who choose the road of rebellion towards the Lord, will find their life heading into spiritual darkness. This destructive rebellious attitude towards God, can only end up in the death of one's soul. The lord says in Ezra 8:22 **“ The gracious hand of our God is on everyone who looks to Him, but His great anger is against all who forsake Him “**

To all of the ones with a rebellious heart, instead of defiance against His will, try to think of doing just the opposite, by surrendering to His will. The Lord says in Hosea 10:12 **Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until He comes and showers righteousness on you.**

Here are a few more of the many scriptures that God gives to all His people, to build up your faith and draw upon in times of trouble.

The Lord says in Psalm 9:10 **Those who know your name will trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You.**

Also in Lamentations 3:25 The Lord says: **The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him.**

To sum up this months inspired message, I would like to start with the fact that there is too much confusion, distractions, hatred, lack of love and unity in our world today. That coupled with the fact that there are so many false preachers out there today, spinning the word of God for there own glory. Combining these two factors together, it can be harder to find your way to Jesus if you are looking for Him! On the other hand, if you are or were not looking for Him like I was, He will find you through ongoing darkness and suffering, if you are one of the sheep the Lord chooses for His flock.

So if you really in your heart want to find the Lord Jesus Christ, all you need to have is a little faith to start, even faith as small as a mustard seed like the Bible teaches us. Then the next thing is to go to some place where it is quiet, and ask God to forgive all your sins. After that, ask the Lord to help you learn how to read the Bible. Once the Lord knows that it was sincere and came from your heart, that is the moment when the Holy Spirit will enter your temple. From that time on depending where your heart and faith is, the

Lord will grow you in His infinite wisdom and love. God's wisdom and love, is something that the world knows nothing about. So my friends in the Lord, try not to let the world keep you off balance when it comes to finding Jesus. Take it from me, He is alive, well, and waiting around for you to come to Him like a little child! May God Bless you all.

JANUARYS EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

HE IS HERE TO HELP *By Billy Graham*

Romans 8:35 **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?**

After His resurrection Jesus came to His disciples, meeting them between the garden with its empty tomb and the city with its mob still passionate with hate. He said to them, " Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren" (Matt. 28:10) In the midst of a world filled with danger, hatred, and wars, the words of our Lord Jesus Christ are just as relevant as when He spoke them.

He still says to all who love Him, " Do not be afraid."

He comes to you in the hospital room or in the midst of a family tragedy. He comes to you in the midst of an unexpected business reversal or physical crisis. And He says, " Do not be afraid." I'm alive, and I'm here to help you. The cross shows the depth of My love, and the Resurrection shows the depth of My power. Nothing can ever separate you from Me!"

SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK & THE LOST

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Also a special prayer in general, for all the sick, the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the persecuted, the broken hearted, the lost, etc. people of this world. Also a prayer for our government and all the governments of this world, to find a way with God's help, to live in peace. I ask this all in Jesus name.....Amen.

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