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THIS EXTRAORDINARY TIME

We are living in an extraordinarily difficult time right now. No one needs to be told that. We are also living in the time of the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the only hope we have, the only hope for a positive future, for life. He is truth. And he is the King of the Kingdom of God, our absolute savior, monarch, healer, redeemer, and so much more.

At this very time the leader of darkness, the devil, Satan, the evil one, whatever you choose to call him, is running amuck throughout the world. He and his minions are sowing lies upon lies, and creating massive confusion throughout the land. And all those unfortunate people who do not truly know Jesus are easy prey for his efforts. You know it. I know it. We see them everywhere today believing and spouting untruths, boldly proclaiming lies you recognize as untruths while they are saying them, lies they actually seem to believe. It is sad. It is disheartening. But, thank God, you are not one of them.

In this mess on earth, and it is a mess, the great majority of people do not know the Lord and are being easily led astray. It is a dangerous time. These lost and confused people not only spout off lies and believe them, they act on these untruths. Sometimes they act violently and without any apparent rational thinking behind their actions, believing they are doing right.

The Bible has warned us of these days. Lawlessness is one of the signs. So too deception. Jesus' first warning of these days was to watch not to be deceived. And, alas, delusion. Surely we see many succumbing even to that.

In all this we must keep our eyes on Jesus. Remember who we are in him, all he said, all the scriptures, what we can do in him. Take steps to protect ourselves as the Bible has advised. Live with the continual guidance of the Holy Spirit who will guide us into all truth, tell us what is yet to come, remind us of all Jesus has said to us, speak of what he has heard, and so much more.

I write this article to encourage you and to warn you. Encourage in that you are indeed as a true believer in the Kingdom of God, that the Lord is coming soon to collect his believers, that you possess the greatest hope of all time. Warn in that you still now live in the midst of this physical world which is a mess with so many traipsing about in ignorance and confusion, sowing discord and violence.

One very positive thing we can look forward to in these difficult times is that all the many false things being done in darkness in our world today will indeed be revealed. Remember these great scriptures:

For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. – Luke 8:17

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!

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When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." – John 8:12

What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs. – Luke 12:3

Keep your eyes on Jesus at all times, and go forward representing him in these tumultuous days.

THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON: A MUST-READ STORY

[This article below is a special gift from our ministry to you this Christmas season. It was first published years ago and I have sent it out more than once. I think all of you really need to read it right now. It points out just how much God knows about each of us, how much he cares, and the extent to which he is involved. It is an absolutely true story that really happened to Cathy and me several years ago. This is God in action.]

CLEMENTINES

God loves us. He really, really does. That's a key part of the Christmas message. Why else would He ever have sent His son here to go through what he went through? And why else would Jesus ever have willingly gone to the cross?

I was reminded of that this past weekend in a way only God can arrange. Sunday afternoon a friend was coming to visit us at home. Late in the afternoon the doorbell rang, and I opened the door. There stood our friend, holding out a box of clementines. For those of you who do not know, clementines are small citrus fruit, like small oranges, and they seem to make an appearance in grocery stores about this time of year. They come in small but clearly distinct boxes.

Our friend handed me this box of clementines. "God told me to get this for you," she said. And she went on, exclaiming that God was very specific and strong about it. "So I went into a grocery store and I couldn't find them. I thought that I would just get a poinsettia, but well, God said to get clementines." So she stuck with her search, and she found them. Later in the kitchen she spoke with Cathy and asked if clementines were my favorite. Our friend couldn't get over how insistent God had been.

Later I thought more about this. I remembered how as my children grew up we would always get a box of clementines sometime around Christmas. It was a regular feature in our house. The box could always be found sitting somewhere in the kitchen. Everyone liked them. To this day when I see a display of clementines in a store, I want to buy a box.

And I thought some more. Here we are in the ministry involved in our usual activities and praying for guidance from God on key issues, like where and how to proceed in the expensive television ministry, where and what meetings to arrange, whether to begin another regular meeting in southeastern NC, and more. For months, even years, we have been going steadily forward, always fighting and overcoming attacks of the evil one which do come whenever anyone steps out for God. Into the midst of all that God sent an obedient woman friend to bring a box of clementines. Even when I write this the Holy

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Spirit is so strong in the office I keep stopping and reflecting. Is that love? Yes! And much more. That is God saying - John, even in the midst of all this, I'm still here, and I love you, and look, I even know little things about you, like how you like a box of clementines and what that means to you.

So I've been feeling really warm ever since. God sent me a box of clementines for Christmas. God knows where you are and what you're going through. He knows every hair on your head. Every day, if we'll just look around and take time to see with spiritual eyes, we'll see God directing our paths.

What a heavenly Father we have!

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IT'S CHRISTMAS, BUT JESUS IS STILL COMING SOON!

Yes he is. Absolutely. I have it on good authority. His. So do you too just by reading the scriptures, discerning the times, looking at all those prophecies fulfilled in our lifetimes, reading our WAKE UP AMERICA! book and our other writings or listening to our past programs. It is true. It is not just something to discuss.

In those wonderful moments usually in the middle of the night when he has from time to time guided me on his return, that word "soon" is often there. And he adds other thoughts relating to timing, such as "John, there is not much time. Be bold." Or "John, the world is coming to an end. Do not let people go into the night." You can imagine that last sentence and many others are quite a burden, one of course I cannot ever put down, but he is with Cathy and me always and we keep going. I have many pages of his words and guidance on his return.

Years ago I wrote about another incident you may remember. We were sitting in a local church on Christmas Eve. Traditional hymns were being sung about Jesus, about the babe in the manger. All of a sudden while I sat there, the Lord suddenly and very clearly spoke to me: "John, these people are celebrating my birth, and here I am getting ready to come back soon." I never forgot that.

Yes, certainly, Jesus is not in the manger. He is not a baby. He has already been born, grown up, lived and walked, gone about teaching, preaching, and healing, been arrested and tortured and killed horribly on the cross, risen from the dead, appeared to over 500, and ascended into heaven where he now sits at the right hand of his Father. And he is preparing to return so very soon. That statement from Jesus that night in the church may seem a simple truth, but it is anything but. He is making the point that he is coming soon and so many people are still back at Bethlehem. That has happened. It is wonderful and inspirational to remember. But it is in the past. Jesus' return is not. It is coming up. And people just aren't ready. Be sure to remind anyone around you who still thinks of him as a baby in a manger. No, he is not a baby, he is the king of the kingdom of God, the king of all creation. That's who Jesus is today. And he is coming soon.

You as a true believer see so much more than most people around you, and that is difficult for you. They just don't know because they really don't know. And you cannot or may not ever be able to help them come to know, regardless of how hard you try. Remember, no one can come to Jesus unless the Father draws that person to Jesus.

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We do not know the specific day the Lord will come for his believers. It could be anytime from now on, perhaps months, perhaps a few years. We do know all the prophecies that have been fulfilled. We do know we see happening around us all that has been prophesied. And we do know we must persevere in the faith, representing Jesus every opportunity we have, being guided by the Spirit always, seeking to help in God's leading others to Christ, telling others of his imminent return. We also know that those who do persevere until the end will have the right to sit with Jesus on his throne, will have authority over the nations, and so much more.

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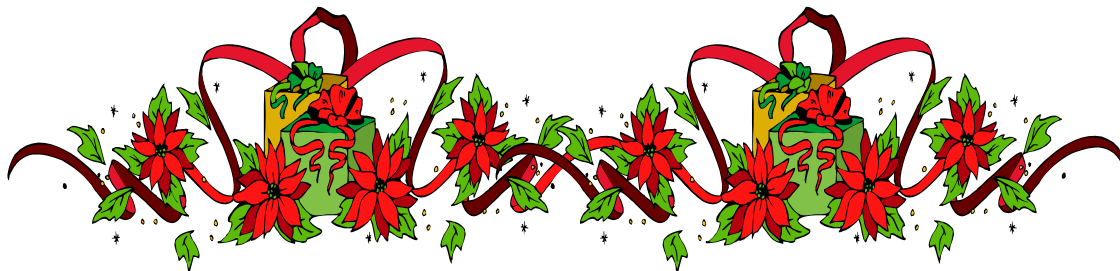
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***May you live in the fullness of God's blessings always.
And have a wonderful Christmas!***

John and Cathy

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