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- realizing the power of a life in Christ-

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TO THE SAINTS OF GOD:

I write to you, dear saints, at this momentous yet dreadful time in human history, to share wonderful things you should know and indeed I expect you do know.

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God. You are a member, a citizen, of a kingdom of priests. You are both kings and priests.

Do you know that you can do the same things the Lord Jesus did when on earth? Even greater. Yes, even greater. He said that clearly to make you understand just what your authority in him is on this earth. It is unlimited.

I pray for each of you that you may truly realize the incomparably great power God has for us who believe. How great is that power? It is like the working of his mighty strength which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.

Do you not realize that you are such a people as I am describing, a chosen people? God the Father chose you in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. Yes, even then, he planned for you to be adopted as his children through Jesus Christ.

This Lord Jesus is the living stone, the cornerstone of the Kingdom, yes, and we saints are the living stones being built into a spiritual house to be this holy priesthood. Anyone who trusts in Jesus will never be put to shame.

Even now somehow God has raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.

I do pray that all of you realize...although this is in truth almost impossible perhaps for us to comprehend fully... the extraordinary dimensions of the great love of Christ and to grasp that love, being filled with all the fullness of God. Think of it! Imagine! Being filled with all the fullness of God. How would you act? How would you live? Well, I pray that for you as Paul prayed it for saints hundreds of years ago. It is the goal and how we are enabled to live and act as the Lord intended.

Each of us as saints of God must seek always to put off falsehood and speak truthfully to our neighbors, for we are members of one body. This behavior alone reveals you to all as a stranger in this bizarre world, surely not a citizen. No, your citizenship is elsewhere. Never ever will we let the sun

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go down on any personal anger, nor give the devil a foothold. The only words out of our mouths will be words helpful for building others up.

God the Father has given Jesus the name that is above every name. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth...and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. How glorious will that be when all so behave.

Seek always to live blameless and pure as children of God, without fault in this crooked and depraved generation in which the saints of God shine like stars in the universe.

Your and my citizenship is in heaven. It is not on this current earth. It is not long now before that wonderful Savior we have, Jesus Christ, comes to transform our lowly earthly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. And to take us with him for a short while until it is time for him and all his holy ones to return to earth at the end of the Tribulation. Remember always when you see all that is happening around that this is not your home and that your citizenship is elsewhere. This poem I wrote years ago I think captures that:

WE ARE NEVER HOME
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We are never home.
Not now. Not here.
No matter how we try.
We cannot get there.

The moments of joy
Family and friends bring
Cannot dispel
The longing of our hearts.

Harsh though the words,
God's children are
Strangers in a foreign land,
Aliens on planet earth.

This is not our world.
But we will soon be home,
That we know.
Our hope is secure.

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THE MISSING CHRISTIAN CONSENSUS IN OUR SOCIETY

In our lifetimes, indeed in the past years of America's existence, this country for the most part has operated through the influence of a Christian consensus, a general overriding acceptance and understanding of the basic truths of God given in the Bible. It is God who has given us our great freedoms, and only in a place where the government is based on the fundamental truths of Christianity can people peacefully enjoy such freedoms. That was America for most of its existence. Regardless of various diverse individual views of Americans, the fundamentals of Christianity were powerfully behind and underpinning the very structure of our Constitution, our government, our way of life. And Americans did indeed live in a wonderfully free place.

Only in a world of Christian consensus can this exist. Without God, without a Christian consensus held by those who run the country, who lead the essential communities such as education and business and other endeavors, there cannot be such great freedoms peacefully enjoyed.

And that is where we are now, arriving after decades of erosion of the Christian consensus. We are at the point now where God is not a key concern of much of the general government and leadership of the land, of the media, of the society. And without God and the Christian consensus, the truths of the Bible, of the gospel, how can a society have unity, how can it hold together? It can't. And it will fall apart. Human beings are made in the image of God. If there is not any recognition of the uniqueness of humanity, if it is not realized that humans indeed are special but they are rather considered just as another thing on earth, then what unites us, what protects us, how do we live?

And how do we go on? Already we have wholesale abortion and a breakdown of the concept that a marriage is between a man and a woman. There are now those who believe a man can become a woman, or a woman a man. What is going to happen? How will order be preserved? And at what cost? Will there be order?

We move steadily to a ruling elite. It is readily apparent. And it is a Godless elite, operating not on a Christian consensus. How does that elite come up with absolutes on which to base its decisions? Where do they find such? They don't. They don't exist. And so there will be and already are terrible decisions, horrible policies. In such a society it is easy to see why some people can't see how to enforce laws on rioters or take steps to reduce crime, for example, steps that would appear obvious to anyone with a Christian worldview. But the elite doesn't have that.

We are heading ever more into control by an elite that is Godless, and heaven help us all. Obviously we hope the Lord returns before things get further asunder. This elite can easily put into effect terrible actions, perhaps deciding not to care about aging citizens just as it does not care about all the millions of aborted babies. Or maybe it will decide not to deal with disabled people. Or perhaps just to ignore groups or individuals it does not care for. Who knows what might happen? The elite has no absolutes. Either the society returns to the Christian consensus, or it falls apart. And as it falls apart, at some point Jesus comes and collects his believers. That is where everything is headed.

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We as believers must do all we can in helping God lead people to Jesus. As I write so often, ask the Holy Spirit to orchestrate whatever encounters he would have you have with others such that you might share truths about Jesus, salvation, Jesus' return, and more.

[For more on the impending return of Jesus, go to the return page on our website. Also, to get a grasp of all that has happened in recent years regarding Jesus' return, what is soon to happen, and the fullness of Jesus and the Kingdom of God, get a copy of our book **WAKE UP AMERICA! JESUS IS COMING SOON!**]

NEVER FORGET THE GREAT TRUTH OF OUR TIME: Everything is secondary right now to the fact that Jesus is coming soon and that to be in the Kingdom, to go with him, you must be a true believer in him. You must be born anew. Jesus must be your Lord.

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