

GOODNEWS LETTER

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TEXT MESSAGING (TEXTING)

"He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, and drinketh damage," Proverbs 26:6.

The Lord has been TEXTING His message since man's fall from grace and consequential banishment from the Garden of Eden. From then until now, the TEXT reads: S-A-L-V-A-T-I-O-N.

And, long before the advent of cell phones, the message of the New Testament TEXT went into all parts of the world, announcing: "God so loved the world that whosoever believeth in Christ shall not perish but have everlasting life," John 3:16.

God's TEXT is the importance of knowing Jesus Christ, His actions and life, no matter the cultural, intellectual or theological cost.

And thus, the TEXT comes with its own Personal 'Jesus' ring-tone. His loving w-o-r-d-s carry a distinctive sound, alerting every heart to the gospel message of s-a-l-v-a-t-i-o-n.

Every individual comes to the same place and need that a Chinese Bible translator discovered a few years back. Jumping from his chair, he exclaimed, "This TEXT tells me all about myself." "And I, If I be lifted up from the earth I will draw all men unto me," John 12:32.

God TEXTS are directed to every individual. And those who hear the tone and answer the call hunger and thirst after the life giving TEXT. So, pick up your Bible and read the message God has sent into all the world. Heed the w-o-r-d-s of Jesus and start thinking spiritually. All that is needed is to listen. "He who has (spiritual) ears to hear, let him hear," Matthew 11:15.

Action does follow listening, however, and one cannot restrain himself. In short time, hearers become doers, joining with other messengers of the Lord that, through the years, have TEXT'D God's love and mercy to a lost and dying world, along with His local New Testament Church, and the coming Kingdom on earth.

How the Apostle John, loved to TEXT. "And this is the MESSAGE we have heard from Him and announce to you, 'THAT GOD IS LIGHT, AND IN HIM THERE IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL,' Jn 1:5

And, even though Paul went to the third heaven and saw things hard to describe, he always went back to the basic TEXT message of God's love and man's desperate need: "For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly," Romans 5:6.

And, the TEXT from the Lord's brother is so strong that it grabs our minds and points them upward. "Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no shadow of turning," James 1:17.

It has been, since Jesus commissioned the church to "Go," that Baptists have persuaded men to repent and call on the name of Jesus and receive God's s-a-l-v-a-t-i-o-n.

Therefore, forget what others are saying. Such distractions are too costly. Don't be so foolish as to keep your head down, always checking for some fleeting communication from friends in the world. Unglue your eyes and your mind from that tiny screen in your hand and look up to the vastness of the heavenly declaration that God created just for you.

You'll marvel at His eternal power and divine nature that the creation reveals; especially, if you are an astro-physicist (Rom. 1:20). Lift up your feeble hands - look and see "The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament showeth His handiwork!" Psalms 19:1

Not much time will pass before you discover that the Bible is the only TEXT needed; the only message to take seriously. With each TEXT'D message, God's exciting truth grows within the heart resulting in an illumination of the soul. It's a love TEXT, so thrilling and so sweet, that you can't stop reading it.

Like a candle shining in the dark, the Bible lights up every segment of life that it touches; whether past or present. And, what glorious promises are given for the future life! It is no wonder that your head is always down, checking the TEXT'D message from God. You just can't put the book down, can you?

["All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect (complete), thoroughly furnished unto all good works," 2Timothy 3:16.]