



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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Thank you so much for praying for me and supporting Abiding Above Ministries!

My friends, I have learned through many years of ministry now that the aching of the child of God in this present age can be summed up with these words, *"Oh God, I must know something I don't know!"* My friend, this is the heart cry for personal revival!

You see, personal revival involves discipleship, and Christian discipleship leads us down a narrow path, a path of separation from this world, and this way is difficult. But those who faithfully follow God's teachings find the abundant life. But on the other hand, there is the wide gate - the life of self-indulgence and pleasure and the end of such a life is destruction. This is not necessarily a discussion of losing one's soul, but of a failure to live out the purpose of one's existence. But **these verses also have an application** to the gospel by depicting the two roads and destinies of the human race. The wide gate and broad way lead to destruction.

Proverbs 16:25 – *"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death."*

The narrow gate and difficult way lead to life, and Jesus is both the gate and the way.

Jesus said in **John 10:9** – *"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."*

Jesus said in **John 14:6** – *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

My friends, which way have you decided upon? Because of the resurrection, we are absolutely certain that Jesus has power over sin and death. And because Jesus overcame death, we do not have to be afraid to live for Him or to die for Him. We must continually remember that we died with Christ, and when He was raised we were raised. Christ is free from death and since we are in Him, we are free from eternal death.

Paul says in **Romans 4:25** – *"...who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification."*



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Many people are not sure they are truly saved. This is the most unsettling feeling one can have in this life. What is it that causes some to doubt their salvation?

- One reason is because they have never been discipled in the basic things like one's assurance of salvation. This matter of assurance should be one of the first things we teach a new child of God.
- A second reason you might doubt your salvation is because you have never been clear on the difference between a relationship with God and fellowship with God.

The Bible teaches us that our relationship with God can never be broken.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" **Romans 8:35**

How can we be a witness if we are not certain of our salvation and certain of all that we have in Christ Jesus? God has said in His Word, *"In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory."* **Ephesians 1:13-14**

This means that now and forevermore, God sees you as standing inside of Christ! Forever, fully forgiven! Completely accepted! Eternally secure and sealed!

My friends, together, we continue to share the gospel with every person, encourage spiritual growth in every believer, by the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God.

I love you, my friend, and am so grateful that you pray for me and this ministry. We need you! We especially need more financial support as we increase the number of radio stations we are on. Remember, as this message of the gospel of Jesus Christ and His grace is clearly preached on radio, it goes out to many thousands through the airwaves! Please help us make this happen.

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Colossians 3:1-3