



Dear Friend of [Abiding Above](#),

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Tomorrow morning I will leave with a group of 17 people for a tour of the Holy Land. This will be my first time to be the host and teacher for the group. The last time I was in Palestine was in 1993 with Dr. Adrian Rogers. What a blessing to walk where Jesus walked and to read God's Word while standing where the events really happened. It is not a vacation; it will be a lot of work for me, but I'm not complaining. I will teach repeatedly, leading devotions, baptizing, and serving the Lord's Supper's at multiple locations. When you receive this newsletter we will already be in the Holy Land, so please stop for a moment and pray for our travels through God's Land. I look forward to reporting back to you on this special trip.

Abiding Above Ministries continues to share the gospel with every person, encouraging spiritual growth in every believer, by the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God. How do we do this? Primarily through my preaching that goes out by way of radio and internet broadcasting. ***Your financial gifts make this possible. We could not do this without you and we are so grateful to you!***

Another way is through our Abiding Above Discipleship School. We send out Bible lessons all over America. The Bible lessons are free. The students do the lesson in the comfort of their own homes and mail the answer sheets to us. We have godly graders who volunteer their time in grading, sending new lessons, certificates of completion, and keeping student records. We have many lessons in store for students to continue learning God's Word and basic theology, from both the Old and the New Testaments.

My friend, you may want to consider signing up for these lessons. Remember, they are free and you do them at your own pace. These are through the mail correspondence courses. ***Write to us and we will send you the first lesson today!***

Pray for me as I prepare the sermons I will preach at this year's **Tent Revival at Memphis Union Mission** downtown, **May 20 – 24**. Last year as I preached, we had a great gathering of men and women who prayed to receive Christ! To God be the glory! If you can make it, I would love to see you under the big tent, knowing that you are praying for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.



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I was recently studying a verse in the Bible written by the Apostle Paul. It is found in *Galatians 4:19*. You can sense God working through Paul by the Holy Spirit.

“My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you ...”

My friend, that same Holy Spirit lives and works in and through you. **Will you say yes to His leading?**

For a few moments I want you to put yourself in the shoes of the Apostle Paul. If you will obey the command of making disciples, you will experience what Paul experienced. Travail as you long for others to be saved, or as you long for those who are saved to see all that they have in Christ.

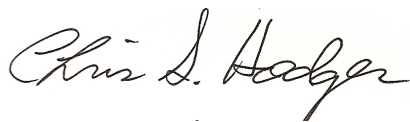
You will begin to notice the following changes in your life:

- 1. Your Tender Plea to family, friends, and acquaintances to accept Christ as Savior.**
- 2. Your Strong Concern for their conformity to Jesus Christ and your willingness to disciple them.**
- 3. Your Definite Goal and constant help and encouragement for others to be a disciple-maker to the nations.**

Sometimes the busyness of this world-system clouds our minds from the main thing Jesus left us here to do, go and make disciples **Matthew 28:19**.

This is what we are about here at Abiding Above Ministries, seeing people saved and seeing people disciplined in who they are in Christ. Thank you for your help! Please keep on helping us ***make the main thing the main thing!***

Abiding above,



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Colossians 3:1-3