

Dear Friend of [Abiding Above](#),

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What a beautiful time of year we are in! Pleasant weather and beautiful colors! I am reminded of a couple of verses from God's Holy Word.

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created." **Revelation 4:11**

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" **Isaiah 6:3**

My friend, more wonderful than God's created order that we see and experience in this universe is knowing Him as personal Lord and Savior.

The Apostle Paul said in **2 Corinthians 5:17** – *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."*

That's right, you are a new creation if you have been born again. You are a new creation in Christ Jesus. God sees you now and forever, His child indwelt by His Holy Spirit sitting inside of Christ at His right hand in heaven. What a position to be in! My friend, it's all because of our death with Jesus on the cross.

Paul also said in **Galatians 2:20** – *"I have been crucified (**with Christ**); it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."*

I have finished my preparations for the men's retreat I will be doing in a few days. I know God is going to bless our time together and I look forward to sharing with you the events of this weekend.

What a privilege and joy it was to preach at the First Baptist Church of Holly Springs, Mississippi. What a beautiful drive from Memphis, and what a charming little town is Holly Springs. I preached the morning and evening services and God surely blessed the people. My sermon titles were, *"The Holy Spirit in You"* and *"A Spiritual Check-Up."*

The leaders of the church shared with me their appreciation for the teaching and the much-needed emphasis on the spiritual life of the believer. Preaching on that subject always encourages God's people, and causes a renewed thirst to be intentional in growing spiritually.

One of the wonders in the modern age in which we live is the power of radio, internet, and satellite. There has never been a time in the history of the world where the gospel message can be preached all over the world 24-hours a day and seven days a week. It is simply a miracle!

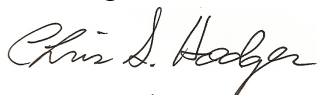
Because of this unique opportunity at this time in history we want to continue exploring more ways to get God's Holy Word out to the masses through media. We are presently working on a plan to increase the number of radio and satellite stations carrying our broadcasts. It always amazes me to receive an email from another part of the world that lets us know many people are listening to my sermons through radio, internet, and satellite. The Word is being preached all over the world 24/7! Even while we rest here at night after a busy day, our program, "Abiding Above with Chris Hodges" is airing somewhere else in this world as they are waking up to a new day.

Are you doing the most with what you have? Have you been asking yourself, "What more can I do to spread the Gospel? How can I reach outside my comfort zone to the many who are lost?" Right now, the fastest and most far-reaching way to reach others is through media. I want to encourage you to pray for our media ministry as we continue to grow and seek new media opportunities. My friend, how is God calling you to a greater participation with us? We need to make the most of the time and resources we have to reach the world for Jesus Christ!

We continue to disciple people through the mail here in America. And I continue to disciple men one-to-one teaching them how to do the same. This is like compound interest; the number of men being disciplined one-to-one is now doubling. To God be the glory!

I am grateful for your support. It has been seven years now since the founding of this ministry. We are strong and look forward to what lies ahead. We love you and pray for you each day.

Abiding above,



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Colossians 3:1-3