



Dear Friend of [Abiding Above](#),

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The Bible clearly teaches that the kindness of God brings men, women, boys, and girls to repentance.

Romans 2:4 – *“Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?”*

We must remember as we move towards others with the loving gospel message of Christ's death for sin, that we are to be kind in the process and motivated by agape love that is shed abroad in the heart of a true believer.

Romans 5:5 – *“... and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”*

We must expect people to either accept or reject the old gospel story. According to God's Holy Word, most people will reject the good news of God's grace.

Matthew 7:13-14 – *“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”*

The Bible clearly teaches that more will hate than will love.

Matthew 10:22 – *“You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.”*

We are to love one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

John 13:35 – *“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

We should not expect unbelievers to understand the Bible.



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2 Corinthians 4:3-4 – *“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”*

We need to remember that the Great Commission is not the Great Suggestion. We have a command, “Go and make disciples ...”

Matthew 28:19 – *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit ...”*

We must choose not to be silent any longer. By the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, we must open our mouths and tell other people about Jesus.

Matthew 10:27 – *“What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops.”*

Romans 10:14-15 – *“How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!”*

We need to make sure to present the good news as the good news and not bad news. Jesus befriended sinners.

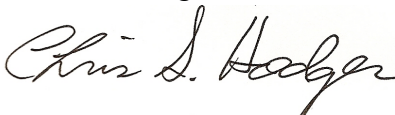
Mark 2:17 – *“And hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”*

Please continue helping us, friends. With your prayers and financial support, we serve God together, not being silent, but getting the gospel out far and wide through the printed page, and through the radio and the Internet. We continue to broadcast the gospel message and we continue to get the gospel message out through Bible lessons in many languages.

Truly, we can never outgive God and we should never doubt His faithfulness. May God bless you greatly as you trust Him today and in the days ahead.

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Colossians 3:1-3