

Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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Your Security Is An Eternal One: Just a few newsletters back I wrote these words, “I believe we are living in the last days. You can expect more controversy in the religious world and the secular world. There will continue to be unrest worldwide. Do not be surprised. Jesus tells us in the gospels, ‘*For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.*’ **Matthew 24:7**. It is my belief that within one year from right now we are going to be humbled as Christians. What seems so important to us now will look ridiculous to us soon.”

The above was written only 4 months ago! Look at what is happening in our world! Before the year is out, expect much more!

Yes, I know this can seem negative, but it is the simple truth. These are desperate days, but for the Christian, we can say it is getting gloriously dark!

Jesus said, “*Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*” **Matthew 11:28-30**

“*Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*” **John 14:1-3**

Just a reminder, this is not our home, we are just passing through. Hold on to the things of this world lightly.

The Apostle Paul said, “*Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*” **Colossians 3:2-3**

We read in the letter of James, “Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.”

James 4:13-15.

Cape Town, South Africa: I want to thank you again for praying for us as we traveled to South Africa to join a team of American pastors to conduct a simultaneous revival across the city of Cape Town. It was a total success! There were more than 20 pastors, deacons, and ladies who shared in these special revival services. We saw many people pray to receive Christ, and many believers surrender to His control saying wholeheartedly, “**Not I, But Christ!**”



Mrs. Carolyn Alsip shared her personal testimony in many churches, with groups of teenage girls and young ladies, and they were visibly moved. One longtime deacon said, “*They should have given an invitation after she shared instead of waiting for the sermon!*” God really used Carolyn! Well done Carolyn, keep walking along with Jesus, and sharing from your heart, and He will continue to open all doors for you!

Revival In Quitman, MS: Please, pray for me as I prepare for a revival in Quitman, Mississippi. I will be teaching about spiritual gifts in the body of Christ, as well as, encouraging spiritual growth in believers by helping them see themselves the way God sees them, “*in Christ.*”

Update On Kellie: We continue to feel your prayers as you lift up my wife Kellie during her battle with cancer. Her surgery was a success. There is no cancer in her lymph nodes, praise the Lord! She has to go through chemotherapy as a precautionary measure. This therapy will continue until December 30. We do appreciate your continued prayers.

Please, continue to help us financially. As you can see, God is using us through this ministry and by His Holy Spirit. I know there are so many good places to support with what God has entrusted you with. You can know we are running lean and our laser focus is on seeing souls saved and seeing the saved disciplined. We are not in the entertainment business. Jesus is coming soon! We do not want to be ashamed. Please help me. We need your gifts to close out this year balanced. I am so grateful!

Abiding above,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris S. Hodges".

Chris S. Hodges
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