

Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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*News Of America's Keswick:* I have just returned from New Jersey where I preached the evening sessions of a conference held at America's Keswick. This was a great opportunity to share what God has burned into my heart over the last 20 years concerning our identity with Christ in His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. This is the most wonderful and freeing truth for those who are saved. The crying out that I hear among most Christians can be verbalized this way, ***"I must know something I don't know."*** This something my friend is simply this ...



I have been crucified with Christ! All that we lost in Adam we gained back much more, in Christ Jesus! When He died, you died, when He was buried, you were buried, when He was raised, you were raised, when He ascended to heaven, you ascended to heaven, when He sat down at the right hand of the Father, you sat down at the right hand of the Father. How can this be? You were, and now are, and will ever be crucified with Christ and in complete union with Him. I am in Him and He is in me.

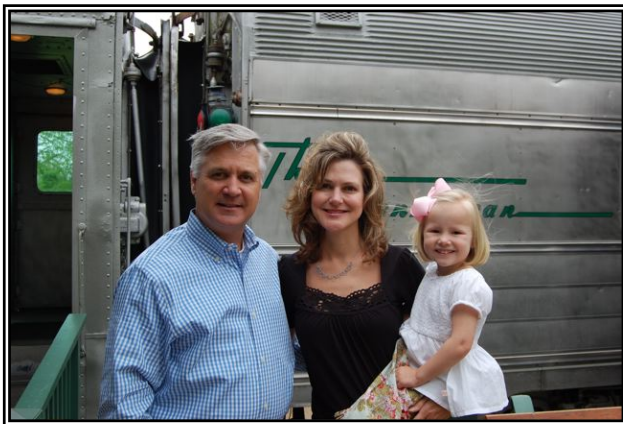
***Jesus said, "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you." John 14:19-20***



My good friend Larry Browning was able to accompany me on this trip and he was a tremendous blessing and encouragement to us all. The tears streamed down his face as he watched the people come forward at the invitations. The last message I preached we saw about 40 people come forward for full surrender and some came because they were experiencing God's call into the ministry. Larry and I led about 30 people to a special counseling room and were amazed at their patience as I talked with each one. We ministered to them until 12:30 a.m. It was so obvious to us that the Holy Spirit was working in their lives. Even as we walked across the campus or as we sat in the dining

hall people continued to come for spiritual guidance. We were humbled to see and to be used by our Father in heaven.

*The Message Continues:* As you read this letter I am well on my way to South Africa! I will be preaching revival messages with 15 other pastors in the local churches. Each church will be hosting a guest revival preacher. This trip has been planned and prayed over for many months. We will embark on what I believe will be a great time of God's children turning their hearts back to Him in confession and repentance. As a result of this revival emphasis, I believe we will also see many pray to receive Christ. I will have the privilege of preaching in one of the largest and most influential churches in this region and there will also be special events for the ladies to minister to the children. Praise the Lord for this wonderful opportunity! There will be a great effort to distribute as many Bibles and gospel tracts as possible with Abiding Above Ministries donating thousands of tracts written by my good friend Brad Jolly. These tracts will go out everywhere and we are praying they will fall into the hands of seeking hearts. All this is possible because of your faithful prayers and financial support. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



*We Are So Grateful For Your Prayers:*

I want to thank you so much for your calls, e-mails, and notes at the news of my wife Kellie's cancer. Your prayers are truly felt. She expresses her gratefulness to all of you. The doctor's have told us because of the early detection of the cancer they feel she will be cancer free after her surgery. This will not be certain until we receive the test results after the surgery. We truly appreciate your continued prayers.

When you think about it, all of us live our lives uncertain of the future. You just never know. We can take comfort in knowing that God knows and He alone holds the future. Nothing can get to His sheep unless it comes through the Shepherd. Therefore, this is our Father in heaven's permissive will. Kellie is abiding above in Christ Who is her Life.

This is your ministry. Jesus is coming soon. Let this be your continuous prayer, "I give all I know of me to all I know of You." My friend, life at it's very best will simply unfold before your eyes as you live this way.

***He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you? But to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8***

Abiding above,

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Colossians 3:1-3