



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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Donald Grey Barnhouse once said, "*Satan sails a sinking ship.*" We must remember, present tense, Satan is the ruler of this age, or you could say, he is the captain of the ship he sails (this present world system.)

Jesus said in **John 12:31** - "*Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.*"

The Apostle Paul said in **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.*"

Yes, it seems as though Satan is sailing high, wide, and handsome, but he's sailing a sinking ship. Like the Titanic in 1912, they were enjoying everything available to them without thought they were truly in peril.

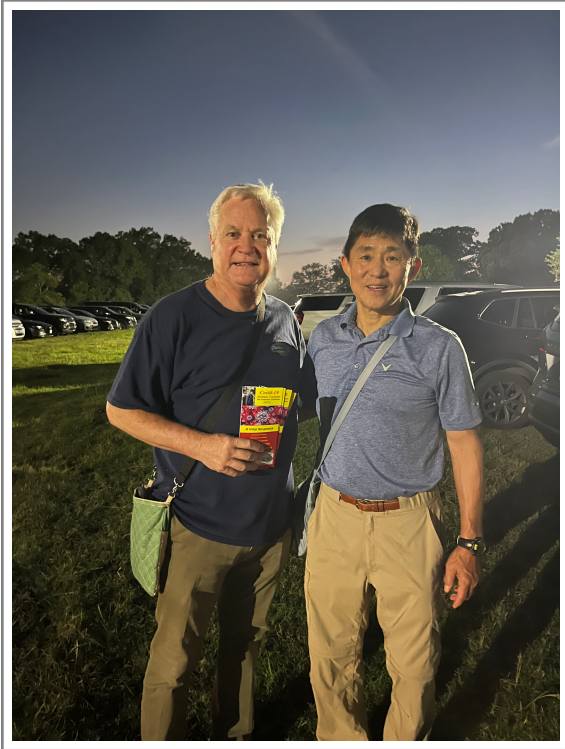
My friend, the God of our Bible is Sovereign. Not a leaf can fall from a tree, or a wave hit the seashore without His permission. We may not understand all that He allows, but we know beyond a shadow of a doubt that, eventually, His will will "... *be done on earth as it is in Heaven.*"  
**Matthew 6:10.**

We can rest in Him and Him alone! He is our peace by the indwelling Holy Spirit as we choose by an act of our God-given human will to let Him have all there is of us each and every day.

While this world system continues to unfold exactly as declared in Scripture, we are to do the same thing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ did:

**John 6:38** - "*For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.*"

Together, let's remember, we came down from the mind of God to be physically born and then spiritually born again to do the will of the Father.



I know this is an “unbecoming” picture, but it is real. Hot, tired, and sweaty a team of us handed out thousands of tracts July 12th in Memphis, TN at an outdoor concert. If you found one of these paper missionaries on your car, you now have a responsibility to give it to someone. It was a gospel tract we had left over from 2022. Never let a gospel tract go to waste! Amen!

I do believe we are living in the last days. Let’s not be deceived in this moment called time with the present world system ruled by the devil and his demons. Let’s do our individual part by sharing the simple gospel in agape love by the presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Remember the Titanic!

My friend, consider going out to our website [abidingabove.org](http://abidingabove.org) and click on Audio/Media then Sermons to hear my patriotic sermons on America.

We truly are grateful that we are on your heart by the Holy Spirit and you graciously choose to support us. We need you!

Abiding above,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris S. Hodges". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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