



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

September 2021

Thank you for praying for us and supporting us as we continue to share this message to the lost, **“Christ Died For You”** and this message to the saved, **“You Died With Christ.”**

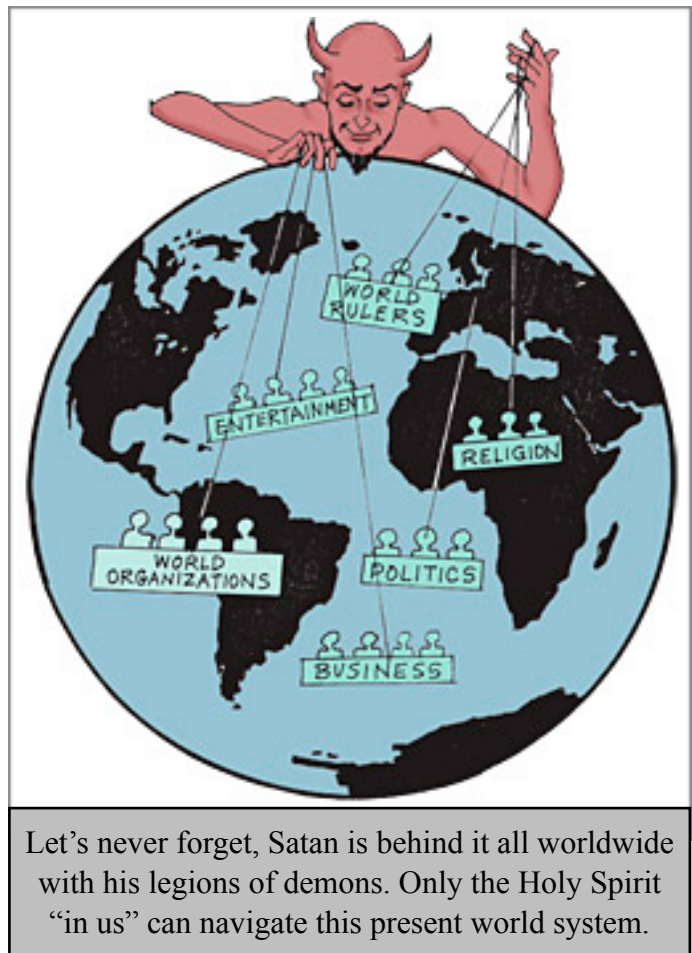
Right now, I am enroute with our team to areas of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut to do street evangelism. We have more than 100,000 gospel tracts to hand out, as hundreds of thousands of people head into the city for the 9/11 Twenty Year Memorial. I will give you a full report in our next newsletter. This is a 12-day trip!

During these days in which we live, let's be reminded of the families who lived through the depression era and the world wars. They, too, went through uncertain times and many found themselves more intimate with God than ever before. Robert Murray McChyne famously said, *“What matter in eternity the slight awkwardness of time.”*

This reminds me of *Hebrews 10:23–25*

*“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”*

God's Word clearly teaches us, though we do not know the day nor the hour, that Jesus is coming back to take us to heaven just as He has promised. Those who have already died will be with Him and we'll all be like Him forever.



This passage in Hebrews instructs us to always be looking for ways to encourage our fellow believers to make visible God's perfect agape love in and through our lives by the Holy Spirit who has shed this agape love abroad in our hearts.

This agape love is not an emotion but an act of the will. We are commanded to love; therefore, it is something we can choose to do even with those who are perishing because they resist the God who so loved them and died on a cross for them. Therefore, agape love (not man's love) is the root; resulting in good works that are the fruit.

By our example and by our teaching, we should be stirring up other believers to this kind of life. Paul said it best, **"It's no longer I, but Christ."**

*In times like these you need a Savior  
In times like these you need an anchor  
Be very sure, be very sure  
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!*

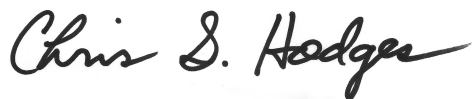
*This Rock is Jesus, Yes He's the One  
This Rock is Jesus, the only One  
Be very sure, be very sure  
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!*

*In times like these you need the Bible  
In times like these, O be not idle  
Be very sure, be very sure  
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!*

We've been singing this song since we were kids. We listened many times as George Beverly Shea sang it at the crusades. Let's practice this, **"O be not idle."**

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be traveling back home. To get an update, please check us out on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. There will be pictures and stories there.

Abiding above,

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

President

Abiding Above Ministries

Colossians 3:1-3

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