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Dear Friends,

EASTER ~ 2017 ~ "BALANCE!"

BALANCE ~ or the LACK thereof!** I have been mulling over the BALANCE or LACK thereof ~ of the BASIC MEANING of LIFE, as we fast approach our **EASTER SEASON for 2017!

I don't know about you ~ but I have been considering the MEANING of EASTER, and the Why's and Wherefores' of this whole actual ~ FACT of Christian LIFE!

***IF you are a BELIEVER** ~ you would (or should) be able to tell me **WHAT** you BELIEVE and **WHY**. But it is that VERY question I got to think about this past few days, as I considered the confusion, and condemnation; the judgementalism, and the general IMBALANCE that permeates the Church, in particular, and the community at large ~ and **IT IS NOT** at all encouraging, to someone who ~ 'KNOWS in WHOM they have BELIEVED.' The IMBALANCE robs us of FELLOWSHIP! (Think about that!)*

EASTER represents REDEMPTION ~ the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

***WHY?** Because ~ that was the PRICE God had to PAY, to BUY us BACK from the clutches of the enemy; the result of Adam selling us out, in the garden of Eden. He literally had to **SACRIFICE** His **ONLY Son**, for our **REDEMPTION plan**. WOW! (John 3:16-17)*

***John 3:16** For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) **but have eternal (everlasting) life**.*

***John 3:17** For God did not send the Son into the world in order to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but that the world might find salvation and be made safe and sound through Him. (Amp) Amen!*

*Now ~ if you have found a Bible Believing Church, you probably hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ being preached from week to week. And you may have found your **SALVATION** plan, within the confines of that body of believers. **BUT** ~ **that's NOT the end of the story!** **WHY would we want to be SAVED?** From **WHAT** ~ and for **WHAT?** From **WHOM** ~ and for **WHOM?** The entire how, when, where and why questions are raised at this point; and quite rightly so! Because ~ on a day to day basis, where I live; there is a state of complacency, apathy and indifference, toward Jesus Christ, and the PURPOSE for His DEATH! I would (or could) almost think it was ALL in VAIN; **IF** ~ **I were to be influenced** by those of my family and friends, in and out of the church, in my local*

area. Therein lies the basis for my mulling over the **QUESTION**, this week ~ **WHY Lord?** **WHY do they think REDEMPTION is necessary?** **IF** ~ they even do believe it is necessary!

I have beautiful family members who have given their hearts to the Lord, at the point of **Salvation**, and spent every day since ~ ‘arguing away’ the **malignancy** of **CONDEMNATION**, and **DECEPTION** and **DELUSION** ~ so perfectly peddled by the enemy, and so **‘warmly welcomed’** by those whose **heart’s SOIL was NOT fertile enough**, to allow the **SEED of The Word to take ROOT, and GROW them UP ~ to FULL spiritual maturity**. It is **SO sad**, yet so prevalent, and **NOT** just amongst my family, but in most churches I have attended. **NO VICTORY! NO VICTORIOUS LIVING** ~ with the **FRUITS of the Spirit; as the EVIDENCE that Christ has actually taken up residence WITHIN** ~ **LOVE, JOY, PEACE** ~ just to name a few. If the Holy Spirit came rolling down the isle of most churches ~ I’m **NOT** sure He would even be recognised. He is supposed to be **INDWELLING!** **Yes ~ INDWELLING ~ with EVIDENCE!** What evidence? **The FRUITS of the Spirit!** Your **LIFE is someone else’s Bible**. What is it they get to **READ** every day they **VIEW** you, and your character, and conduct, and conversation? **VERY SOON ~ Jesus ~ will ask that SAME question, of you!** Selah! (A **PAUSE** and **PONDER** moment).

That brings me to the question of **WHY and for WHAT and for WHOM** ~ would we even bother to want to be **SAVED?** What does your **SALVATION**, mean to you? What does God’s **REDEMPTION plan**, mean to you? **Did He DIE in VAIN?** These are **ALL** legitimate questions!

While I have been pondering this topic with the **Holy Spirit** ~ **I took at LOOK at the CROSS**. **When did you last BE STILL ~ and just LOOK upon the CROSS?** To **GAZE upon Him** (or at least the **PLACE He hung**, and shed His cleansing blood, to make **YOUR (our)** redemption possible). It is a **VERY** humbling experience. **IF** this is unfamiliar territory to you ~ **can I suggest you STOP reading at this point, and make a REVISIT to that same CROSS, and perhaps spend some time having that long overdue chat, with your Saviour**. **IF He is NOT your Lord and your Friend** ~ about **NOW** would be a wonderful time to chat with Him, about ‘that’, also. It is a very simple process. **ALL He requires ~ is a broken and contrite spirit; to BOW in humble REPENTANCE before Him, and YIELD your ALL**. **YES ~ He requires your ALL!**

Those TWO crossed pieces of timber that held His broken, bloodied, and battered body; were very WELL-BALANCED. And it did my heart good to **GAZE upon the EVIDENCE of WHAT He DID for me, and WHERE He DIED for me**. I pray **YOU** too, are blessed as you make a **REVISIT to that same ~ Calvary’s Hill**.

But ~ it still requires a look at **WHY we would even bother with this REDEMPTION PLAN?** To be saved, you might say. **SAVED from WHAT?** To take me to heaven, you might say. **WHEN and WHY?** Well ~ if I were to be influenced by the **former apathetic complacency that surrounds me ~ I would probably think it was ALL in VAIN**. **Those around me don’t much believe in the WHEN or WHY of anything He DIED for**. They are very happy to be about their daily routines, with almost **NO thought** of our Lord and Saviour ~ at all.

SO ~ what is the BALANCE ~ or LACK of BALANCE ~ or IMBALANCE ~ that I see?

My brothers and sisters in Christ ~ are totally **VOID of VICTORY!** (Not **ALL**, but **MOST** ~ **SAD**, but **TRUE**). **They have NOT yet perceived the REASON for the WHY and WHEN of the REDEMPTION PLAN**.

I do **NOT** think they have too many conversations with ~ even themselves; least of all the Lord, or their fellow believers, **about WHY Christ DIED ~ and WHEN His plan and purpose WILL (the REASON for; the RESULT of; His Redemption Plan) MANIFEST in our lives, as our REALITY ~ just as God intended**. Before He was crucified, He told the disciples...

John 14:1 DO NOT let your hearts be troubled (distressed, agitated). You believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely on God; **believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely also on Me**.



John 14:2 In My Father's house there are many dwelling places (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you; for I am going away to prepare a place for you.

John 14:3 And when (if) I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.

John 14:4 And [to the place] where I am going, you know the way.

John 14:5 Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where You are going, so how can we know the way?

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; NO ONE comes to the Father except by (through) Me. (Amp) Amen.

SO ~ 'that conversation' Jesus had with His disciples, SAID ALL we NEED to KNOW, about WHY He DID what He DID, and WHAT it should MEAN for us. His CRUCIFIXATION paved the way to the Father's House, for ALL of US. BUT ~ WHEN ~ still remains a discussable issue; and a very controversial one at that. That should NOT be the case ~ IF we would simply LISTEN to what Jesus SAID ~ especially in Matthew 24 and throughout the Scriptures, via the Old Testament prophets. And ADDED to that, we have the present day ~ Watchmen on the Prophetic End-Times Wall, of our global society. Are you LISTENING? Or have you CHOSEN to IGNORE them?

It is a very SAD fact that MOST churches, have CHOSEN to IGNORE, the teaching and preaching of End-Time Prophecy; but that is to their OWN peril; and that of their congregations; and they will PAY a HIGH PRICE very SOON ~ for their apathy and wilful DISOBEDIENCE. SAD but TRUE! After all, almost ONE THIRD of the Bible is devoted to Bible Prophecy, SO ~ it must have been HIGH on God's agenda ~ of 'stuff' for us to KNOW.

"According to "The Encyclopaedia of Biblical Prophecy" by J. Barton Payne, there are 1,239 prophecies in the Old Testament and 578 prophecies in the New Testament for a total of 1,817. These prophecies are contained in 8,352 of the Bible's verses. Since there are 31,124 verses in the Bible, the 8,352 verses that contain prophecy constitute 26.8 percent of the Bible's volume." (<https://gracethrufaith.com/ask-a-bible-teacher/much-bible-prophecy/>)

WHY would I even bother to prompt your memory, and load you with this barrage of questions ~ especially, if you are very happy to remain in your state of apathetic complacency, and indifference, regarding all of this information? Well ~ it just so happens that the EASTER SEASON, and the BALANCE of Christ's CROSS of CHOICE, ushers in the REASON for the SEASON, in which we are NOW living. It's called ~ the END of the End-Times ~ LIKE it or NOT ~ READY or NOT ~ BELIEVE it or NOT! It is a stark reminder of WHAT He DID, and WHY He DID IT, and for WHOM He DID IT ~ and His recorded Prophetic WORDS, even tell us 'WHEN' ~ we can expect His RETURN. For that is surely what He told the disciples in John chapter 14 and verse 3. And ...WHEN (IF) I GO ~ I WILL COME BACK, and TAKE YOU to be with Me! That news is VERY EXCITING for me just now, because I have also heeded His instructions of Luke 21:28 which tell us ~ "Now WHEN THESE THINGS BEGIN to occur, LOOK UP and lift up your heads, because your REDEMPTION (deliverance) is drawing NEAR."

Are you noticing "THESE THINGS" happening around the world? Do you even KNOW what the prophecies have explained "these things" to be; that we should be looking out for? Most people I know ~ DO NOT. They choose wilful IGNORANCE. Ignorance is neither tolerated nor acceptable, by our Lord, and SO ~ for all of those who CHOOSE DISOBEDIENCE; Calvary will have dire consequences. ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES! I again, remind you of the parable of the ten virgins. Five were WISE and OBEDIENT; and five were FOOLISH and DISOBEDIENT. OBEDIENCE was WELCOMED IN to the Marriage Ceremony and Supper. DISOBEDIENCE was LOCKED OUT!!! Selah! (Another PAUSE and PONDER moment for you).

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The church in general has robbed us blind, of the **BALANCE of the CROSS of Calvary!** They may preach the Gospel of Salvation; but do they preach Salvation to Sanctification ~ the **HOLINESS** part; and do they preach the **REASON for the SEASON** ~ the **REDEMPTION PLAN**; and **WHEN** ~ **God will implement that 'point' of our REALITY?** My friend ~ our eternal REALITY looms large right NOW! **ARE YOU READY** for **WHEN He CALLS your name?** **SOON and very SOON** ~ we are going to meet the King. **My CROSS is VERY WELL-BALANCED.** **How about yours?** I KNOW in WHOM I have believed; and am persuaded that He is ABLE... and ~ **about READY to RETURN, to CALL me to Himself.** Yeah! That is exciting news my friend. I am **SO READY, and IMPATIENTLY honing my PATIENCE monitor** ~ while I wait for His appearing in the clouds; commonly called **THE RAPTURE of the Church!** Hallelujah!

What about YOU? Are you READY? Are you coming with me (us), or ~ are you still apathetically complacent, and **'arguing away' the entire concept of 'Christ's return'.** Oh ~ yes the church has been saying that for years; or ~ I have plenty of time; I will make a decision about that stuff, when I have lived my life, how I want, for a while ... and, so the **list of excuses**, go on and on. Staggeringly scary it is, for me to hear all of this, especially from my own family members. However, as Jesus reminded us, on **four different occasions in the Gospels**, our **REAL FAMILY ~ are THOSE who DO the WILL of God!** Do you? If SO ~ we are blood-bought family members, and I will see you SOON at the Supper Table in glory, where we can celebrate in eternal style, our true family connection, and the **BALANCE of the CROSS**, which **BOUGHT THAT FOR US**, and made it possible for us, to become REAL family members; because we share our Heavenly Daddy's DNA. That's shoutin' time about there! **IF NOT ~ you are about to get the most devastating reality check of your entire life.** AND ~ your pleading ignorant with your ~ "I DIDN'T KNOW" ~ will NOT be tolerated for a second. In fact ~ He will remind you, of you're being a LIAR, because He KNOWS that I have TOLD you, many times. Selah! (Another PAUSE and PONDER moment for you).

I PRAY this letter assists you on your way to **BALANCING your books with your God.** I PRAY His death, burial and resurrection was NOT in VAIN, for you. I pray you heed His warnings at this seriously **LATE HOUR, of our End-Times journey, and CHOOSE repentance, and YIELD to the beautiful oneness and unity and INTIMACY of your Holy Spirit RELATIONSHIP.** It is so simple, and yet SO (obviously) difficult, to CHOOSE Christ and BALANCE ~ culminating in eternal JOY and everlasting LIFE. **That LIFE is WHAT His REDEMPTION PLAN saved you FOR.** **And eternity in HELL ~ is WHAT His REDEMPTION PLAN can save you FROM.**

CHOOSE you this day WHOM you will SERVE? As for me and my HOUSE ~ we WILL SERVE the Lord. Amen. *****I PROMISED to CALL BACK to you from time to time ~ remember?***** This is my **CALL-BACK reminder to you, to BE READY for WHEN He calls your name;** and ~ YOU don't have very long to wait. SOON and VERY SOON ~ we are going to meet our KING Jesus! Hallelujah! Maranatha! The Spirit and the Bride say "COME" ~ Lord Jesus!

Let's BALANCE the BOOK of LIFE, and be SURE that your name is WRITTEN therein! STOP and take a LONG, HARD look; a penetrating GAZE ~ upon that beautifully **BALANCED CROSS;** and the **WHY and WHEN questions!** You will be SO GLAD you DID!

*****Have a **VERY HAPPY** and **BLESSED EASTER** my friends.*****

Till next month,

From my house to yours,

Blessings of the abundant kind, Amen!

Leila Nord.

