

MOLESTED AS A CHILD,
and with **“FORGIVENESS”** in my heart, *I* **“STILL”** refer you
to

“GOD'S AMAZING LOVE” !!



Child Abuse
Awareness



INTRODUCTION:

PRAISE THE LORD!! My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus!

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Since we have been doing newsletters, I have wondered, *when was my time coming?* Now that it is here, *I realize that “whatever” God inspires me to write, will have to first minister to me*, (as first partaker). **(2 Timothy 2:6).** I trust that God will minister *EXACTLY* what's needed to **ALL** in need, to all who will read and to all that will **“humble themselves enough”** to receive! **IN JESUS' NAME!**

Brothers, as a child, I was molested, and I was
“DEVASTATED”!

I had **nowhere** to turn and **no one** to talk to. **How could I talk to anyone? Who would believe that it was NOT my “fault”?** Did I do something to deserve this? I feel **“NASTY”**. **Where was “GOD”, when this was happening to me?** Someone should have protected me!

After all, I was JUST A CHILD!!

Inwardly, I was angry, bitter, afraid, and I felt like I was **“scarred”** for life. I had been internally **WOUNDED** and I knew **NO** medication to apply! Quietly, I resolved to **BECOME MY OWN PROTECTOR!** So, I built up a **WALL** around me. **COME ON NOW!** Admit it! All of us have been wounded, in some way or another. (adj. **Injured, hurt by, or suffering from a wound.**) Yes, wounded from various experiences in our lives, and we are in need of a **Savior, Deliverer, Healer, Helper, Provider, and a Restorer, JESUS! AMEN?**

Listen, over the years of being involved in hurtful and/or traumatic situations, *many of you may have given up hope of being helped by God*, and have succumbed (v. To be brought to an end by the effect of destructive or disruptive forces - the devil and demons.) to an attitude of **“OH WELL, WHATEVER HAPPENS-HAPPENS”** or by **FEELINGS OF HOPELESSNESS!!!**

Looking back, during those times when I was being **wounded**, hurt, desperate for help, I can truly say that Jesus was and still is my **“very present help in (times of) trouble”** (**Psalm 46:1**). When I **CALLED** to Him, He answered and delivered me from whatever emotional, physical state of need that I was in. (**Psalm 4:3**,

Jeremiah 33:3). He actually heard my **“SILENT SCREAMS”**.

Thank you Jesus! And, because **HE LOVES YOU** men and women of God, He will do the same thing for you. Before “HONOR” (HELP), comes HUMILITY (Brokenness). He poured HIS warm, “liquid” LOVE all over me. He's no respecter of persons (**Acts 10:34).** **GOD IS MIGHTY. HE IS ALL POWERFUL. HE IS REAL!!!** I hope that through the things which I share from my heart, each of us will find what we need to be strengthened, to “SHAKE OURSELVES LOOSE” and to RISE UP from whatever miry (adj. **Muddy, slimy, troublesome, difficult.**) place we presently may be in to become ALL that God TRULY created us to be.

For, we were made in the “image and likeness” of our God (**Genesis 1:26).** and were given dominion (n. **Supreme authority, POWER.** Power - n. **Ability to act or produce an effect/end result.**) to rule (v. **To exert control, direction, or influence on. To exercise authority or power over...** Syn: Govern) over all the earth, starting with ourselves. **God did not create us to rule and oppress others,** but rather to love Him with **ALL** of our hearts and to love and live in harmony with others (**Mark 12:30, 31).** **WALLS OF PARTITION:** Yes! I built up a wall of “Jericho”, but “Glory to God, He was my “Joshua” and tore it down!

HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?

Well, first we need to expose the devils’ “Blackmail”. Tell on him and at the same time, we vent and “receive” an inner RELEASE, ourselves! We are instructed in scripture to confess (**expose ourselves** and get the mess out of us through telling) our faults (**weaknesses, imperfections, wrongdoings**) to others who are also in Christ Jesus (**James 5:16);** because in doing so, we overcome (**gain victory over**) ‘him’ (the devil) by the blood of the Lamb (**Jesus**) and the words of our testimony (**Revelation 12:11).**

Many times I have found it difficult to open up and to share my heart with others. ***Suppose they tell my “secrets”? What secrets? That is the whole point! I have NONE, so the devil can’t blackmail me with “SHAME”, Guilt, Condemnation, etc. And, besides, let God deal with people and the devil! Oh, Yes! I still have emotional scars (n. lasting moral or emotional injuries.) from when I was hurt emotionally and physically.***

Even as I am writing this, **I can feel tears welling up in my eyes.** This let's me know that the total manifestation of my healing IS STILL IN PROGRESS. **Please note:** no matter what the facts are (what I am seeing and feeling in the natural), **the truth is I AM HEALED!** (Heal - v. To make sound or **whole.** To restore to health. To restore to original purity or integrity.)

HOW?

By the stripes of Jesus Christ, according to Isaiah 53:5, and I EXPECT (v. **To anticipate** or look forward to the coming or occurrence of. **To consider** probable or **certain**) **THE COMPLETE FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISES** in me because **HE IS FAITHFUL** to perform/fulfill **His Word** in my life (**(Romans 4:21),** for the Word of God says that **I HAVE WHATSOEVER I SAY** when I believe and NOT doubt!!! – “Therefore, I rebuke, bind and cancel the satanic spirit of DOUBT. **Mark 11:23).**

Anyway, getting back to what I was saying, after being emotionally hurt (a few times), I decided not to let ANYONE get close to me, EVER again. Even with proposals of marriage, I was afraid, so I refused them, and I stayed “single”. Notice: I made that decision (rather than asking God for help in my mess) to love from a D-I-S-T-A-N-C-E, to put up a WALL, trying to protect “me” in the storms of life, rather than keeping my mind focused on Jesus, who keeps me in perfect peace (Isaiah 26:3).

The only problem is: the wall which I erected, not only kept others and their insincerity AWAY FROM ME, but it also kept me from being **GENUINE** (adj. **sincerely and honestly felt** or **REAL.**; **Free from hypocrisy or pretense:** sincere, **HONEST.**) and **TRANSPARENT** (adj. **free from pretense or deceit:** frank) with others!

That wall of partition **affected my relationship with GOD!** I was not **FREELY** (without holding back) exposing myself to Him, without putting on brakes. **I WAS NOT FREELY LOVING HIM WITH ALL of my HEART, SOUL, MIND and STRENGTH** (**Mark 12:30);** and therefore, I was having a difficult time **SPEAKING “TRUTH”, IN LOVE,** as we are instructed to do. (**Ephesians 4:15).**

I AM NOTHING:

When I first started praying about what to write, the first thing that came to me was, "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand **ALL** mysteries, and **ALL** knowledge; and though I have **ALL** faith, so that I could remove mountains, **AND HAVE NOT CHARITY, I AM NOTHING-G-G-G!**" (***1 Corinthians 13:2***). We cannot "effectively" love others without **GOD'S AGAPE LOVE** dwelling in us. **Agape** – (The love of God or Christ for mankind. The covenant love of God for humans, as well as the human reciprocal love for God. It extends to the love for one's fellow man.).

Without His love in us, we are ONLY "**as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal**" (***1 Corinthians 13:1***) making noises that people hear, but lacking **EFFECTIVENESS in influencing others**, who we call ourselves ministering to. **You know, as servants of Jesus Christ**, this life that we live is no longer about us "pleasing our flesh" and doing what we want to do. **IT WAS NEVER ABOUT US** having our own way. It's about **PLEASEING GOD**, who created us **for HIS GLORY!!!** It's about us **OBEYING GOD** and fulfilling the purpose that He created us for. For, we are bought with the price of Jesus' shed blood at Calvary (***1 Corinthians 6:20, 7:23***).

He suffered, died and rose up from the dead for every one of us - good or bad. "**For God So Loved The World, That He Gave His Only Begotten Son, That (Whosoever) BELIEVETH In Him SHOULD NOT PERISH, But Have EVERLASTING LIFE**" (John 3:16)! Jesus sacrificed Himself for everyone: The "murderer, the molested, the molester, and etc. Now, Brothers, **"THAT'S LOVE"**! **The Word of God tells us to "be not conformed to this world:** but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (***Romans 12:2***).

Jesus has called each of us to be ministers of the gospel. (Gospel - n. **The message concerning Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation.** Salvation - n. **Deliverance or protection, from the power and effects of sin. Freedom from ignorance or illusion.** (***1 Corinthians 1:21***). Do you know, that If we don't **SHARE THE TRUTH of God IN LOVE**, those whom we know and love and meet who **NEED** spiritual, emotional, physical, financial... **SALVATION**, may never be **SAVED, DELIVERED** and **MADE FREE**? And, they could even end up in **HELL!!!**

I AM NOT WILLING to have any one's **BLOOD** on my hands! How about you? **See, this is NOT GOOD! It is not God's desire that ANYONE should perish**; but that **ALL** should repent (v. **To turn away from sin [rebellious against the KNOWN will of God]** and dedicate oneself to changing one's life.) (***2 Peter 3:9***)! If we don't share with others as God has instructed us, their blood will be on our hands. Especially when we **know** (v. **To have understanding of.**) the truth. (***Ezekiel 33:8***). **I SAY, NOT SO IN JESUS' NAME! THE DEVIL IS A LIAR!** Men and women of God, **WE MUST ALL DO** our part to fulfill God's commission to preach the gospel (***Mark 16:15, 16***) so that **others may become "FREE INDEED"** (John 8:3).

GAINING UNDERSTANDING:

The word of God says in **ALL** your getting, **GET UNDERSTANDING** (***Proverbs 3:13, Proverbs 4:7, Proverbs 19:8***). For me to grow and mature in my love for God, others and myself, I needed revelation from God and understanding regarding how to **LOVE WITHOUT WALLS** (n. **An extreme or desperate position or a state of defeat, failure, or ruin. Something that acts as a barrier or defense.**).

In my quest for understanding charity/love, I first looked up various definitions:

- **www.christianet.com: Charity** - loving others in Christ's name, reaching out a hand of helping to those who cannot help themselves.
- **www.eliyah.com/lexicon: Charity** - the practice of benevolent giving and caring. **Brotherly love**. For example: Romans 12:10 "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another;"
- **www.yourdictionary.com: Charity** - an act or feeling of kindness or goodwill or a voluntary gift of money or time to those in need. The love of God for humanity, or a love of one's fellow human beings. An act of goodwill or affection. Kindness or leniency in judging others. A voluntary giving of money or other help to those in need.

• **the Greek word agape, also meaning love** **www.britannica.com: Charity**

**After looking up definitions for LOVE AND CHARITY, I went to the Word of God.
Come on! Let's Go to a few scriptures!**

I Corinthians 13:4-8: Verse. 4.

- **CHARITY SUFFERS LONG** (v. Puts up with, allows, endures a lot even loss, damage, pain, distress and death if necessary - for the cause of Christ.),
- **AND IS KIND** (adj. Of a helpful nature. Gentle. Affectionate, loving. Syn: Attentive, considerate, thoughtful.).
- **CHARITY ENVIES NOT** (v. To feel painful or resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by another joined with a desire to possess the same advantage. Syn: Covetousness, jealousy, resentment.)
- **CHARITY VAUNTETH NOT ITSELF** (v. To make a vain display of one's own worth or attainments: brag/ talk arrogantly. To call attention to **pridefully** and often **boastfully**.. God tells us to be "clothed" with humility: for God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble: **(I Peter 5:5,6)** "Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall". **(Proverbs 16:18)**
- **IS NOT PUFFED UP**, (adj. To speak or act in a scornful, **conceited**, or exaggerated manner. Conceited - adj. Having or **showing an excessively high opinion of oneself**.).

I Corinthians 13: Verse 5

- **DOETH NOT BEHAVE ITSELF UNSEEMLY** (adv. Not according with established standards of good form or taste. Not suitable for time or place: **inappropriate**. adj. Inappropriate - not suitable. Since we are made in His likeness and in His image, our behavior should match our Daddy's. We should be holy because He is holy. – **(Leviticus 11:44,45; 19:2.)**,
- **-SEEKETH NOT HER OWN** (v. To try to acquire or gain. Syn: chase down, pursue, search, look for. We are not to focus on ourselves; but rather, on helping others. **(1 John 3:17)**,
- **-IS NOT EASILY PROVOKED** (v. To arouse to feeling or action. **To incite to anger**. To stir up purposely. Satan will use people to stir us up, if it were possible, to responding incorrectly to get us to error).
- **-THINKS NO EVIL** (We are to keep our thoughts focussed on those things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of a good report. **(Philippians 4:8)**. When bad thoughts come to our minds, we need to kick them out quickly, giving no place to the devil, giving no opportunity for a stronghold to become established.);

I Corinthians 13: Verse 6

- **REJOICETH NOT IN INIQUITY** (v. Rejoice - To feel joy or great delight. Iniquity - n. Wickedness. A **wicked** act or thing: sin. Syn: **Corruption**, immorality, sin. Wicked - adj. Morally very bad: evil. **Causing or likely to cause harm, distress or trouble**. Syn: evil, immoral, sinful, unethical, unlawful, unrighteous, vile, bad, wrong. Corruption - n. Impairment of integrity, virtue or moral principle. Decay. Inducement to wrong by improper or unlawful means. A departure from the original or from what is pure or correct. **Corrupt**. Corrupt - v. To change from good to bad in morals, manners, or actions),
- **-BUT REJOICETH IN THE TRUTH** (has joy in those things which are true, genuine, real, good, praiseworthy).

I Corinthians 13: Verse 7

- **BEARETH ALL THINGS** (v. To hold up and support something. To be equipped. To produce as yield. **To support the weight of:** sustain. To accept or allow oneself to be subjected to esp. without giving weigh.),
- **BELIEVETH ALL THINGS** (v. To **accept something as true, genuine, or real**. To have a firm conviction as to the goodness, effectiveness, or ability of something. To hold an opinion: think. **To accept the Word** or evidence of . Think - v. To form or have in the mind. Consider. To reflect on: ponder. **To determine by reflecting**. Consider - v. To think about carefully. To think of especially with regard to taking some action.),
- **HOPETH ALL THINGS** (To cherish a desire with **anticipation**. Trust. **To desire with expectation of obtainment**. To expect with confidence: trust.),
- **ENDURETH ALL THINGS** (v. **To undergo... especially without giving in: suffer. To continue in the same state: last. To remain firm under suffering or misfortune without yielding**. "...Be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..." - **1 Corinthians 15:58**).

I Corinthians 13: Verse 8

CHARITY NEVER FAILS (adv. At no time. Not under any condition. Not ever. (Fail - v. **To lose strength:weaken. To fade or die away. To stop functioning normally. To fall short. To be unsuccessful.** **"LOVE NEVER FAILS" !!!**

The Lord, through Pastor Carmen has been stressing upon us over and over to work on **PERFECTING our LOVE WALK**. To perfect (v) **means to bring to final form. To make perfect** (adj. **Being entirely without fault or defect: flawless. Satisfying all requirements. Corresponding to an ideal standard. Faithfully reproducing the original. Expert. Pure, total. Lacking in no essential detail: complete** (**Colossians 4:12**). **Of an extreme kind. Mature.**).

As I was reading the definition of love from (www.bible-dictionary.org), I read that **LOVE DRAWS NEAR!!!** (**Draw - v. To bring by inducement or allure: attract. To cause to go in a certain direction.**). When people experience the **REAL** love of Jesus that is within us, based on the characteristics of God, in **I Corinthians 13**, it catches their attention and can draw them to Him (**John 12:32**).

God is still looking for those whom He can use to be lights in this world that is darkened by sin and iniquity. (**Matthew 5:16**) - "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.". God is still looking for those who will **live "Holy" and "wholly" for Him**.

(**2 Chronicles 16:9** says, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him"). God is still looking for those who will **GLORIFY HIS NAME** (Glorify - v. **To give "worshipful" praise, honor, and thanksgiving to**), **EVERYDAY** of our lives. **WILL YOU** be that man or woman, who God will use, to draw the lost and hurting unto Him??? (**John 12:32**).

WATCH OUT SAINTS!!!

As if you didn't know, THE DEVIL HATES YOU!!! He saw that I was filled with "PURPOSE" and "DESTINY". It is amazing how satan will use those closest to us, to destroy us, from the time we are born. He will use people we know and don't know (**family, friends, associates, or CHURCH FOLKS**), to speak subtle words of doubt, discouragement, and deception. He tries to get us to yield to temptations, to believe lies, to **PREVENT US FROM fulfilling our "GOD ORDAINED DESTINIES"**!

He knows YOU have purpose! That is why he has tried to kill you, ALL YOUR LIFE! Get determined to "tear down" his evil kingdom and to "stomp" his vile head, in Jesus name! How? Make up your mind to **"FULLY"** experience God's Agape Love for you.

Do you realize that we cannot fully experience the AWESOMENESS of God's love when we are 'dibbling

and dabbling' with sin (rebellion) and iniquities? (n. wickedness, corruption, immorality.). As much as **GOD WANTS TO** fill our lives with **HIS LOVE**, we cannot experience this when we are **disconnected** from Him, because of sin. Satan wants us to remain apart from our God. He wants us to feel like God does not love us, NOR care about us. **LIAR!!! GOD LOVES US SO-O-O-O-O MUCH!** We have just got to learn how to get connected, then, stay connected to God and keep the devil out of our lives. (2Chronicles 7:14-15). Just say, "Get your BIG NOSE out of **God and My Business**, devil".

Just as with Adam and Eve, God intended for them to live forever, loving one another and in communion with Him - **an ongoing PARADISE!!!!** But, **they messed up**, listening to the serpent, rebelling against God's "known" will. They were determined to do what **they** wanted to do, rather than obeying God. They did not realize all the hell that they would have to go through, because of their disobedience. **No more paradise. LORD, HAVE MERCY!!!**

We don't realize just how badly we mess things up, for ourselves and others, when we 'open up doors' and let the devil in. Satan works continuously **to steal , to kill and to destroy (John 10:10):** our ministries, our families, and our lives. His strategy is subtle, progressive, and destructive. He uses manipulation (**deception**), intimidation (**fear**), and domination (**control**), (3) forms of witchcraft, to achieve his plans.

After I was molested as a child,

'the enemy' kept introducing all kinds of **"temptations** that said "YES" to. I was truly **on a road to self destruction** and did not realize it. In the Bible, it is written: **"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6)**. When you don't know the truth of God's word, you will fall for the tactics of the devil (**Matthew 22:29**).

Therefore, we all must **"WATCH AND PRAY"** continuously, so that we do not fall into the "traps" set by demons and devils (**Matthew 26:41**). **God has given us AUTHORITY** to say **"NO"**, (**by faith**), to **EVERYTHING** that the enemy sends our way and introduces to us. His anointing can destroy **ALL STRONGHOLDS (Isaiah 10:27)**.

When we determine to do so, **WE CAN SAY NO** to depression, oppression, obsessions... **WE CAN SAY NO** to drugs, alcohol, perversions, sex (if not married)... **WE CAN SAY NO** to poverty, sickness, disease, death... (For example: You can boldly confess IN FAITH: "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord." (**Psalms 118:17**).

WE CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST who strengthens us (**Philippians 4:13**). As sons of God and joint heirs with Christ, God calls us **kings and priests (Revelation 1:6 and Revelation 5:10)**. We are citizens of God's kingdom and are to live according to laws of life in Christ Jesus who **MAKES US FREE** from the laws of sin and death (**Romans 8:12**).

So, what ever God's word says, we can say **YES** to and He will back it up. "For ALL the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us" 2 Corinthians 1:20). Also, it is written: "...That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching **ANYTHING** that they shall ask, **IT SHALL BE DONE** for them of My Father which is in heaven". **GOD WILL HELP US IF WE ONLY BELIEVE (Mark 5:36)!!!**

RISE UP!!!

Dear brothers and sisters, it does not matter how messed up our lives have been or presently is. The good news is, **it does not have to stay this way!!!** Mine didn't! It took years, but **PRAISE GOD, I am FREE!** We don't have to keep rehearsing in our minds all the bad that we have done, or that which has been done to us, or all the hurt that we have experienced. **GOD LOVES US** and wants to **heal EVERY BROKEN PART** of our lives. He wants to **RESTORE** our sight when we can't see the truth.

He wants to set **ALL** who are held captive **FREE (Luke 4:18)!!!** God wants to **DELIVER** us from our mess. God wants to **SAVE us from self-destruction**. So now, **STOP LIVING IN FEAR, ANGER, AND**

CONDEMNATION AND LET US SHAKE OURSELVES LOOSE from EVERY weight and sin that **COULD** so easily beseat us. (v. Trouble, harass. Syn: Agonize, anguish, afflict, curse, plague, torment.) It is time to **RISE UP!**

We “MUST” become ALL that God created us to be. We are "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people..." that will show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into **HIS AMAZING LIGHT** (*1 Peter 2:9*). As I mentioned earlier, He created us in His likeness and in His image to rule over ourselves and the earth (*Genesis 1:26*).

God has called us to do **GREAT WORKS FOR HIM!** For it is written: "...but the people that **DO KNOW** their God shall be strong, and do exploits." (*Daniel 11:32*). (Exploit - n. Deed, act; especially a notable or heroic act. Syn: Feat. Feat - n. a deed worthy of notice especially for courage. A product of skill, endurance, or inventiveness.)

LISTEN MY BROTHERS! The book of Revelation and the second (2) chapter talks about the:

“LOVELESS CHURCH”

Even before Jesus started talking about the destruction that was coming, in the book of Revelation, he talked to **US**, the church, **FIRST!** He pointed out **“EVERYTHING”** that He was not pleased with in our lives, and everything that He **WAS** pleased with.

Why?

First, so that we definitely could not have **ANY EXCUSE** for not making it into the **KINGDOM OF HEAVEN!** The first thing He did was to point at the **CHURCH of EPHESUS** and remind them of all the **“WONDERFUL”** things that they did. He commended them for their labor and all of their good works. He specified that they had great patience and how He was so **PROUD** of them for not abiding the life styles of the evil and liars!

However, He could not allow them to get a **“Big Head Spirit** and think that they were alright, because then, when they stood before Jesus at the last day, they would be shocked to hear, **“Depart from me”!** All too often, we **HATE** to hear the **TRUTH**, especially when it is pointing out **Negatives** about us.

But, if we **REALLY DO** want to be **SAVED**, we would **“Swallow”** our **Pride** and say, **“FATHER GOD, I do not want to be LOST! Show me my transgressions and tell me how to get rid of them.”** Most to the time, it is **NOT** what is being said to us, **BUT** it is **WHO** it is that is **SAYING** it to us! We know it be the truth, but just the **“IDEA”** of who it is that is pointing out our sins, makes us cry out, **“DEFENSE”!**

In other words, **“Ain’t NOBODY PERFECT! You can’t tell me nothing! Everybody have SINNED!”** Yes, but at the moment, God is pointing **AT YOU!** Why not just accept it in **“LOVE?”** See, it is **HIS MERCY** that he cares enough to bother pointing out our **MESS!** He could simply **“kill”** us. How long have we walked in **PRIDE? ARROGANCE? HAUGHTINESS?** Please! God’s word says, **“WARNING COMES BEFORE DESTRUCTION AND A HAUGHTY SPIRIT IS JUST BEFORE A FALL”**. Also, He said that it is **NOT** His **WILL** that **ANY OF US PERISH**, But that **ALL of us COMES TO REPENTENCE**. That means to make a **“Full Fledged Change!”**

You see, the Church of Ephesus felt so good when Jesus commended them of all their **“wonderful”** deeds. **BUT!** One second later, they felt sad. Why? Because Jesus said, **“However, I still have SOMEWHAT against you. You have LOST your LOVE!”** Just like the Church of Ephesus, many of us have **LOST** our **FIRST LOVE!** We used to help people when we saw them in need; go to some one’s rescue; reach out to the unreachable; and still love the unlovable. What happened? Now, we walk around with a frown all the time, just waiting for someone to **“speak”** to us so we can **“SNAP”** them up!

We shut up our “**Bowels of Compassion**” against those that ask of us, and we know that it is in our **POWER to do it! Our Love walk is lacking!** Jesus said that if we do not **GO BACK AND DO OUR FIRST WORKS OVER, AGAIN**, that HE will come and move our candle stick! Look, we need our candle stick to **HOLD** our candle up! **We need to BURN BRIGHT!**

Please do not allow the devil to deceive you! Just because you go to church, sing in the choir, on the usher and deacon board, and hate evil and do not associate with evil doers, that you will make it into the KINGDOM. So, when we realize that we have turned into EPHESUS, the “LOVELESS CHURCH”, what do we do? Let’s Go Back and do our first works all over, again! Brothers, it is time to:

RISE UP, NOW !!!

Our heavenly Father and Jesus wants to restore us to a loving relationship with Him which He desired from the very beginning. He wants intimacy with us. He wants us to **KNOW** (v. **Experience.**) HIS LOVE. He says: "...I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear (v. To listen to with thoughtful attention. Attention - n. **A focusing of the mind.**) my voice and open the door (n. **A usually swinging or sliding barrier by which an entry is closed and opened. A means of access or participation: opportunity.**), I will come in to him, and sup (v. To eat = to enjoy with enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit.) with him, and he with Me." I invite you to experience **HIS NEVER ENDING LOVE** which **IS TRULY AMAZING!**

IN CLOSING

For those of you who don't know our **WONDERFUL FATHER, OUR LOVING LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, AND THE AMAZING MR. HOLY SPIRIT**, I urge you to open your heart and **let them (the Holy TRINITY) in today (2 Corinthians 6:2).** If you have never accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord, Savior, Owner,

I invite you to do so now. According to **Romans 10:9**, if you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, **YOU SHALL BE SAVED** (v. To rescue from sin, danger, harm. To preserve from injury, destruction, or loss.) Trust Him! He is not a man to lie. **I THANK GOD for delivering me !**

And helping me to love (without walls), Him and “OTHERS” in a greater way. **Hey Brothers! Get this!** The word “OTHERS” (above), **(includes my husband “Doug”), with whom I have been married to for 3 years, now! Hallelujah!** See, Brothers! Being FREE caused me to accept Dougs’ proposal **without fear, hesitation or reservation!**

Brothers, I encourage each of you to get wrapped, tied and tangled up with God, our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ through praise, worship and studying scripture, and experience **GOD'S AMAZING LOVE continually** for yourselves.

Get a personal and an intimate relationship with HIM. "And now **abideth** (v. To remain fixed in a state.) FAITH, HOPE, LOVE, these three; but the **GREATEST OF THESE** is “**GOD’S AMAZING LOVE!**” AMEN! **(1 Corinthians 13:13)!!!**

Sincerely yours in Christ

Sister Sharon

To ALL who have birthdays

in the month of October!

