

The Jesus Letter: *Christian Hope Center 22 John Street - Painted Post, NY 607-936-4656*

My name is Hilton. I spoke with you as you received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior not to long ago. I wanted to congratulate you for making the **best** decision you could ever make in your life. You are now a part of the biggest family in the world, and you have billions brothers and sisters in the Lord all over the world! I wrote this letter to encourage you to have a one-on-one close walk with God. Please take the time to read this letter in its' entirety and get a New King James Bible to become familiar with these scripture verses referenced. I believe that you will be transformed as you allow God to reveal His word to you. Wherever you go in life, I pray that you will always have a passion to know, love and serve the Lord. What we ultimately do with Jesus in our life on Earth determines where and how we spend eternity later. No matter where we go in life it is important that we keep our relationship with Jesus Christ close.

If you just called on the name of the Lord - You are saved! (**Romans 10:13**) *"If anyone is in Christ he/she is a new creation; old things have passed away, behold, all things have become new."* (**1 Corinthians 5:17**) When we received Jesus, we literally became alive from the dead in God's eyes. We also have Christ's kingdom in operation on the inside so that we have authority and overcoming power from God to destroy, overthrow, eliminate, uproot, tear down, obliterate every work of the devil. Jesus is our King and His government is within us. Therefore, stay close to Christ by developing and maintaining a strong prayer life. Also spend time reading and applying the word of the God each day. Just as our physical body needs food, your spirit (the real you on the inside) needs the word of God. (**Deuteronomy 8:3; Luke 4:4**)

*"Now in Christ Jesus, you who were far off (from God because of your sins) are made near by the **blood** of Christ."* (**Ephesians 2:13**) He reconciled us to God *"having made peace through the **blood** of His Cross."* (**Colossians 1:20**) We are bold to speak up about how Jesus bore our sins on the Cross, took our sins and evils we once committed when He died, and gave us a death-crushing and sin-destroying power when He arose from the dead. Real Christians DON'T serve a man-made religion, an angel, a prophet, a good teacher, a philosophy, or a dead god. As the people of God, we serve, worship and know the One and only LIVING God, who speaks, reveals Himself personally, and demonstrates His power to save, deliver, and heal today. Our faith is not in Jesus' humanity of the past, but in Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord and Savior in the present. We call Him Lord because He is our Owner. **He is God our salvation. We are not ashamed to let others know about God's love and power save people today.**

Something powerful happens when we truly surrender our life to Jesus and renounce a lifestyle of sin - our sins are canceled, emotions are restored, our soul is redeemed, and we have fellowship with God. The same way a child is born of its mother, you were just now born of God. A life surrendered to Jesus is never wasted.

Since you confessed Jesus as your Lord and Savior and believed in your heart that He arose from the dead –

You are now

- **A child of God** (**John 1:12-13**)
- **Going to Heaven** (**2 Corinthians 5:1-21 & John 14:1-3**)
- **Able to know the love of God** (**Ephesians 3:13-19**)
- **Dead to sin, but alive to God** (**Romans 6:11**)
- **Free from the control of sin** (**Romans 6:18-23**)
- **In right-standing with God** (**2 Corinthians 5:21**)
- **Able to hear God's voice** (**John 10:27**)
- **At peace with God** (**Roman 5:1**)
- **Preserved from God's wrath** (**Colossians 3:6**)
- **Protected from demonic torment** (**Colossians 1:13, 2:15**)
- **God's masterpiece in the making** (**Ephesians 2:10**)
- **Able to have access to God at any time** (**Ephesians 5:2**)
- **Equipped to love people** (**1 John 4:7-12**)
- **Capable of forgiving all people** (**John 20:23**)
- **Have a new nature that seeks to please God.** (**2 Peter 1:2-10**)
- **Possessing eternal life** (**John 3:15-16**)

It's time to get serious about Jesus! Sin kills - Jesus heals. Therefore, count yourself dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. A life without God is a life without meaning. If you are pleasing God, it doesn't matter how others may object. Everyone will have to answer God for their own life one day. (**Romans 14:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10**)

When you give 100% to knowing and loving God, you will experience 100% joy in your salvation. So, why not go all the way in serving the only One who can give you life to the fullest? Your peers cannot give you abundant life, nor can they take you to Heaven. Our here and now is an opportunity to get to know Jesus, so He is no stranger when we get to

Heaven. We love God because He first loved us. **(1John 4:19)** You will find that you want to express that love in your life by growing in faith and by helping others.

In order for you to experience a **dynamic** walk with God, it is important to realize that Jesus abides within you. So, allow Jesus to live His life through you. You are His hands and feet in this world. **(John 14:12, 15:5 & Ephesians 5:29-30)**

There are five important things you DO to kick-start your new life.

- 1) FIND A GOOD CHURCH.** A church is a place where Christians build their relationship with God and one another. A real church is NOT an individual, a building, or an organization; it is one BIG Family. God sees us as parts of one body that has unique functions. Christ Jesus is the head that body. We cannot function independent from Him and expect to experience all of His awesome benefits. Make plans to attend this week. Listed below are tips to find a good Church.* **(Hebrews 10:25, Acts 2:41-47)**
- 2) WATER BAPTISM.** Water baptism is your first exciting step of obedience before the Lord. You make a public declaration of your faith in Christ and that you are a member of His one body. You identify yourself with His death, burial, and resurrection. When Jesus died, our old sinful nature died with Him - when He was buried, we were joined into Him, - as He rose from the grave, so are we raised to a new life with Him that defeats sin and death. He empowers you to be holy and serve Him. **(Acts 2:41)**
- 3) PRAY.** Talk and listen to God. He hears you and does answer. Keep your relationship with God current and close. You can pray anywhere - everyday - at any place. Ask the Lord to give you a passion to know, love and serve Him. When you look for Me, you will find Me. When you wholeheartedly seek Me, I will let you find Me, declares the LORD. **(Jeremiah. 29:13-14a)** God knows everything we need. Let Him show you how big He really is. **(1 Thessalonians 5:17)**
- 4) READ THE BIBLE.** Read the word of God daily. It's a good habit that will strengthen your faith and feed your soul. It is God's love letter to you. Its histories are true, its miracles are authentic, and its words are God-breathed. God will reveal Himself through His scriptures. God wants us to know and love His word. It most accurately describes: the condition of mankind, the nature of God, how to be right with God, and our purpose for living. It will guide you until death. **(Psalms 119: 105, 1 John 2:5)**
- 5) OBEY GOD MOMENT BY MOMENT.** You are not an accident! God thinks you are special and worth dying for. He made you unique and gave you a life mission that only you can do. We are so valuable to God that it cost His sinless son's life to bear and take away our sins. He bore them on the cross, so that we could fulfill our purpose in God. Our life is now encased with Christ in God. Our love for God now motivates us to worship and serve Him. Jesus said, "he who stands firm to the end will be saved." **(Mark 13:13)** God expects is children grow-up to be like Christ. The sign that you are truly saved is that God's Holy Spirit actively corrects us when we do wrong, and that we continue to repent of sin and have a God-given desire to please and worship Him. Therefore we must continue to examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith. "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless indeed you are disqualified." **(2 Corinthians 13:5; Luke 12:8-9; John 14:21)**

***Six great tips to finding a decent church.**

A good church will recognize God's Word, the Bible, as God's final authority. **(2 Timothy 3:16)**

A good church will value people and build healthy relationships. **(Philippians 2:3 & 1 Peter 1:22)**

A good church will recognize that the only way to heaven is by receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. **(John 14:6 & Acts 4:12)**

A good church will teach **all** members how to be led by God's Holy Spirit. **(Romans 8:14)**

A good church will teach **all** members how to find God's will. **(Ephesians 5:17)**

A good church will help **all** members to find and operate in their unique gifts and abilities. **(Ephesians 4:11,12)**

If you currently do not have a church home, I would like to invite you to the Christian Hope Center in Painted Post, NY! You are very important to us and we value you. Jesus is a rock where you can place the weight of your life forever. This ministry is here to help you grow in faith and empower you to make a difference in Jesus name. Christian Hope Center is a great place for you and your family to develop an active relationship with the Lord. I know God has a dynamite assignment for you, because His Holy Spirit will guide and empower you. I look forward to seeing you there!