
The Messenger



“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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An Open Letter to Any Non-Working Members

Dxar fllow-mxmbxr of thx body of Christ,

I vxry much wantxd to writx you a good lxttxr, but somxthing has happxnd to my typxwritxr. Onx of thx lxttxrs has quit working! Of coursx, you can sxx that anohtxr lxttxr is taking its placx, but I still miss that lxttxr which should bx thxrx.

That is just thx way wx miss YOU whxn you arx not working faithfully as a part of thx church. It is just likx thx missing kxy on thx typxwritxr. Wx can gxt by without you – but wx miss you. And wx could do a much bxttxr job if you wxrx working with us.

Thx Lord wants vxvry mxmbxr of His church to bx a working mxmbxr. Wx arx told to work out our own salvation with fxar and trxmbling (Phil. 2:12), and to provokx onx anohtxr to lovx and good works, not forsaking thx assxmbling of oursxlvs togxthxr (Hxb. 10:25).

Jxsus said, “Thx harvxst truly is grxat, but thx laborxrs arx fxw” (Lukx 10:2). This is particularly trux in this part of thx world, and wx nxxd vxvry mxmbxr to bx a faithful workxr. Hxavxn is to bx a plaex of rxst for thosx who havx bxxn “faithful unto dxath” (Rxxv. 2:10) and who havx workxd to storr up for thxmsxlvs trxasurxs in hxavxn (Matt. 6:20).

No doubt this lxttxr is hard for you to rxad, but wx hopx it will lxt you know how much wx nxxd you as a good, faithful working mxmbxr of thx church. You arx missxd by all of us in thx church much morx than wx miss this typxwritxr kxy. But just think what this lxttxr would bx likx if half a dozxn of thx typxwritxr kxys had bxxn missing! Yt wquld bx zwfully hzrd to rxzd – just zs yt ys zwfully hzrd fqr thx church tq dq yts wqrk whxn sq mzny mxmbxrs zrx myssyng yn thx doing of thzt wqrk.

Plxasx don't bx a myssyng kxy!!!

Syncxrxly,

Dxmpsy Cqllyns

The key: Every member of the body working, causes the building up of the whole.

INFIDELITY

By Joe Malone

A denominational preacher registered in a St. Louis hotel. As he was about to sign the register, he noticed on the line above, the name of Robert G. Ingersoll. He inquired at the desk if this was the widely known infidel, Col. Ingersoll. When assured that he was, the preacher obtained his room number and rushed up to see him.

Upon arriving, he said, "Col. Ingersoll, I wrote you for a debate some months ago. I have not received a reply."

The Colonel replied, "I did not answer your challenge because I know that you do not believe the Bible any more than I do."

The preacher was insulted at his faith being questioned and asked for proof.

Colonel Ingersoll picked up his Bible and turned to Mark 16:16 and read, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Then he asked the preacher, "Do you believe one must be baptized to be saved?"

The preacher hesitated, stuttered, and finally answered in the negative.

Then Colonel Ingersoll said triumphantly, "You see? I knew you did not believe the Bible! Why should we debate?"

All who follow man-made religion face this question of our Master, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say" (Luke 6:46). It was Christ who declared, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32). The gospel of Christ is God's means of saving us (Romans 1:16). We must believe it (Acts 15:7); repent of past life in the light of it (Acts 17:30); confess with the mouth that Christ is God's Son (Romans 10:9-10) and then be buried in the water of baptism and raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-4); and thereafter remain faithful until death (Revelation 2:10).

News and Notes:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

"...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."
- James 5:16