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Dear Brother Rudy,

Pictures are on the way to me.

I have been BLESSED with a beautiful month here at Coldwater. Most daily temperatures were in the sunny 90s, much good writing has been done, and my partially paralyzed left leg is improving. During 2.5 years in the Philippines (PI) and many Winters on the Midwestern Plains of CONUS, I learned how to easily adapt to most changes in environment.

In many travels, I once learned and spoke English, French, Spanish, Tagalog (PI) and Visayan (PI) quite well. English and Tagalog required no translation but the others required translation in my thought processes. Prison has diminished that ability; If you don't use it, you lose it.

The following is a continuance of my first Come Out And Be Separate email to you. At Cotton Correctional Facility in Jackson (which I left in JUNE), pounds of illegal drugs were moving every month from the Level 1 side to the Level 2 side which prisoners could not do without help of MDOC STAFF. Most good STAFF are retiring ASAP to get out of that hellhole. Many prisoners are enslaved to drugs, eros, gluttony, idolatry, etc. Being imprisoned, I am a captive observer to and surrounded by sin but still stay separate from the evil.

COME OUT AND BE SEPARATE, Part 2

This message differentiates between the Spiritual Babies (who cannot resist worldly ways), those physically isolated but still caught-up in the sin of the world, and the Spiritually mature like Jesus who can remain separate in any environment. There is a time and place for everything under Heaven. ECCLESIASTES 3.

"Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? What agreement is there between the Temple of God and idols? We are the temple of the living God". "Therefore, come out from them and be separate," says the Lord, "and touch not the unclean thing". ISAIAH 52:11; II CORINTHIANS 6:14, 17; see also REVELATION 18:4, 21:27 (spiritual city). God separates His people from the nations as His inheritance. I KINGS 8:53; EZEKIEL 20:34-41. This is to prevent marriages with unclean partners that would cause spiritual deviation, EZRA 10:11, and keep His elect for Godly service. ACTS 13:2. In the end, He separates the sheep of His flock from the goats. MATTHEW 25:32-34.

There are many instances of separation for many reasons: Abram separated from Lot to prevent strife. GENESIS 13:8-9. Separate cities of refuge were made for those who unwittingly committed homicide without malice so the killer would be safe from revenge by family or friends of the deceased. EXODUS 20:1-9; DEUTERONOMY 19:2-7. Israel was separated with each tribe in a different location. JOSHUA , Chapters 13-18. Jacob separated his sheep to be easily identified and for strength which should be an example for us. GENESIS 30:40-43.

We have a high priest who was both on earth and is in heaven separate from sin. HEBREWS 7:26-27. On earth, Jesus spent time with sinners in the physical because they were the persons needing to be saved from sin, so they would learn The Word of God but kept His Spirit separated from evil. MATTHEW 9:10-13. Jesus asked NOT that His disciples be physically separated from the world but that they be spirituality protected (separate) from the evil one. JOHN 17:15-16. This is similar to part of the Lord's Prayer and teaching of the apostles. MATTHEW 6:13; I CORINTHIANS 5:9-10; II THESSALONIANS 3:3; I JOHN 5:18.

JESUS was and is the Light of the world. LUKE 2:32. Jesus said to let our Light shine into the world and to not hide it. LUKE 8:16-18, 11:33. One who is hidden in the physical by staying isolated in a crowd of believers where they "preach only to the choir" or living in the wilderness cannot shine their Light to the rest the world. Temporary isolation is for "recharging our spiritual batteries"; a direct connecting with God. Jesus said to go forth into the world and teach the nations. MATTHEW 28:18-20; LUKE 16:15-18.

Although physical separation is a good thing for the spiritually weak, so they are not easily misled by the world, the totality of the Scriptures teaches that "come out and be separate" is a Spiritual separation from things of the world more than anything else. Physical separation of the ancients was given as an example of Spiritual separation for the New Covenant. I CORINTHIANS 10:1-11, 11:1. We must walk in the Light, be separate from the darkness and NOT be deceived by the proximate world around us. I JOHN 1:5-10.

Therefore, COME OUT AND BE SEPARATE FROM THE WAYS OF THE WORLD!!!