

Dear brothers and sisters of the Solid Rock Association,

It is with much humbleness I try to write this circular letter for consideration and approval that I was chosen to do at our last association. I've never claimed to be a writer of any kind at all, but I do want to be a spokesman for God when opportunity arrives. In the four short years we have been a part of this association, my wife and I have come to love and cherish a lot of God's children in how we worship and what we stand for. We are, and what we all should be, all about adding to God's Kingdom and not be of any part of the tearing down of the church and we should be willing vessels to fulfill the work that we are called to do.

Twenty-two months ago, I was called upon and appointed to take on a task of a little Hurricane Gap Church in desperate need when their great pastor Brother Charlie Shepherd went on to be with the Lord. We have seen and made progress at the church with Christ being the head and we being the followers. We must fully understand we are called to do God's work. Our personal feelings must mark up to the word of God. When we are called on to preach we, like Moses, have stepped upon Holy Ground. The stand is not a place for political, personal, or someone view. It is a place we must wait upon the Lord to send down that everlasting gospel. We need to read and study this gospel to show ourselves approved. We need to start when he starts and we need to stop when the gospel stops. We need to understand what we what we have been called to do to preach this gospel of Jesus Christ not what our families or the world thinks about it.

Peter said we need to feed the flock which is among us not by constraint but willingly not of filthy lucre, but of a ready mind, by being examples to the flock. We are somewhat like Christ but not to be compared to Him of facing opposition every day. The difference being King Herod was out to destroy His life from the day He was born. When King Herod heard about this Star being born in Bethlehem he sent wise men to search it out so he could worship Him. The world

always has a plan to destroy the word of God. But God had another plan. He knew there needed to be a sacrifice made for His people that had walked in darkness so long and for the whole world if they would only believe. They had waited so long for this Light to come. Isaiah 9:2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. I shouldn't have waited so long for this light to come into my life that shined early in my life. I'm glad some 26 years ago, I received that light and it has never left me.

So, as a father I hope I have been a light to my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren to whom I love so much and to a world that's full of darkness. We may be the only light they will ever know. Life is not always easy and wasn't promised to be. Sometimes we find ourselves in the state of mind of what know about God and what we do for God has a way of getting broken apart in this fast pace world we live in today. We may find this life is too short and Heaven is a place of beauty and worth striving for and only the Redeemed will go in. Hell, is a place of torment and only the Unbelieving will go there and never come out.

Your brother in Christ,

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