

Circular Letter  
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Beloved brothers and sisters of the Solid Rock Association. After much prayer and meditation, I will attempt to fulfill your request that I write our annual circular letter.

As the world around us gets more wicked everyday and seems to be falling apart at the seams, it would be easy to fall into despair. However, those of us who have a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, have been admonished to be light and salt to a failing world.

While others are wringing their hands in hopelessness, we should be able to present a positive image through God's Holy Word. Jesus never saved us to just sit around on our hip pockets waiting for His return.

We are to be up and about our Father's business. II Tim 4:2 Apostle Paul wrote to young Timothy. I charge thee before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing; Preach the Word, be instant in season; and out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall heap to themselves teachers having itching ears and they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Eph. 2:8 For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus "unto good works."

Without the Holy Spirit we can't even see the Kingdom of God. Don't be deceived by those who preach a works salvation, as though we could be good enough on our own to enter God's Kingdom. If this were true, then Christ died in vain.

Only when we accept the fact of our own weakness, will his strength perfect us. His agape love is so wonderful we will never fully understand it.

Although I feel myself to be the weakest among God's children; He still saw fit to call me into His ministry some 48 years ago. I confess with apostle Paul to be chief among sinners, but God chose the weak things of this life to confound the mighty.

During the fifty plus years that I have been trying to serve God I have seen many come and go. Men that I had a lot of confidence in have fallen by the wayside. Only if we are founded on the "Rock"

will our house stand.

Children of God don't despair but press on to the mark of the high calling. Fight the good fight of faith. Standing on the word of God I say to you, the world is not falling to pieces. The pieces are falling into place.

Stand firm, look up for our redemption is drawing nigh. I've never been one to make predications, but I will say the Lord's return is closer than it's ever been. Are you ready?

Your Humble Servant,

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