

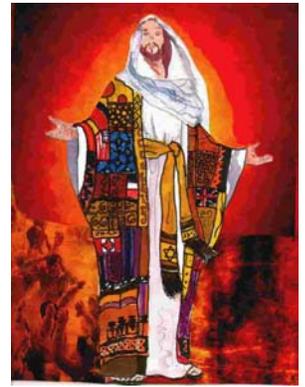
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Praise's of the Month

I wanted to share with you the great news that we received from Malawi. Pastor Davies wrote me, **"I just want to report of the today's outreach. We have started Location outreach and I preached using the P.A. System for the first time, praise God 14 people received Jesus Christ as their personal savior and Lord."** Pastor Davies and his wife, Loveness had just finished a month long missions trip to adjacent countries. They could not take their vehicle so they traveled by bus for the entire trip. The other praise from Malawi is that Pastor



Davies and Love have had a healthy baby boy. Their baby was not due until April 28th or there about. Both Pastor Davies and Love went to church on Sunday Morning and by Sunday evening Love was in the Hospital. All the nurses were afraid of the problems that having the baby two months early might cause. The Baby was born at 12:10 am on February 16th and was in perfect health and went home with mom at 10:00 am the same day. **PRAISE GOD AND JESUS**



The second praise for the month is that Cassie and her boy friend Pat came to Jesus last Sunday. Mary's brother, Mary and I have been witnessing to them. But as always it is the Holy Spirit and Jesus that gets the Glory and Honor for bring one more soul into the kingdom of Heaven.

My final praise of the month is that our dear sister in Christ Lupe Trujillo went home to be with Jesus. She had been sick for awhile. But even though she was ill she was always praising Jesus. Her last words were " I see Him, oh He is so beautiful." Lupe knew where she was going, I only hope each one of us is as sure as she was of her home in eternity.

We here at the ministry are very excited. The program "Where the Rubber meets the Road" has been reaching world wide. We have been getting requests for the newsletter from around the world.

Mary's Thoughts for the Month

February is traditionally the month of love, I am speaking of course of Valentine's day. I love the month of February, because my wedding anniversary falls on



Valentine's day. Since it is already a known holiday neither Jay nor I forget our anniversary, our legal anniversary is on March 29, but neither of us celebrate that one. We are both romantics and so about seven years ago we performed our own ceremony on February 14, so that is the one we like to celebrate. During that ceremony we re-committed our marriage and our lives to Jesus Christ. Since then we have gone onward and upward with Him in control of not only our marriage but our lives. Most of you who know us know that at one time in our Christian lives we were backsliding Christians. For the last seven

years Jesus has controlled every part of our lives. We are no longer lukewarm Christians we are hot, on fire Christians, and our marriage is on fire too. Praise the Lord. When I think of love, I think of my Jesus. While we were yet sinners He died for us, is there a greater love than that? So here is a poem of love, real love and a tribute to Jesus, the love of our lives.

LOVE

Musicians try to sing of love and poets try to write it,

Preachers sometimes preach of love, and lovers just ignite it,

The world pursues other avenues, mostly at its loss,

But the only definition I know of love is Jesus on my cross,

Jesus on my cross you see is a love that never ends,

Jesus, God's most perfect gift dying for my sins,

That is perfect love to me, though I could not ever earn it,

All my life I will draw near to Him, in hopes that I can learn it,

All my words could not explain, though I write many pages,

Love true Love was nailed to my cross, Oh wonder of the ages.

Love in Christ Mary.

Pastor's Corner

This month I wanted to have you do some thinking. So many of the "big" name preachers today are saying that we are on the verge of a world wide end times revival as predicted in the Bible. I have always felt that if we are willing to do as it says in II Chronicles 7:14 **"Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land."** I believe that revival will be possible where ever we as Christians are will to humble our selves and seek God's face. Jesus said **"seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you, ask and it shall be given to you."** But I cannot find anything in the Bible that talks about a great end times revival. So here are my thoughts.

In the Bible in both the old testament and the new testament the word for revival means the same thing. In both the Hebrew and Greek the word means to bring life back to or to revive. In the Webster's dictionary the word revive means "to return or restore to consciousness or life." The word revival is defined as "an act of reviving" . Do you see my point here? You cannot revive something that was not first alive. Therefore a revival is for those that are or were alive not those that have never been alive. In other words the world of the unsaved cannot have a revival only those that have been alive and are now no longer live. We may be seeing a great end times harvest but we are not seeing an end times revival. In fact if you spend much time reading the Christian headlines or visiting different congregations you will find that most fit into the description of the church of Laodicia. This final age church was very happy and felt they had no need for anything. They had plenty of people, money and activities. They were the popular church. Yet they are dead they are nether hot or cold. They were lukewarm and Jesus say because of this He will spew them out of his mouth.

Lets look at how Jesus described the signs of the end days.

- 1) for many shall come in Jesus' name saying I am the Christ and shall deceive many
- 2) You shall hear of wars and rumors of wars
- 3) Nation will raise up against nation, kingdom against kingdom
- 4) There will be famines and earthquakes in many places
- 5) They shall deliver you to be afflicted and shall kill you.
- 6) You shall be hated for my name's sake
- 7) Many will be offended and shall betray one another
- 8) Many false prophets shall rise and shall deceive many
- 9) Sin will abound and the love of many will grow cold.
- 10) And this gospel shall be preached to all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come.

I don't know about you but in Jesus' words I don't see any mention of a revival. If fact it says the opposite. It says we shall be hated for His name, false prophets will lead many astray, the love of many will grow cold. Notice also that Jesus did not say that the gospel would preached to all the world to save but, as a witness. In other words no one will be able to say they just did not know that Jesus was the one and only way to salvation. Jesus is the only way into heaven and everlasting life. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus the only way. Check it out, dive into God's word and prove me wrong. I am always willing to listen.

I believe you will find I am speaking the truth. My continuous prayer is that my Lord and Savior, my Jesus will never let me preach or teach anything that is not of God. This ministry has already seen it share of persecution for preaching the truth. We have had people accuse us of having a spirit of division, a spirit of hatred, etc. They have stopped supporting us financially etc. But I know in my heart that Jesus would never let me preach or teach a falsehood. I will also be the first to admit or retract any teaching you show me in scripture that is wrong.

Love in Jesus

Pastor Jay



Down Home Advice from The desk of Reverend George The New Walk

Hi Everyone,

Someone ask me about being a Christian, and how I knew that the Bible was true the other day. Which set my mind to thinking, about all of the people who think that they cannot understand what's in the Bible, anyway I started thinking of how many other people may have questions, and just don't ask them for whatever reason. Something I found out a long time ago is the only silly question is the one never asked. So for all of those folks who would just like to know how to find out if the word of God is true and what it says these are simple things to find out, just put God to the test.

First of all let me say that not being able to understand the Bible, is just a great old big lie right out of the pit of hell. This lie came from the devil himself. Think about it for just a minute why in the world would God not want you to understand what he has written to you? That just doesn't make sense to me. If you are a new Christian I doubt that you will be able to understand it as well as someone who has walked in the light of Christ for years.

But you might look at that this way, would you have understood algebra in kindergarten? Well, the same principle applies when studying the Bible. And before I go any further, I can tell you this it is a whole lot better to study the Bible than to just casually read it. Studying takes time, don't try to hurry through it. If you are already having trouble in understanding the Bible, more than likely one of two things have happened. You have rushed through it, or you are trying to study something you are not ready for because you are trying to rush your new found Christian life.

You might try reading the parts that pertain to your daily problems. If you are a new Christian, you should start out in the New Testament. Why you ask, because this will show you how to live your new life. There will be some changes you will have to make. The New Testament will not only show you the changes but how to go about making them. Once you accepted these changes and have become more Christ-like. Then the Lord will be able to trust you with a deeper understanding of his word.

It is at this point where he can start using you to win souls for him or to do one of his many other jobs. But remember first things first, the more obedient you are in the beginning the quicker you will advance in your Christian walk. You maybe asked to trust and obey him when it don't make much sense to you. But if it lines up with the word of God just do it. This is just a trial you are going through, count it a joy to be trusted with these trials. The only reason you have them to start with is to build your faith. Read the book of James to help understand this better.

If you are not being tempted and having trials, you are not much of a threat to the devil. At the same time if you are giving in to these temptations and trials you're of no help to Christ. Because the devil has had his way with you. So if you are not willing to pay the price you shouldn't expect to advance in your daily Christian walk. Keep it in mind it is not a sin to be tempted, the sin can only start after you give into your temptations. Christ was tempted but he over came his temptations. He also showed you how to do the same thing.

See the devil will only tell you a half truth, just enough to make you believe it. That is what he did when tempting Christ. There is a simple lesson to be learned here, it is better to study than to read the Bible. If you don't understand what you are studying ask someone with a greater biblical knowledge than you have. But don't depend solely upon others to study for you. You must know the word of God for yourself. Just think sometime in the near future someone might need your help, so dig in to the Bible.

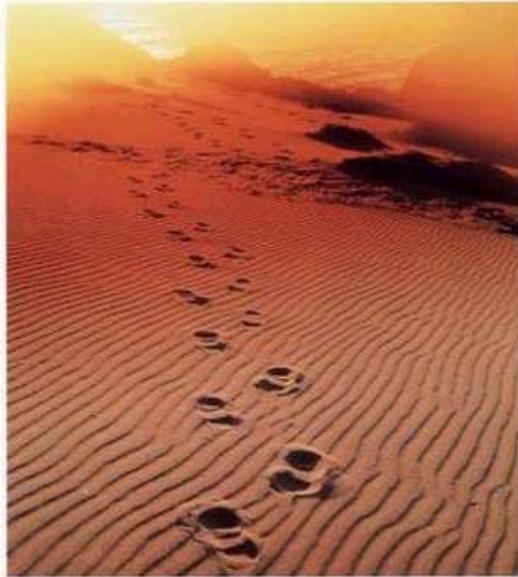
The Bible is the best source of information you can have on any area of your life. The Bible will lead you safely through this world and into the world to come. But it can only do this if you will heed to everything it says. Whether you agree with it or not, every word, statement and story in the bible is put there for you to benefit from. But first you must make up your mind to follow exactly what it tells you to do, and how it tells you to do it. It does not matter who else tells you

that isn't the right thing, if the bible says it is then it is. Also don't let the worst person of all try to talk you out of doing what the bible instructs you to do. Are you wondering who that person is well it is yourself. If you are not careful you can reason yourself right out of doing what God has instructed you to do in his word. But only you and you alone can put yourself in line with the word of God, at the fastest pace possible.

It is sorta like a song I know says," If you are not willing to bear your cross you won't wear the

crown." You can see this with every person who has fallen from serving God to not serving God. If you can't see Christ in their life it is probably because he is not there. Be very careful of these people they will try to bring you down with them. For instance a person who is capable but not willing to help others who are being taken advantage of, is not showing very much love for their neighbor. Or someone who is not willing to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, or help others in their time of need is not displaying the love of Christ.

This is why your daily walk with Christ depends upon you and you alone. So don't let the cares of this world weigh you down. If you are having trouble depend upon the word of God for your instructions in life and how to cope with life's trials. No one could even come close to helping you as much as God can. Even with all of their worldly insight no one has ever written or said anything



FOOTPRINTS

If the world is not a desert, He dreamed "to see walking along the beach with the LORD."
When the sea rolled away from the life, He walked on the sand of His people to the world.
He also walked that is not at the very first time in his life.
He promised the world that "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come and will be with you all the way. But I have
not yet come. How is only one of my people, I don't understand why I would be over the world like me."
The LORD is good. "The goodness of the LORD is not only one and would never leave you.
I pray you believe and walking, what you are only one of my people, if you have the LORD with

that come close to the teachings of the Bible. Why do they try, well I just don't know. I look at it like this if God had wanted to say it differently than He did, He would have in the first place.

But he didn't and all he is waiting for is you to study His word to find the answers out for yourself. This is why he has given you both a brain and a Bible at the same time. So don't let either one go to waste. But be careful not to read something into the Bible that is simply not there. Just take what the Bible says for what the Bible says. You will need to get yourself a good study bible, dictionary and a concordance if you don't have these already. There are many computer programs to choose from to fit almost every need. If you are not into the computer age then you can also get the all of these in an old fashion book form. However you decide computer or book it usually helps to have a study partner like you did or do in school. And last, but certainly not least, remember the best interpretation of the Bible is the Bible. May God richly bless you with wisdom and knowledge like he did King Solomon in the Old Testament.

God Bless;

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This Months Bible Moment



With Pastor Jay

Depression

Have you ever been depressed? If you tell me you have never been depressed then the truth is not in you. Part of what makes you and I what we are is the ability to feel extreme emotions. We can feel great joy or great sorrow, great love or great hatred, great expectation or depression, great happiness or great sadness. These extremes make up in us the ability to feel. Read the story of Elijah's bout with depression in 1 Kings chapters 18 and 19. Here Elijah goes from being hated to loved to persecuted all for following God first in his life. He finally reaches a point where he feels he can no longer go on and wants to die. He lays down under a tree and asks God to take his life. The answer he got was not the one he expected. Read the story and see how wonderfully our Lord handles Elijah's bout with depression

But, let me give you a personal example, this last week we buried a dear friend of ours. Lupe, was 76 years old and a great Christian. Lupe loved Jesus with all her heart and soul. This is no one of those easy duties that a pastor has. For me to preside at a funeral of a dear Christian is a great joy. I know where that person is. They are no longer suffer, they are in the arms of Jesus. Lupe's final words were " I see Him! He is so beautiful. Lupe was seeing to her new home as she was letting go of her old home. It always brings a mixture of sadness and joy to do a funeral of a fellow Christian. Joy because they are home, sadness because we miss them but will see them soon.

I must be truthful though; the funerals of those that did not accept Jesus always bring me sadness and depression. Why, because they are not in heaven but in a much more painful place. As one preacher used to say, "I don't care if you believe in hell or not. God does and you're going if you don't accept Jesus." You just can't get up at a funeral and preach " I am sorry aunt Millie is in hell suffering terribly at this moment, how about you is that where you want to go?" You have to love them into the kingdom. But the bottom line is that Aunt Millie is in hell and is suffering if she did not accept Jesus. That is what depresses me. Could we, should we have preached to her more, loved her more, been Jesus to her more. Was there some way we could have reached her for Jesus and didn't. These are questions that should be asked long before someone dies. Once they are dead and gone it is too late. Their fate is sealed and cannot be changed. Read the story of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke chapter 16 verse 19 through 31. For us the key verses are 22 and 23. Notice that Lazarus died and was immediately in heaven with Abraham in comfort and joy. Also notice that the rich man died and was buried and woke up in hell. There was not period of waiting. They were not just in the grave until judgement day. They immediately went to their respective eternities Lazarus to heaven and eternal love, peace and joy, the rich man to hell and eternal torment and pain.

Think about it how many people do you know that are on that wide and easy road to hell. Have you told them about Jesus? We never know when our number is up and we will go to the grave. Will they go to the grave with a deep peace, because you told

them about your Jesus and what He did for you, or will they die screaming and yelling because they see what is ahead for them because you never told them of Jesus. A funeral is a bad place to be thinking I should have told them about Jesus. It is too late by then. Each day we run into many people, each day we see many people whom we are not good friends but have a casual relationship with. Who am I talking about, the girl at the check out stand at the grocery store, the gentleman who delivers you mail, the person you pass each day and say hi to at the office. I could go on and on. I know that each day I will cross the paths of 10 to 30 people. Some I see two to three times a week. I know them well enough to tell them about my Jesus. No I do not preach to them. I treat them differently with love and respect and then they want to know why I am different. That opens the door to let them know that it is Jesus that makes the difference in our lives.

Do you want to feel depression, of course not, but think about being at the final judgement day when all is said and done we will stand before Jesus and the book of life will be opened and all we have done will be revealed. How many names will come up that the Lord sent your way to tell about Jesus and you didn't? Do not ever think someone else will do the job for you. Do not ever think that they will have time to hear the gospel. We do not know God's timing that person could die the moment after you see them. You could have crossed their paths only long enough to give them the final chance to accept Jesus. When describing the end days to His disciples Jesus told them in Matthew chapter 24 verse 14 "**And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations; and then shall the end come.**" Jesus did not say it would convict or save it was going to be preached as a testimony, a witness, and a declaration that the only way to heaven was Jesus. You do not need to be a great orator you just need to be a witness for Jesus.

In our lifetime how many people has our Lord and Savior brought into our lives only to have us let them pass by. Let's get a resolve to do the Father's will every day of our lives and never let another pass us by without telling them what Jesus has done for us. Remember you may be their last chance to hear the gospel.

Love Ya

Pastor A. J.



From the Directors Chair

The Love of Money

How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! (Mark 10:23b)

Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 19:23b)

How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! (Luke 18:24b)

This may look like the same verse repeated three times, but I want you to notice that there are three different authors. Three different eye witnesses to what one God has to say about what happens to a rich man when he dies.

Notice in the text of Mark 10 in verse 21 Jesus points out how to get treasure in heaven, and the one thing this wealthy man lacked to enter heaven. Do you notice in verse 26 that the disciples were astonished out of measure? They didn't expect Jesus to be so harsh, after all this man was a good man! Look at the list he had going for him, and yet Jesus said one thing you lack. What are you saying Jesus?! Astonished out of measure, I think so. After all what do we work so hard for all our lives, and scrimp and save to have a nice life for our family and a comfortable retirement. Isn't that what it's all about? Not according to Jesus. Sell out! Give it to the poor, deny yourself and follow Jesus. RADICAL! Look in verse 32, even after they were on their way to Jerusalem the disciples were amazed and afraid.

Did the "love of money" keep this man from doing what Jesus told him? He came to the one who had all the answers. He asked the right question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" He did, though, fail to obey what Jesus told him to do.

With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible. (Mark 10:27b)

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh upon the children of disobedience: (Colossians 3:2-6) If riches increase, set not your heart upon them. (Psalm 62:10b)

The Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries define this covetousness "avarice". Look this up in Webster it is excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or gain, fraudulency, extortion. Webster also defines "concupiscence" – to desire ardently, strong desire. God's word talks a lot about our lusts, our affections and desires, and the love of money which is "covetousness" is only part of the picture.

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through the full knowledge of the one who called us by his own glory and excellence. Through these he has given us his precious and wonderful promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, seeing that you have escaped the corruption that is in the world caused by evil desires. (1Peter 1:3-4 International Standard Version)

Notice His power gives us everything we need, and it's through knowledge and these precious and wonderful promises. In other words, by His power and through His word. But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, it says in James. The corruption that is in the world verse 4 says is caused by our evil desires, one of them being covetousness, or lust.

For this very reason, you must make every effort to supplement your faith with moral character, your moral character with knowledge, your knowledge with self-control, your self-control with endurance, your endurance with godliness, your godliness with brotherly kindness, and your brotherly kindness with love. For if you possess these qualities and they continue to increase among you, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in attaining a full knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the person who lacks these qualities is blind and shortsighted and has forgotten the cleansing that he has received from his past sins.

So then my brothers be all the more eager to make your calling and election certain for if you keep on doing this you will never fail. For in this way you will be generously granted entry into the

eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (1Peter 1:5-11 International Standard Version)

There are seven items in this list we are to increase as we walk with our Lord. Let me suggest some scriptures to look up concerning these seven.

Faith: Romans 10:17, **Moral Character:** Philippians 4:8,9, **Knowledge:** 2Timothy 2:15, **Self-Control:** Philippians 4:5, Galatians 5:22-26, **Endurance:** James 1:2-4, **Godliness:** 1Peter 1:16, **Brotherly Kindness:** Romans 12:13, Love: 1Corinthians 13

We are assured that if we are diligent in these areas our calling and election will be sure, being generously granted entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord. Hallelujah! Amen. Our armor is not complete if we leave any undone. Let me leave you with 2Timothy 3.

Know this also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystyra; what persecutions I endured: But out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

God Bless, Bro Scott

TEACHING OF THE MONTH

WELCOME TO HEAVEN

**THIS MONTH'S TEACHING
BY
MARY WARNER**

I know that I am not alone in wondering what Heaven will be like. Every Christian should ponder Heaven, it is good for the soul. I would like to explore Heaven with you this month, by things we know about it through studying scripture. I will begin first by what we will be like when we die and go into eternity, if we have accepted Jesus Christ as our savior while still in this world.

WHAT WILL WE BE LIKE IN HEAVEN?

¹ John 3:2 says: ²Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Here John is telling us that when we get to Heaven we will be like Jesus, and we shall see Him as He is. What will that be like? We will certainly be changed spiritually and physically, here are a few more things that the Bible tells us.

1. We will not sin any longer. Phil. 1:6 says:

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ.

Jesus will complete us in Heaven, we will be new creations, without sin. Think of it as an upgrade, your old body just like your old computer programs will be upgraded and made completely new.

2. We will no longer be subject to the laws of physics. John 20:19,26 says:

¹⁹Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were ^oassembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be with you.*"

²⁶And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace *to you!*"

This tells us that if Jesus could walk through locked doors, so will we.

Because 1John 3:2, told us we would be like Him. We will be able to travel anywhere instantly. Praise God.

3. We will still be able to touch and to eat. John 20:27 ²⁷Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

Here Jesus is able to touch and be touched and again in John 21:10-15 ^oJesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught."

¹¹Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come *and* eat breakfast." Yet



none of the disciples dared ask Him, “Who are You?”—knowing that it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.

¹⁴ This *is* now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, *son of* ^oJonah, do you love Me more than these?” Here Jesus is eating after His resurrection. Paul tell us in 1 Cor. 15:59 that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven, so eating will be done for pleasure not out of necessity. There will be the tree of life in Heaven that will bear twelve different kinds of fruit, I am sure it will be more delicious than anything we have tasted in this world.

4. We will not be sick again. In Rev.22:3 we are told there will no longer be any curse. And Rev. 22:2 says:

²In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. In other words there will be healing, physical healing no more sickness or death. That excites me, how about you. I mean it makes me breathless to contemplate life without sin, sickness, sadness and disease.

The other things that I will relish about Heaven is that we will know each other, not just our loved ones either, everyone there! We will have deeper and more meaningful relationships than we ever have in this world, they will be sin free, no gossip or hurt feelings. We will be with Jesus always, now that is Heaven. We will dwell in the presence of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will live in a New Jerusalem, here is the description straight out of God's Word: Rev 21:2-3, Then I, ^oJohn, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. Again in Rev. 21: 15-16 we find the dimensions of our new home ¹⁵And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. ¹⁶The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. It will be roughly the size of the Moon. It will have twelve gates with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel written on them. The foundation will be twelve layers with the names of the twelve apostles written on them. Here is the description from Rev. 21:19-21, ¹⁹The foundations of the wall of the city *were* adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation *was* jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, ²⁰the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. ²¹The twelve gates *were* twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city *was* pure gold, like transparent glass. It boggles the mind to think of how beautiful it will be.

As beautiful as Heaven will be the most wonderful thing about it is that it will never end, just like us. I love to daydream about heaven, my eternal home. I am looking forward to every last part of it, how about you?

**The below poem was written by Mary for the
Funeral of our dear friend Lupe.**

WALKING WITH JESUS

**How wonderful heaven now must be, that Lupe has arrived,
We who are left on earth may cry and even feel deprived,
But close your eyes and think of her with no more earthly pain,
And know without one single doubt we will see her once again,**

**Oh how lovely it must be for her to be walking with the King,
How happy she must be, what praises she must sing,
I can close my eyes and picture her with Jesus hand in hand,
Walking near the crystal sea and discovering heaven's span,**

**You know that she is singing with the saints, Praises there will ring,
Because I know when Lupe sings, she is singing for the King,
She is happier right now, than she has ever been before,
Walking with all of her loved ones over on that other shore,**

**Can't you just imagine her free from all earthly woe and tears,
She has left behind all her sorrows, and there are no more fears,
Gone to that eternal Kingdom, where everything is sweet,
If we could get a glimpse right now we would see her at His feet,**

**We would see her with her loved ones, who have gone before,
Lupe has not died, you see, she is alive forever more,
She is living in the light of His love and basking in His glory,
Lupe has just began to live, it's just the beginning of her story,**

**I know that I will miss her, but I know just for awhile,
One day she will welcome us with that wondrous smile,
She will take our hand in hers and give us the grand tour,
And we will see what she sees now, what we are longing for.**