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NEW TESTAMENT - CRASH COURSE

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Hello Friends,

I'd like to share something that amounts to a "CRASH COURSE" of NEW TESTAMENT STUDY. If you were to print up this list and use it in conjunction with a FREE Bible SEARCH TOOL LIKE: WWW.BLUELETTERBIBLE.ORG OR WWW.GATEWAYBIBLE.ORG IT WOULD OPEN A PORTAL INTO THE WANDERS OF GOD'S WORD.

If it had NOT BEEN FOR THE STRENGTH AND GUIDANCE THAT I'VE BEEN ABLE TO FIND WITHIN THE WORD OF GOD, THAN FACING THE PAIN AND LONELINESS THAT PRISON CAN PRODUCE WOULD HAVE BEEN ALMOST UNBEARABLE - IT WOULD HAVE BEEN LIKE TRYING TO FIGHT THE LIGHTNING WITH A SLING SHOT! EVERY FLASH WOULD HAVE ONLY REVEALED HOW HOPELESS THE BATTLE, AND IN THE DARKNESS BETWEEN THE FLASHES, DOUBTS WOULD HAVE ECHOED LIKE ROLLING THUNDER, AND THE TEARS FALLEN DOWN LIKE RAIN.

The word of God speaks of "... A HOUSE NOT MADE BY HANDS ... (2 COR. 5:1) LIKEWISE, NOT ALL PRISONS ARE MADE OF STONE AND STEEL THEN SURROUNDED BY RAZOR WIRE!

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SOME PRISONS ARE NOT MADE BY HANDS, AND SOME SNARES ARE NOT OF OUR OWN MAKING. SOME PEOPLE MAY BE IN BONDAGE TO SIN, AND OTHERS LAID UP UPON A BED OF AFFLICTION. SOME MAY FEEL TRAPPED IN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS, OR FIND THEMSELVES IN THE GRIP OF ADDICTION, OR DEPENDENCE TO ALCOHOL. WELL - "HE CAME TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE."

A CHRISTIAN WENT TO A BARBER, AND WHILE GETTING HIS HAIR CUT, THE CONVERSATION TOOK MANY TURNS - WHEN THE CONVERSATION OF 'RELIGION' CAME UP, THE BARBER IMMEDIATELY SAID: "OH, I DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD."

"WHY NOT?" ASKED THE CHRISTIAN.

"ISN'T IT OBVIOUS," HE REPLIED.

"JUST TAKE A LOOK AROUND... THE WHOLE WORLD SEEMS TO BE DESCENDING INTO CHAOS - WARS, DISEASE, Famine, senseless violence... TURN ON THE NEWS AND ALL YOU'LL SEE IS ONE TRAGEDY AFTER THE OTHER - THE WORLD SEEMS TO BE GOING TO HELL IN A HANDBASKET! IF GOD EXISTED, THINGS WOULD NOT BE SO BAD."

THE CHRISTIAN WAS STUNNED BY THE BARBER'S VEHEMENCE AND SILENCED BY THE THINGS HE'D POINTED OUT - HE FINISHED HIS HAIRCUT AND LEFT, BUT HE WAS FEELING DESPONDENT.

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Once outside, he was approached by a bum who looked like he'd spent years living in the streets. His clothes were ragged and filthy - his hair matted and tangled - he was a mess.

"Got any change?" asked the homeless man.

The Christian's heart was filled with compassion and he would do his best to find a solution to the man's problems, rather than just giving him a few dollars - a hand up, not just a hand out! - but he also had an idea.

"I'll give you some change, and help you to change," he said, "but first, come with me for a moment."

He took him into the barbers and said: "Hey, I don't think barbers exist!"

"What are you talking about," said the barber "of course we exist."

"Nah... impossible! Barbers can't possibly exist."

"Don't be foolish," said the barber "I just cut your hair, didn't I?"

"No," said the Christian "if barbers existed, then this man wouldn't look like this."

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"Well he looks that way", said the barber "because he won't come to me."

"Aha!" That's my point exactly said the Christian.

What we see happening around the world is NOT an indictment of God, but an indication of how many have turned their backs. (Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way which seems right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways to death.")

This 'CRASH COURSE' in the New Testament is NOT just about 'Religion' - FAR FROM IT! The fact is the word 'Religion' is used 7 times in the New Testament, and 6 of those are with a negative connotation. (USE THE WWW.GATEWAYBIBLE.ORG OR WWW.BIBLETTX.BIBLE.ORG WEBSITE TO ENTER THE WORD 'RELIGION' AND SEE WHAT I MEAN. ☺)

It's NOT ABOUT 'RELIGION' PER SE, AS MUCH AS IT IS ABOUT 'RELATIONSHIP' - THE WORD RELIGION HAS THE SAME ROOT AS 'LIGAMENTS', OR SOMETHING THAT BINDS. MAN'S ATTEMPT TO RE-BIND, OR REBUILD THE BRIDGE THAT LEADS TO GOD... A WAY THAT SEEMS RIGHT ONTO MAN...

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MATTHEW 7:21 SAYS, "NOT EVERY ONE THAT SAYS UNTO ME, LORD, LORD, SHALL ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN;... Uh Oh! Who is He talking to? Can they be the "lost folks" if they're calling Him "LORD"? How about THE NEXT VERSES (22) "MANY WILL SAY TO ME IN THAT DAY, LORD, LORD, HAVE WE NOT PROPHESIED IN THY NAME? AND IN THY NAME HAVE CAST OUT DEMONS? AND IN YOUR NAME DONE MANY WONDERFUL WORKS?"

(23) AND THEN I WILL PROFESS UNTO THEM, I NEVER KNEW YOU; DEPART FROM ME, YE THAT WORK INIQUITY."

Wow! IT'S CLEAR THAT BEING WRAPPED IN A CLOAK OF RELIGION IS NOT A SURE WAY TO DEVELOPING A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD.

JOHN 1:1 SAYS, "IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD." TO VERSE 14 "AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US..." - THAT WAS, OF COURSE, JESUS, THE WORD MADE FLESH!

BUT WE KNOW HOW THINGS ENDED, NOT ALL BEHELD HIS GLORY AND HE WAS CRUCIFIED. SCRIPTURE TELLS US THAT HE ROSE FROM THE TOMB AFTER 3 DAYS. MATTHEW CHAP 28 PICKS UP AFTER HIS RESURRECTION.

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The 4 Gospels of MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE and JOHN tell us about the life of Jesus Christ and His Ministry. The Book of ACTS opens with the RESULT of that Ministry - The New Covenant between God and man... The NEW TESTAMENT.

Something very important happens in Acts 1 - Verses 2 and 3 describes the resurrected Christ giving final instructions to His Apostles before His ASCENSION (The RETURN to HEAVEN to sit at the right hand of the Father - to rule again as 'with' God. Ref. John 1:1) Verse four (4) has Him advising the Apostles NOT to depart from Jerusalem (to begin taking part in the Great Commission Ref. ¹ MAT 28:19) but to WAIT for the promise of the Father.

What was this 'promise of the Father'? It was the Holy Spirit! Verse 8 continues "... you shall receive POWER after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you..." - That, my friends, is the key to understanding what the New Testament is all about... The barrier which once separated man from God is not breached by 'wisdom', nor by power, but by my Spirit saying 'The Lord...' Acts Chap 2 goes on to describe how the Church was born on that day when the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit, ARRIVED.

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PETE WAS ONCE A FARMER WHO WANTED TO CUT DOWN SOME TREES ON HIS PROPERTY TO EXTEND HIS CROPS - BUT HIS SAW WAS DULL. SO HE WENT INTO THE BIG CITY TO BUY A NEW SAW.

HE RAN INTO A SALESMAN WHO SAID, "SIR, I CAN SELL YOU A NEW BRAND SAW, OR EVEN SHARPEN THIS ONE UP FOR YOU IF YOU'D LIKE, BUT WHILE YOU'RE HERE, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A LOOK AT ONE OF THESE NEW POWER SAWS. WHY, WITH ONE OF THESE, YOU CAN CUT DOWN 15 OR 20 TREES IN THE TIME IT TAKES TO CUT DOWN ONE WITH THESE OLD BRAND SAWS."

THE FARMER WAS IMPRESSED - HE BOUGHT ONE, BUT HE WAS BACK IN A FEW DAYS AND HE WAS HOT! "YOU LIED TO ME," HE SAID, "YOU SAID I COULD CUT DOWN 15 TO 20 TREES WITH THIS THING, AND IT TOOK ME ALL DAY JUST TO CUT DOWN ONE!"

PUZZLED, THE SALESMAN TOOK THE POWER SAW AND LOOKED IT OVER... HE PULLED THE CORD, AND RRR... RRR - RRRR! THE SAW ROARED TO LIFE.

"WHAT'S THAT NOISE?" THE FARMER SAID.

LOL. CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW SILLY PETE FARMER MUST HAVE LOOKED USING THAT

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POWER CAN WITHOUT pulling the cord?
Trying to do it "UNDER his own power" -

FAR too many people ARE misled...
INTO believing that it IS their 'religion'
which saves them - OF COURSE THERE IS
nothing wrong with church attendance,
fellowship, and corporate prayer. Absolutely
nothing wrong with coming together
in the name of the Lord and breaking
the bread of the word. - The danger
comes when one's life begins to revolve
around the church (as a place) RATHER
than as the body of Christ - when it
becomes an "organization" RATHER THAN
AN ORGANISM. God can not be at the
CENTER of one's life if that spot is
ALREADY occupied by a building,
A RELIGION or A SET OF RITUALS.

IT IS BY GRACE THAT WE ARE SAVED,
NOT BY WORKS - and once saved,
the Spirit of the living God begins
to dwell WITHIN US! (see 1 Corin. Thims 3:16)
Philippians 4:13 tells us, "I can do all
things through Christ who STRENGTHENS
me" - Not, I can do all things because
of my education, church attendance, or
physical fitness, but through Christ
who STRENGTHENS me - and He does
that when we tap into the power
of the Holy Spirit which dwells within
us.

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"IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD." - The following 'CRASH COURSE' INTO understanding the NEW TESTAMENT presents an opportunity to explore the WONDERS of God's Word. I PRAY THAT AS YOU SPEND TIME WITH THIS 'STUDY' THE HOLY SPIRIT of God begins to open the EYES of your understanding - THAT YOU MAY come to REALIZE how SPENDING TIME IN THE WORD, IS LIKE SPENDING TIME WITH GOD. I PRAY THAT YOUR TIME SPENT IN THE WORD, AND WITH THE WORD MAY STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.

IN CLOSING, I PRAY THAT GOD CONTINUES TO MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON YOU AS HE POURS OUT AN ABUNDANCE OF BLESSINGS INTO YOUR LIVES.

Sincerely -

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Your Brother in Christ.

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

Mark 11: 25-26.....Stand to pray.
 I Cor. 11: 3-5 Head of man, head of woman
 Luke 12. 15 Life consists not with abundance of things
 John 4: 10-14.....Living water
 John 4: 23-24.....Spirit & in truth
 Matt. 22: 46.....Asked Jesus Christ no more ?'s
 Matt. 23: 8-10..... Call no man Father (Rabbi)
 Matt. 25: 43-46.....Go to prison
 Luke 12: 8&9.....If we deny Him, He will deny us
 Luke 12: 48.....Much given, much expected
 Luke 12 5.Father against son, mother against daughter
 Matt. 26:39.....Jesus Christ fell on His face & prayed
 Luke 15: 7.....Joy in Heaven
 Luke 17: 21.....Kingdom of God within you
 Luke 17: 37.....Eagles gather together
 Luke 19: 44.....Not one stone upon another
 Luke 20: 35.....No marriage in Heaven
 Hebrews 6: 18.....Impossible for God to lie
 Mark 8: 38.....Ashamed of Jesus Christ
 Deut. 7: 6.....God's chosen people
 Matt. 5: 32, 19: 3-9.....Divorce
 Luke 16: 18.....Divorce
 Matt. 5: 37.....Yes by yes
 Matt. 6: 5-8.....Prayer
 Matt. 5: 3-11.....Sermon on the mount
 16-18.....Fast
 14, 1:30, Luke 4:38-39.....Peter's wife
): 8.....Freely given
): 14.....Let them alone (the Pharisees),
 let blind guide blind
 I 18:16-20 If 2 agree it shall be done in His Name
 Gal.4: 16.....Am you enemy because I tell truth.
 Matt. 19: 17.....Call no man good
 Matt. 19: 18-19.....Jesus commands
 Matt. 19: 21.....To be perfect
 Matt.23: 9-10.....Call no man Father
 Mark 3:31-35.....Who was Jesus mother
 Mark 12: 29-31.....New command
 Matt. 24: 13, Mark 13: 13..Perserverse to the end, he
 will be saved
 Luke 6: 34-35.....Lend
 Luke 7: 33.....John ate no bread, no wine
 Luke 22: 32..... Peter converted
 Acts 15: 29. I Cor. 6: 9-20, 10:8.....Fornication
 I Cor. 10: 20.....Do not fellowship with devils

I Cor. 11: 25,New wine in cup
 I Cor. 11: 14..... Long hair for men
 I Cor. 11: 3-16.....Head covering.
 I Timothy 2: 5.....One Mediator
 Luke 6: 34-35.....Lend
 John 6: 48-58.....Bread of Life
 I Cor. 9: 23-27..... Body control
 I Cor. 14: 27-40.....Tongues..all things done in order
 and decently
 I Cor. 14: 33.....God no confusion
 I Peter 3: 15.....Jesus Christ in hearts
 2 Cor. 6: 1-2.....Do not accept grace in vain, now is
 the day of salvation
 2 Cor. 6: 14-18...Body is the temple, do not be yoked
 with unbelievers.
 2 Cor. 7: 10..... Godly sorrow worketh repentance to
 salvation
 2 Cor. 9: 6.....Sow sparingly, reap same
 2 Cor. 9: 7.....How to give
 2 Cor. 9: 15.....Unspeakable gift
 2 Cor. 10: 15.....Cast down imaginations
 2 Cor. 11: 3.....Simplicity in Jesus Christ
 2 Cor. 11: 6Rude of speech
 2 Cor. 11: 7-11.....Paul freely gave
 2 Cor. 12: 15.....The more Paul loved the less he was
 loved
 Gal. 2: 7-8, 11..... Peter to the Jew
 Gal. 2: 9.....Hand shake
 Gal. 2: 16, 3: 11.....No justification by law
 Gal. 3: 25.....No longer under schoolmaster
 Gal. 4: 6, Eph. 3: 17.....Jesus Christ in our hearts
 Gal. 4: 21-31..... Law and new test
 Gal. 5: 19-21... Works of the flesh, not see the kingdom
 of God.
 Gal.5: 22.....The fruits of the Spirit.
 Gal. 6:5.....Bear own burden
 Gal. 6: 7.....God is not mocked, what you sow you reap
 Eph. 2: 8-9.....Saved by grace
 Eph. 2: 15.....Law abolished
 Eph. 4: 1.....Walk worthy of the vocation you are called
 Eph. 5:31.....Husband and wife are one in flesh and
 Spirit.
 Romans 6: 23.....Gift of eternal life
 Eph. 6: 1.....Children, obey parents in the Lord
 Eph. 6: 12.....Wrestle not against flesh
 Eph. 6: 17.....Sword of the Spirit, is the Word of God

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Phil. 2: 3.....Nothing done in strife
 Phil. 2: 12... Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling
 Phil. 2: 9..... Name above every name
 Phil. 3: 3..... No confidence in the flesh
 Phil. 3: 14..... Press toward the mark for the prize
 Phil. 4: 5..... Let your moderation be known
 Phil. 4: 11-12..... Learn contentment
 Phil. 4: 13..... Can do all things thru Christ
 Col. 2: 16..... Let no man judge you about holy days, meat, or drink
 Col. 3: 25..... No respect of persons
 Col. 4: 1..... Masters, give your servants
 I Peter 1: 24..... All flesh is as grass, glory of man little
 I Peter 5: 24..... Eternal security
 I John 1: 9..... Confess our sins, Jesus Christ will cleanse
 I John 2: 1-2..... Advocate with the Father
 I John 3: 23 ... Our belief is on the Name of Jesus Christ
 I John 4: 1..... Try the Spirits
 I John 4: 12..... No man hath seen God
 I John 4: 16..... God is love
 I John 4: 19..... We love God, because He first loved us
 I John 5: 6-8..... Trinity, water is the Word
 I John 5: 13..... Believe on the Name
 2 Cor. 12: 21..... Sinned already
 Rev 1: 13-15..... Description of Jesus Christ
 John 20: 31..... Life through His name
 Rev. 2: 20..... Fornication in Revelation
 Acts 17: 24, 7:48-50.... God does not dwell in buildings
 Rev. 8: 7..... All green grass burnt up
 Matt. 18: 15..... Tell a brother a wrong alone
 Eph. 5: 26..... Washing of water, by the Word
 I Tim. 2: 8..... Lifting of hands in prayer
 I Cor. 3:16-17, 6:19-20..... Body is the temple of God
 Luke 22: 3, John 13: 27..... Satan entered Judas
 Romans 10: 9-13..... Simplicity of salvation
 Phil. 2: 3..... Let nothing be done in strife, or vain glory
 Col. 2: 14-23..... Let no man judge you in respect of holy day
 Col. 3: 5..... No excessive affection.
 Hebrews 7: 2-9..... Tithing
 I Cor. 7, Luke 16: 18, Rom. 7: 1-3..... Marriage
 Acts 19: 29, 20: 4..... Aristarchus
 Romans 8: 28..... All things work together for good
 I Cor. 12: 31..... More excellent way
 I Thes. 4:17, Luke 17: 34-37..... Rapture?
 I Thes. 5: 21..... Prove all things
 2 Tim. 1: 7..... God has given us power, love and sound mind
 I John 4: 17..... Boldness in day of judgement
 Luke 17: 21..... Kingdom of God within you
 John 17: 9..... Jesus Christ prayed for His, not the world

John 20: 31..... Life through the name of Jesus Christ
 Luke 9: 23..... Take up cross daily
 Acts 1: 20..... Judas has bishopric (King James)
 Rom. 8: 29, Matt. 25: 40, I Cor. 9: 5, Heb. 2: 17.....
 Jesus Christ 1st elder brother
 I Thes. 5: 22..... Abstain from all appearances of evil
 I Timothy 2: 12..... Woman not authority over men,
 Woman not teach
 Matt. 11:19, Luke 7:34, Duet. 21:20..... Gluttony
 II Chron. 7:7-11, 14..... Heal thy nation
 Matt. 12: 29..... Head of the house if bound by Satan
 house will be spoiled
 Matt. 17: 21, 14-21, Mark 9: 29..... Certain demons
 expelled only by prayer and fasting
 James 5: 16.. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous
 man availeth much, confess faults one to another.
 Acts. 2: 21..... Whosoever call on the name of the Lord
 Romans 12: 1..... Bodies living sacrifice unto God
 I Tim. 3: 2 Bishop, one wife
 2 Tim. 2: 19..... Saved, depart from iniquity
 Hebrews 3: 6..... We are the house of Christ
 Hebrews 8: 6-13..... Old covenant vanish away?
 Hebrews. 10: 25... Assemble together, especially in the
 last days
 Hebrews 12: 6..... The Lord loveth those He chasteneth
 Hebrew 13: 3..... Remember them that are in bonds
 I Peter 3: 12.... The face of the Lord is against them that
 do evil
 Gal. 5: 26, 19..... Not envy one another
 Rev. 3: 19..... As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten,
 be zealous therefore and repent
 2 Tim. 2: 16..... Shun profane and vain babblings
 Romans 9: 13..... God hates
 Acts 17: 26..... All of one blood
 Luke 12: 54-57..... Know how to judge this time
 Rev. 13: 18..... 666
 Hebrews 2: 15..... Fear of death overcome
 I Peter 1: 8..... Joy unspeakable
 Eph. 3: 16-19..... Inner strength
 Matt 23: 13..... Endure to the end
 Mark 7: 7..... Do not preach doctrine of man
 Phil. 1: 21..... To live is Christ, to die is
 gain.
 Rev. 3: 5..... Blot out name from Book of Life.
 Rev. 13: 8..... Lambs Book of Life
 Rev. 13: 16..... Mark of the beast in hand or forehead
 Matt. 27: 3-5..... Judas repented
 Matt. 24: 28..... Carcase, eagles will gather.
 Luke 22: 41..... Jesus Christ kneeled and prayed
 Romans 5:15,17,18..... Free Gift
 John 14: 6..... The Truth, the Way, the Life
 John 15:15..... Jesus Christ calls us friends