

**JESUS COMES THROUGH LOCKED DOORS WITH HIS WORDS OF EASTER PEACE AND THE BOYS ARE FRIGHTENED BY HIM. GHOSTS ARE SCARY. HE QUICKLY SAYS: *BEHOLD MY HANDS AND MY FEET; IT IS I MYSELF; A SPIRIT DOESN'T HAVE FLESH AND BONES. ...AND, A GHOST DOESN'T EAT BROILED FISH, EH!***

**ELIJAH AND MOSES SHOWED UP WITH JESUS WITH NO EXPLANATION AS TO WHAT THAT WAS ABOUT. IF SPIRITS SHOW UP WITHOUT JESUS, I'D BE WORRIED. YOU KNOW THE DEVIL CAN PLAY GHOST, AND KNOWING IT KEEPS YOU FROM GETTING ALL SUPERSTICIOUS. HUMAN SOULS ARE NOT LOST BETWEEN HEAVEN AND HELL, TRYING TO SPOOK YOU OR BRINGING MESSAGES FROM BEYOND.**

**THE DEVIL IS AN IMPOSTER AND LIAR. JESUS WOULDN'T LET HIM TALK EVEN WHEN HE TOLD THE TRUTH. HE STOPPED HIM AND HIS DEMONS FROM CALLING HIM THE 'CHRIST' OR 'GOD'S SON' IN FRONT OF PEOPLE.**

**THAT MEANS WE'VE GOT NO BUSINESS EVER LISTENING TO HIM! EVERY DAY WE WALK AMID ANGELS AND DEMONS. THE BAD GUYS HOPE TO HURT OUR FAITH; THE GOOD GUYS PROTECT US FROM THEM. THE BATTLE IS A MYSTERY TO US.**

**SO, JESUS HAS US ASK HIS FATHER: *DELIVER US FROM EVIL. WE GO TO WORSHIP, SERVE OTHERS FOR OUR SAVIOR AND SPEAK OR SING GOD'S WORD, ALONG WITH PRAYER TO KEEP THE DEVIL AWAY. LUTHER WROTE:***

***THE DEVIL UNVEILS HIMSELF TO FRIGHTEN, MISLEAD AND DO HARM. WHEN HE DOES, CROSS YOURSELF AND CALL ON GOD. LET SATAN STAMP ABOUT AND BLUSTER AS LONG AS HE WANTS; YOU'RE SAFE! TELL HIM TO HIS FACE, 'YOU'RE JUST THE DEVIL; I'M A CHRISTIAN AND MY LORD CRUSHED YOU; LEAVE ME ALONE!'***

**...OR, AS MY LITTLE SARAH USED TO SAY: *GO AWAY DEVIL; I LOVE JESUS!* OUR CRUCIFIED AND RISEN LORD DOES SAVE US FROM SATAN'S WICKED PLANS.**

**CHRIST TELLS THE DISCIPLES, FOR THE UMPTEENTH TIME, THAT HE HAD TO SUFFER AND RISE. NOW, THAT DONE, REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS WOULD BE PREACHED AMONG PEOPLE EVERYWHERE, BEGINNING RIGHT THERE IN JERUSALEM.**

**IT IS CHRIST'S NAME THAT MAKES BOTH REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS EFFECTIVE. WHO HE IS AS GOD, AS MAN, AS CHRIST, AS SAVIOR, AND WHAT HE HAS DONE IN LIVING A SINLESS LIFE, DYING AN INNOCENT DEATH AND RISING IN THE FLESH, IS THE ONLY HOPE FOR PEACE WITH GOD – PEACE NOW AND FOREVER!**

**THAT PEACE HAS BEEN PREACHED WORLDWIDE. THE FORGIVENESS GIVEN TO EVERY REPENTANT HEART COMES BY CHRIST'S CROSS AND THE PROOF OF ETERNAL LIFE COMES BY HIS EMPTY TOMB. THERE IS FORGIVENESS IN NO OTHER NAME. NO OTHER RELIGION EVEN OFFERS A SAVIOR.**

**THIS NEWS ISN'T GRASPED BY EVERYONE WHO HEARS IT. OUR SINFUL CRUST REJECTS GOD STUFF. JESUS HAS TO OPEN THE MINDS OF THE ELEVEN SO THEY CAN UNDERSTAND SCRIPTURE. WITHOUT HIS SPIRIT WE GO IN AND OUT FROM PREACHING LIKE CATTLE. WITH HIS HELP, WE SEE AND FEAST ON HIS GRACE.**

2 THE DISCIPLES DO PREACH REPENTANCE. THEY PRESENT US WITH OUR DAMNABLE CONDITION AND WAYS. WE CANNOT BE SAVED IF WE DO NOT REPENT...WHICH MEANS TO CHANGE OUR WAY OF THINKING TO GOD'S WAY OF THINKING AND TO CHANGE OUR WAY OF LIVING TO HIS WAY OF LIFE.

NO ONE ON EARTH IS EXCUSED. WE MUST FIGHT THE DEVIL'S SLOP AND OUR OWN EVIL SPIRIT WHICH WANTS GOD TO LOVE US JUST THE WAY WE ARE. HE DOES! BUT, WE CAN'T BE WITH HIM IN A SINLESS HEAVEN WITHOUT BEING FORGIVEN. WE CAN'T BE FORGIVEN IF WE REFUSE TO REPENT OF OUR SIN.

THIS PREACHING BEGAN IN JERUSALEM NOT ONLY BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE THE DISCIPLES WERE; GOD WANTED THE PRIESTS AND PHARISEES OF HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE TO HAVE FIRST CRACK AT REPENTING AND RECEIVING SAVING MERCY.

THE WHOLE WORLD HAS THIS CHANCE. THE CROSS PROVES THAT JESUS WANTS EVERY HEART TO SAY: *FATHER IN HEAVEN, I AM A SINNER AND I'M UNABLE TO CHANGE; BE GRACIOUS TO ME AND SAVE ME FOR JESUS' SAKE.* HIS RESURRECTION PROVES HE CAN BACK UP HIS PROMISE OF EVERLASTING LIFE.

FORGIVENESS IS SO SWEET ONCE YOU REALIZE YOU DESERVE NOTHING. YOU ARE REFRESHED BY FORGIVENESS - IN SPIRE OF, OR ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF HOW FAR SHORT YOU COME TO RIGHTEOUSNESS. YOU'RE ACTUALLY HOLY THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS! HE DIED AND ROSE IN YOUR NAME!

IN CHRIST, EVERYTHING IS COMING TRUE JUST AS GOD PROMISED THROUGH HIS PROPHETS. JESUS FULFILLED THE SCRIPTURES AND NOW WE WAIT ONLY FOR HIS RETURN TO COMPLETE THE STORY.

SO, FEARING A GHOST OR SPIRIT IS A WASTE OF TIME. YOU HAVE THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST TO OPEN YOUR MIND TO UNDERSTAND AND TO RECEIVE GOD'S LOVE. YOU'VE GOT ENOUGH YOU CAN DO IN THE FLESH; LEAVE THE SPIRITS TO GOD.

THE MEANING OF LIFE HERE AND AFTER YOUR RESURRECTION IS REALLY QUITE SIMPLE. CONFESS YOURSELF A SINNER AND LIVE IN CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS. IN HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION, YOU HAVE PEACE WITH GOD AND YOU'RE HEADED TO EVERLASTING WONDERFUL!

YOU'D BE SURPRISED HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE NO IDEA THAT THE WHOLE RELIGION THING, THE ENTIRE BIBLE, THE MEANING OF LIFE IS THIS SIMPLE - REPENT AND LIVE LIFE LOVED.

WHEREVER THIS DOCTRINE IS PROCLAIMED AND BELIEVED, CHRIST IS THERE AND THE DEVIL IS MUFFLED. CLING TO THE PEACE YOU HAVE WITH GOD AND LOVE OTHERS ENOUGH TO PASS THE PEACE ALONG WHEN YOU HAVE OPPORTUNITY.

CHILDREN OF GOD...CHRIST IS RISEN! *HE IS RISEN INDEED!* ALLELUIA!