

Call of Grace Ministries

Come unto Me. . . I will give you rest

Dennis & Cindy Mohr Dennis (618) 694-8199
14549 Stacy Lane Cindy (618) 889-7687
Marion, IL 62959 dennis@callofgrace.org

August 25, 2018

"You saw me before I was born. The days allotted to me had all been recorded in your book, before any of them ever began. "

Psalm 139:16 (GNB)

"This is Sheila at On Star. We have received notification that airbags have deployed within this vehicle. Is anyone injured?" Thankfully neither I nor the driver of the other car was injured. I received a small bruise on one arm from the airbag deploying; the other driver had no injuries. I looked at my watch; it was 9:03 AM. I looked at the car that I had been driving; it was totaled. As the police were arriving, I thanked the Lord again for His protection.

This day did not start off the way I had planned. And the day could have been over for me before it really got going. Am I lucky? Not hardly! Since the Lord has ordained my days, it shouldn't come as a surprise to me when something like this happens and I survive. Even as the Lord has numbered the hairs on my head, He has numbered the days of my life on this earth and away from my true home. The Lord has numbered your days as well and only He knows for sure when the last one of them will be.

With that thought in mind, I ask you to consider the following two questions. Please know that they are asked with love and concern for what may be. I ask the questions because I have learned from the Lord to never take these things for granted.

First, where will you spend eternity? Will you be in heaven? Or hell? Please take time now to truly consider this question then consider what is written next. If your answer to the question is, "Yes.", what is the basis for your faith, your belief, that you will go to heaven? Church membership? Baptism? "Walking and aisle"? While these "works" may be evidence of faith, they are not definitive proof that you have eternal life and will be in heaven. There is only one foundation for faith leading to eternal life: the Lord Jesus who died "once for all" for sin: yours and mine (Heb. 7:27, 10:10, 1Peter 3:18). Have you truly committed to Him by submitting to Him?

If your answer to my first question is, "No.", then let today be the day you know you will be in heaven. Begin by agreeing with God regarding what He has said about you. You are a sinner, deserving of His Judgment (Romans 3:23, 6:23a). Then believe what God has said about Himself. *"For God so loved the World [you] that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16 NKJV [emphasis mine]). Jesus died for your sin that you might be forgiven by God. Jesus rose from the dead, in part, to prove the offer of forgiveness made available by His death on the Cross is real. Finally trust God's promises, made to you, regarding forgiveness and eternal life. In contrition turn to the Lord Jesus asking for forgiveness and for Him to take charge of your life, to be your Lord, knowing that all who do so will be forgiven, will be saved from the danger of judgment, and will receive eternal life (Acts 3:19; Romans 10:9-10, 13; 6:23b, et al).

If you considered this question and were unsure that you have eternal life and will go to heaven, the truth is that it is likely you do not have eternal life. Scripture states very clearly that those who know Jesus, who have received Him as Lord, have an assurance regarding salvation and eternal life that comes from the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:14-16). Likewise, the Apostle John testifies to the source and requirement for eternal life in both his Gospel and his first letter (John 3:16-18, 1 John 5:11-13). You have the opportunity to change your destiny today by receiving Jesus as Your Lord.

Finally, with regard to the question of eternal life and heaven, please remember that Scripture states very clearly throughout that true faith in and reliance on the finished work of Christ is the only way to receive eternal life. Jesus said it. The Apostles testified to it. And both Scripture and your own logic testify to this truth (Gal 2:21). If you are relying on anything other than the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, which is the finished work of God for your salvation, Cindy and I pray that the Holy Spirit will use what is written here to bring you to Christ.

The second question is this. Are you using your days wisely? Solomon said there is a season for every purpose. His conclusion, however, was that there is one purpose that transcends all our seasons. Throughout our life we are to worship God, revere God, and be obedient to God (Ecc 12:13). Doing so brings fulfillment and completeness to our lives. The Apostle Paul shared how we can achieve this purpose when he wrote, "*Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God*" (1 Cor 10:31). In context this verse speaks to sacrificial self-control in your life that the light and example of Christ in you may shine forth. The purpose? Encouraging the lost to saving faith and encouraging Christians in spiritual growth (1 Cor 10:23-33). If such a sacrifice in our own life for the benefit of others is fueled by the proper motive, God's love in us, He will be glorified.

So I want to encourage you to use your days wisely. Let everything you do be an extension of your worship of and obedience to the Most High God. In other words, let it be done out of love for God and others. In the process of sacrifice in your life that others might gain, you will worship God, you will revere God, and you will find that the Lord Himself has brought fulfillment to your life: making you complete in Him.

Our time of ministry at Hillman Ferry with the campers and the residents in the area was a blessing! We had the opportunity to share Jesus with many people as well as intercede for the needs of some of our Brothers and Sisters who were there. We know that as God's Word went forth it accomplished His purpose. We pray that it brought comfort to those in need and conviction that will result in the Lost receiving God's Mercy through the Lord Jesus in His time.

Thank you for your prayers for Judgment House. Many made professions of faith in the Lord Jesus. There were also a number of people who rededicated their lives to the Lord. Please be in prayer for these Brothers and Sisters. Pray also for the many lost who heard but did not respond in faith. May the Lord use what they saw and heard to reap a harvest in their lives.

Cindy and I had the privilege of training twenty-one counselors for this event. This training was designed to encourage and equip them to speak the truth of Jesus in love wherever and whenever the opportunity arises. Please be in prayer that they will have many opportunities to speak the name of Jesus boldly with love. And that they will do so.

The same day I was involved in the previously mentioned accident, I met Aaron. He had received one of the Gospel tracts that we have written and distribute and contacted me expressing a desire to talk. As we talked, I could see the Lord's conviction on Aaron for things in his life that were not as they should be. However, Aaron had no power to resolve the challenges he was facing. What was needed is not naturally in the character of a man; it is available to us only in the new nature given us by Christ.

I said, "Aaron, before I talk to you about what you should do, I want to talk to you about Jesus. Is that ok?" Aaron agreed. We talked of sin, that burden that each of us carry, and the consequences it brings to our lives: both temporal and eternal. We spoke of our inability to truly fix these things on our own. And we spoke of Jesus; the One who humbled Himself and died on the Cross to provide the way for a Creation gone awry (Aaron) to be restored to both relationship with God and true purpose. When the Gospel had been presented I called for a response from Aaron. I asked Him if he needed what Jesus had to offer. In faith, Aaron grasped the lifeline of God's offer of redemption and asked the Lord Jesus to be His Lord!

I spent quite a bit of time in discipleship with our new Brother. As the Lord permits, I will continue to do so. Please be in prayer for your Brother Aaron as he begins to assume his role and purpose for God's Glory!

Cindy and I will be sharing the Good News of Jesus at a couple of fairs in our area. Then, Lord willing, we will be heading for Kansas to serve with our Brothers and Sisters there at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. Both our ministry on the streets of Marion and the Bible Study that we facilitate at the Lighthouse Shelter are ongoing. We ask you to stand in the gap and pray for these missions for the Lord.

We thank you for your continued intercession for this ministry. If the Lord calls you to go on mission with us, or you are led to help support a mission or any part of our ministry, let us know. Likewise, if you or your church believe we could be of service to you in an evangelistic effort, please contact us.
Until Jesus comes,

Dennis & Cindy Mohr

~Cindy's Bottom Line~

**Even though life may seem hard at times, God's Grace is always enough!
And that's a promise.....2 Cor. 12:9**

Call of Grace Ministries is a 501(c)3 ministry and your contributions are tax deductible. We go as God provides. Your prayers and financial support of this ministry are a blessing to us as we move forward in the Lord's call.