



HEY DEVIL! Get Your Hands Off My Family!

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(Picture: Jesus Resurrecting the Son of the Widow of Naim by Bouillon, Pierre 1776-1831)

Prayerfully you, the reader of this study, will examine the Scriptures referenced here in context in your Bible asking the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart and teach you to greatly increase your faith and empower, enhance, and improve your life. Amen in Jesus' name.



Preface: Preparation

The Word of God has revealed His plan to get the devil off and away from our loved ones with the only weapon effective against him, the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17). Let's Scripturally impact their health, safety, and eternal salvation using the tools that God Himself has provided us.

For these prayers, you must be a Christian. If you do not know the fundamentals, click on the ABCs of Salvation link on the website, www.achristianstudy.com.

Self preparation and preservation are essential. In the Christian church, much is spoken about "intercessory prayer." God has taught me something interesting I don't recall reading elsewhere about intercession and I will first share it with you.

One dictionary definition for intercession is simply the action of saying a prayer on behalf of another person; another, though, speaks of the action of intervening on others' behalf. These might be likened to one person praying for a person in trouble (which is certainly important) versus another praying to come between the evil and the person. The latter is how serious I consider intercessory prayer; it is confrontational to the enemy.

Ezekiel 22:29-31

29 The people of the land have used oppression and extortion and have committed robbery; yes, they have wronged and vexed the poor and needy; yes, they have oppressed the stranger and temporary resident wrongfully.

30 And I sought a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none.

31 Therefore have I poured out My indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; their own way have I repaid [by bringing it] upon their own heads, says the Lord God.

One Savior came to stand in the gap once and for all for us all less than 600 years after Ezekiel prophesied this Scripture.

The One gave His life and shed His precious blood to cover our sins.

John 1:29

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming to him and said, Look! There is the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!

Romans 8:34

34 Who is there to condemn [us]? Will Christ Jesus (the Messiah), Who died, or rather Who was raised from the dead, Who is at the right hand of God actually pleading as He intercedes for us?

(Note: Read John chapter 17 to see some of Jesus' powerful intercessory prayers.)

Romans 8:26

26 So too the [Holy] Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groanings too deep for utterance.

So Jesus and the Holy Spirit are our New Testament Intercessors. Could anything be more important for us and our loved ones? Therefore, when I pray intercessory prayer, I specifically pray:

“Father, I stand in the gap with You LORD Jesus and You Holy Spirit of the living God for ---”

I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER. WHY WOULD I INTERCEDE FOR ANOTHER WITHOUT THE MOST POWERFUL PERSONS IN THE GAP *WITH* ME, BOTH FOR EFFECTIVE RESULTS AND MY OWN PROTECTION?

And look at the added bonus that Jesus told us:

Matthew 18:19

19 Again I tell you, if two of you on earth agree (harmonize together, make a symphony together) about whatever [anything and everything] they may ask, it will come to pass and be done for them by My Father in heaven.

So prayerful agreement is further assured since you are in agreement and in the gap with God!

Now, it should go without saying that your prayers should be holy. How can you make sure you are praying holy prayers?

PRAY THE WORD OF GOD

Search the Word for God's promises that are relevant to your prayerful hopes and desires. And look at this promise:

Isaiah 55:11

11 So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

And what can we say but

2 Corinthians 1:20 NKJV

20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

Aren't we off to a great start?



Get the Good Cookbook Ready

Dearest Father, How we praise You and give You thanks that Jesus is Lord – Master, Friend, Controller – of all we are and all we do. We seek only Your divine will and Your word, and ask that we learn what You want us to learn here in this lesson You have so graciously provided. Amen in Jesus' name.

Hey, Devil! Get your hands off my family! The LORD has shown how Satan is POWERLESS to our prayers prayed Scripturally for our loved ones when we understand these Biblical principles set forth here today!

We'll learn how to **Cook the Devil's Goose** – how to –

- **Make sure our ducks are in a row (this is imperative!)**
- **Stand in the gap for our families and other loved ones**
- **Turn the tables and use what Satan uses against us against him!**

For too many years, I watched helplessly as Satan tried to destroy and kill my family, sometimes succeeding. (Helpless is right, but only because of my own ignorance and disobedience.) The thief comes only to steal, and to kill, and to destroy but Jesus came that we'd have abundant life! Jesus came to DESTROY the works of the destroyer! (John 10:10, Matthew 12:29, 1 John 3:8).

The ironic remarks about food in this teaching are not to be disparaging of the devil – the formidable foe – but simply to have a little fun while learning and appreciating our victory as born again Christians whose names are written in heaven. We also rejoice that we shall see the full salvation of our families, as well, when we stand on God's Word. And with no pun intended, I'll show you why we're using so many food analogies!

John 15:1-3

1 I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser.

2 Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing] He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit.

3 You are cleansed and pruned already, because of the word which I have given you [the teachings I have discussed with you].

John 6:35

35 Jesus replied, I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to Me will never be hungry, and he who believes in and cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me will never thirst any more (at any time).

Luke 5:10 (Jesus had just caused Simon Peter, a fisherman, to have a great haul and he was shocked at his success!) The Scripture reads:

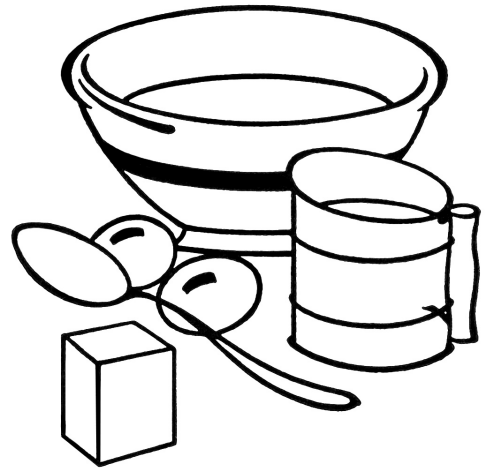
10 And so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon (Peter). And Jesus said to Simon, Have no fear; from now on you will be catching men!



(Raphael, The Miraculous Draught of Fishes 1515)

And so shall we, with the Gospel of His kingdom!

I. Gather the Basic Equipment



- ◆ The Recipe starts with our own salvation; we should be
 - Born again
 - Baptized in the Holy Ghost
 - Washed DAILY by the water of the Word and cleansed by the blood of Jesus
 - Daily consecrated to Him and dedicated to serving Him

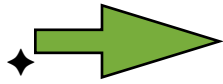
- ◆ We must have Purity of Motive
 - The Golden Rule: Luke 6:31 – And as you would like and desire that men would do to you, do exactly so to them.
 - Humility is key. 1 Corinthians 10:12 – Therefore let anyone who thinks he stands [who feels sure that he has a steadfast mind and is standing firm], take heed lest he fall [into sin].
 - Imperative: No motive to control, manipulate, or dominate another's life.

- ◆ We must believe that the Bible – the Word of God – is Truth.
 - In John 17:17, Jesus said, Sanctify them [purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, make them holy] by the Truth; Your Word is Truth.
 - All Scripture is given by inspiration of God (2 Timothy 3:16).

Let's Recap:

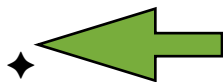
- ◆ We must be born again
- ◆ We must be of pure heart
- ◆ We must believe what the LORD has said

II. Gather the Basic Ingredients



DOMINION IN: Our dominion is established.

- Man is made in God's image: Genesis 1:26 God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [tame] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.
- We also see by that Scripture that God relinquished all dominion on earth to man. God , therefore, must have a human being to do business on the earth.
- God gives us clear orders: (You can have all the rest... Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and blessing and calamity you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.
- God's name is exalted above all with but one exception: His Word. Psalm 138:2 I will worship toward Your holy temple and praise Your name for Your loving-kindness and for Your truth and faithfulness; for You have exalted above all else Your name and Your word and You have magnified Your word above all Your name!



DOMINION DIMINISHED:

- The 3 most awful words ever heard: Genesis 3:6 And he ate (Adam directly disobeyed God)



KINGDOM OF DARKNESS IN

- The LORD sent the serpent, Satan, to his belly to eat dust forever: Genesis 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent... upon your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust [and what it contains] all the days of your life.
- The LORD tells Adam *he* was dust and he/we would now *return* to dust: Genesis 3:19 In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you shall return.
- Satan seeks whom he may devour: 1 Peter 5:8 Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant and cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon and devour.
- God gave permission for us to be Satan's dinner because of Adam's disobedience!
- Jesus calls Satan the prince of this world: John 14:30 says ...for the prince (evil genius, ruler) of the world is coming. And he has no claim on Me. [He has nothing in common with Me; there is nothing in Me that belongs to him, and he has no power over Me.]
- Jesus calls Satan the god of this world: 2 Corinthians 4:4 begins For the god of this world has blinded the unbelievers' minds-
- Paul wrote Satan is the prince of the power of the air: Ephesians 2:2 In which at one time you walked...following the prince of the power of the air.
- Luke 4:6 And he (Satan) said to Him (Jesus), To You I will give all this power and authority and their glory (all their magnificence, excellence, preeminence, dignity, and grace), for it has been turned over to me, and I give it to whomever I will. **JESUS DID NOT DISPUTE HIS CLAIM.**

YET something *more* occurred



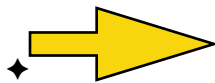
(This painting is called Christ Pantocrator – meaning All Powerful – from Church of Daphne near Athens in the 11th century!)

Matthew 28:18-20

8 Jesus approached and, breaking the silence, said to them (the remaining 11 disciples after His resurrection), **All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.**

19 Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you all the days perpetually, uniformly, and on every occasion), to the [very] close and consummation of the age. Amen (so let it be).



KINGDOM OF LIGHT IN...

(Isn't it?) Well, one must wonder/ask how *is* Satan still an authority figure when Jesus is THE authority FIGURE? We must understand why and what to do. Consider Jesus' own words.

John 8:12

12 Once more Jesus addressed the crowd. He said, I am the Light of the world. **He who follows Me** will not be walking in the dark, but will have the Light which is Life.

John 12:46

46 I have come as a Light into the world, so that **whoever believes in Me** [whoever cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] may not continue to live in darkness.

Yes, darkness has remained for God's appointed time. WE STILL HAVE CHOICE.

Mark 16:15-16

15 And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach and publish openly the good news (the Gospel) to every creature [of the whole human race].

16 He who believes [who adheres to and trusts in and relies on the Gospel and Him Whom it sets forth] and is baptized will be saved [from the penalty of eternal death]; but he who does not believe [who does not adhere to and trust in and rely on the Gospel and Him Whom it sets forth] will be condemned.

RECOGNITION > BELIEF > OBEDIENCE > ACTION

Hebrews 2:14-15

14 Since, therefore, [these His] children share in flesh and blood [in the physical nature of human beings], He [Himself] in a similar manner partook of the same [nature], that by [going through] death He might bring to nought and make of no effect him who had the power of death—that is, the devil—

15 And also that He might deliver and completely set free all those who through the [haunting] fear of death were held in bondage throughout the whole course of their lives.

Colossians 1:12-14 KJV

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14 In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins...

III. Preheat the Oven

◆ Jesus has already given us

- The power and authority of His name.
 - * Jesus said, in Luke 10:19, 19 Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [possesses]; and nothing shall in any way harm you.
 - * Jesus said, in Mark 16:17-18, 17 And these attesting signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages;
 - * 18 They will pick up serpents; and [even] if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will get well.
- Keys to the kingdom, binding and loosing
 - * Jesus said, in Matthew 16:19 KJV, And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven
 - * And in Matthew 18:18 KJV, He said Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven
- God's promises of salvation
 - * The LORD said of we who dwell in the secret place of the most High, in Psalm 91:16, With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation.
 - * And Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 5:9 KJV, For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain SALVATION by our LORD Jesus Christ

◆ And Jesus has already given us

- Wisdom, through His Word, to help our loved ones overcome Satan as we ourselves have by the understanding, belief, and receipt of God's Word. We can intercede for them, but we must know how. Here is how it begins:
 - * We don't interfere with their wills; no, instead, we stand in the gap with Jesus and the Holy Spirit
 - * To FREE UP their free wills so Satan cannot perform his will in their lives!

◆ However well we know our loved ones, we don't know (or are not aware of) all the

- Generational curses
- Familiar spirits
- Inside and outside influences
- Sins of the ancestors
- Cultural, racial, ethnic, and social strongholds or
- Environmental lacks in their individual lives.

◆ So, we can use our power over Satan, in Jesus' name, to

- STOP** Satan's influences over our loved ones while they have time and opportunity to learn what they need to do in order to...
- STOP** him themselves in their lives!

IV. Cooked Goose

◆ **Fact 1:** Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit are our Intercessors:

- For in Romans 8:34, Paul asked, 34 Who is there to condemn [us]? Will Christ Jesus (the Messiah), Who died, or rather Who was raised from the dead, Who is at the right hand of God actually pleading as He intercedes for us?
- And in Romans 8:26, Paul said, So too the [Holy] Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groanings too deep for utterance.
- God earlier sought human intercession Ezekiel 22:30 And I sought a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none. (Until Jesus came...)

◆ **Fact 2a:** Defining your prayers: You DO NOT want to stand in the gap alone and receive the devil's slings and arrows. Intercession in the gap means you are coming BETWEEN the person and the evil!

◆ **Fact 2b:** Stay Scriptural. Luke 4:13 KJV: And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from Him for a season. WOW! A season without Satan! That's something to pray for!

Our desires for Satan's stuff are the flip side of the same coin which represents our disobedience to and unbelief in God and the Truth His Word.

◆ Through prayer, we can stand in the gap so Satan is stopped while the person comes around.

Here's the beef! Satan has blinded the unbelievers, so he has cooked his own goose!

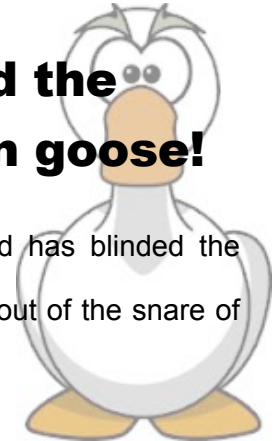
◆ **Fact 3: The Meat!**

- In 2 Corinthians 4:4, Paul spoke of Satan: For the god of this world has blinded the unbelievers' minds – and
- He said in 2 Timothy 2:26 KJV, And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, **who are taken captive by him AT HIS (SATAN'S!!) WILL.**

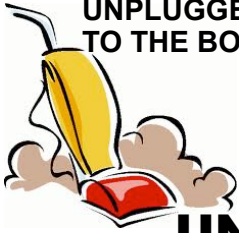
– **SEE? WE COME AGAINST SATAN'S WILL...NOT ANOTHER HUMAN'S!** –

- We can pray Luke 24:31 KJV: And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him...
- Or verse 45 KJV: Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures...

IMPERATIVE IS TO GET A HOLD OF THE TRUTH OF THE WORD OF GOD.



◆ Fact 4, a word of Knowledge I received from the LORD: HOW MUCH POWER DOES AN UNPLUGGED VACUUM HAVE? THAT'S SATAN, THE LORD SAID. SATAN IS POWERLESS TO THE BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN...



UNTIL AND UNLESS YOU PLUG HIM IN...

Once we're born again, filled with the Holy Ghost and Power, and following after the Spirit and not the flesh, **THE ONLY POWER SATAN HAS OVER US IS WHAT WE GIVE HIM THROUGH IGNORANCE OF THE TRUTH OF THE WORD OF GOD AND WILLFUL DISOBEDIENCE.** THE GOOSE THAT STOLE THE GOLDEN EGG – THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD – HAS BEEN FOUND AND BOUND AND (Proverbs 6:31) **...if he is found out, he must restore seven times [what he stole]; he must give the whole substance of his house [if necessary —to meet his fine].**

WOO-HOO! HAPPY HUNTING GROUND!

V. Cleaning Up

SUBMIT yourselves therefore to God (James 4:7a KJV).

RESIST the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:7b KJV).

- **SUBMIT:** Strong's Number: 5226; verb: to resist no longer, but to give way, yield (of combatants); metaphorically, to yield to authority and admonition, to submit
- **RESIST:** (same as "withstand" in Ephesians 6:13) Strong's #436; verb to set one's self against, to withstand, oppose

SUBMIT TO GOD / RESIST SATAN

means

GO GOD / STOP SATAN

ACCEPT GOD / REFUSE SATAN

JESUS IS LORD / SATAN IS LOSER

BOW DOWN TO GOD / STAND UP TO SATAN

JESUS IS HEAD / SATAN IS UNDER OUR FEET

GET ON YOUR FACE BEFORE GOD / GET IN THE FACE OF SATAN

"I DESIRE ALL GOD HAS FOR ME" / "I DESIRE NOTHING SATAN HAS FOR ME"

You have now seen the confirmation of Satan's defeat and our power over him, as well as how to exercise this authority in the name of Jesus on behalf of your loved ones. Let's revisit some Scriptures.

1 John 3:8 (NIV)

8 The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work

Matthew 12:29

29 Or how can a person go into a strong man's house and carry off his goods (the entire equipment of his house) without first binding the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house.

Matthew 16:19

19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven.

Matthew 18:18 KJV

18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 28:18 KJV

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.

John 17:8 KJV

8 For I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from Thee, and they have believed that Thou didst send Me.

We parents give “things” to our children; but look what God, here, has given His children: **Words!** And that’s isn’t all! Jesus said, And if ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him? (Luke 11:13 KJV). **He gives POWER to His children.**

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18 They will pick up serpents; and [even] if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will get well.

Luke 10:17-19 KJV

17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name.

18 And He – Jesus – said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

19 Behold, I give unto you (Amp: authority and) power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

John 14:16 Jesus said,

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever—

John 16:23b Jesus stated,

23b I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that My Father will grant you whatever you ask in My Name [as presenting all that I Am].

Thank You, Lord. Amen in Jesus’ name.

Warning: These Scriptures are amazing declarations and yet, once again, should you be in agreement with the devil on anything, please do not attempt this type of intercession.

Important Notes:

While we greatly use the King James Version of the Bible, for the purposes of this Study, Scripture references are from the Amplified Bible unless other noted. It often gives us a greater understanding of the words used; other versions, such as the NIV (New International Version), New King James Version (NKJV), and New Living Bible (NLB) can help us to have greater understanding by simplifying the English; and the Strong's Concordance has assigned a number that provides the definition of the original Hebrew (Old Testament) and Greek (New Testament) words.

Receiving Christ as your Savior and becoming a Christian – one born of God – doesn't lessen life's trials; it opens your eyes to realize what Jesus has done to help you overcome them even while you are a mortal being, as your faith grows through prayer, reading the Bible, and fellowship. As you mature in Christ, you begin to love as He loves and to see beyond the material realm; you commune with the Holy Spirit, God present both in and with you, Who teaches you, and even empowers you, when you are willing and desirous; hungry for God and the Love only He represents.

There are allegedly as many as 41,000 Christian denominations – mind boggling, huh? – so there are at least that many ways man has found to present God's word. Many are, by their sheer volume, alone, in great conflict with others, yet each believes theirs is the correct interpretation. My point is that you may or may not agree with my studies which most certainly is your prerogative, but they are predicated entirely upon the Written Word of God and, prayerfully, without man's doctrines interjected. I offer these studies to you free, without obligation, and in love and prayerful hope that they are beneficial to you in your Salvation walk. Should you have any problem or disagreement with them, I am even further excited for you should take it to the throne of God and ask Him to clarify what He meant. Proverbs 25:2 says, "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing, but the glory of kings is to search out a thing." Be the king God has called you to be!

If, through this website, only one person comes to know Jesus as their LORD and Savior, my life and this effort will have been worthwhile.

I believe The Apostle's Creed which states: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord and only Savior, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy universal church that Jesus Christ established through the Apostles and Disciples; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Love in Christ and Amen in the name of Jesus,
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