

THE ARK

"Ark of Safety Today Is Jesus Christ"

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Help In Time Of Need

Greetings dear one in the name of the Lord! I trust that all is well with you. Last year (In July 2006), I experienced one of the many wonderful revelations of the Love and Faithfulness of The Lord. I'd like to share it with you.

Around 6:00 pm that evening, Mom called me to let me know that she had to call the paramedics to take my Dad to the hospital. My youngest son and I were home at the time. I had him call our church's prayer line as I jumped in the car to head straight for the Hospital, which was an hour away. Of course the devil (our enemy) tries to use fear to discourage you, but I held on to my faith. It was a dark, rainy evening and the enemy was trying to use this against me. I prayed knowing the Lord would give me the peace and assurance that everything would be alright. And of course, I had the Word of God, (2 Timothy 1:7) ***For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.***

As I was going through a small town, I looked up in the sky and saw a beautiful opening of sunlight with the rays bursting forth toward earth. When I got to my parent's street, I stopped by the house for a minute or so.

As I backed out of the driveway to head down the street towards Main Street, I saw the most beautiful spectacle I had ever seen. I was in such awe that I slowed the car down as I gazed towards heaven. One of Mom and Dad's neighbors was in her front yard pointing towards the sky as she smiled at me in amazement at what we were seeing.

It was the most beautiful rainbow that I had ever seen. It was huge. I've seen some wonderful ones in the past, but this one was special. As I proceeded down the hill, I drove under it. As I went under it, I could see not just one rainbow but two. They were side by side. I began to praise the Lord with unbelievable joy all the way to the hospital. And of course, when I got there, Dad was fine. I will never forget this experience as long as I live. In Hebrews 4:16, the Bible says, ***Let us therefore come boldly, unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.***

The Time Is Now

Dear Friend, What I am about to share with you is out of deep love. You see, I have this “selfish” motivation. I want every one of us to make it to heaven someday. Some of us may go ahead of others. But the important thing is that we make it. The problem is that time is running out. In St. Luke 19:9, And Jesus said unto him, ***This day is salvation come.*** The time is now.

For the past few months, there has been a thought that keeps coming to my mind. That thought is “The Time Is Now.” “The Time Is Now.” A day doesn’t go by without that thought coming to my mind.

In Isaiah 1:18, the Bible says, ***Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD.*** In deep humility, I came before the Lord for help to gain insight on this phrase “The Time Is Now.” The insight that I received is that time has run out for some and is fast running out for others. None of us is promised tomorrow. When each of us stands before God, we will have to give account of how we treated the love, grace and mercy that He has provided through His son Jesus Christ. Do you passively ignore him? In Matthew 4:17, the Bible says, From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, ***Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*** Have you allowed procrastination to become your trademark concerning the things of God? Do you deceive yourself into believing that you have plenty of time to get right with God? Is “some day” the repetitious thought in your mind? Are you going through the motions and playing church with no real personal relationship with Jesus? The Spirit of God is telling each of us “The Time Is Now.”

Years ago, before I accepted Jesus Christ into my heart, the cares of this world blinded me to the things of God. I found myself in a state of believing that success and money would bring me true happiness. There is nothing wrong with these things, but I put complete trust in them. I played right into the devil’s hand. Time was also my enemy and I didn’t know it. Through the witness of dedicated, consecrated children of God, I took a close look at Jesus, because I could see Jesus in them. I took a close look at the fact that Jesus gave His life for me. I examined my life up to that point and realized how much He had blessed me. I realized that when I die, none of the material things would get me into heaven. In St. Luke 12:20, Jesus said, ***But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?***

I am so thankful that I realized that “The Time Is Now.” I took a closer look at Jesus. I embraced His great act of love for me. I put my hands (so to speak) in His nailed scarred hands. I saw His Holy Blood flow down the cross to save a wretch like me. He paid the greatest price for you and me. “The Time Is Now.”

Through this writing, God has dealt with each of us in a tender and loving way. May you have a blessed and wonderful Easter in Christ Jesus!

If Jesus is your Saviour and Lord, that's wonderful! If not, you can have his great joy! "The Time Is Now." He's just a prayer away. Dear God: I am truly sorry for all my sins. Please forgive me Lord. I know that Jesus Christ died so my sins could be forgiven. Please cleanse my heart with the precious Blood of Jesus. Come into my heart and make me new. Amen

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Hunger And Thirst

I come to you today with love and prayer that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday season. You are so very special to me and most importantly to God. God wants to fill each of us with His boundless love through Jesus Christ. When we come into the knowledge and fullness of Him, His wonderful promises found in the Bible are available to us. I am so thankful that many years ago during this Thanksgiving season I began to hunger and thirst for something that the world could not provide. In Matthew Chapter 5, verse 6, Jesus said, **Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.** And fill me, He did! I received the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ. John 3:16; *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

The rainbow is a wonderful symbol of God's promises for mankind. The only one that can stop us from receiving the promises of God is ourselves. God is faithful, but His promises are conditional. I would not have received His promises without first having a hunger and thirst for righteousness. I hope you enjoy my special Thanksgiving Short Story "God's Rainbow of Promises".

God's Rainbow of Promises

It was the evening before Thanksgiving. Danny was in his room, lying on his bed, holding his Bible to his bosom. Occasionally he would stare at it. Then he would begin to cry. He closed his eyes and began to reminisce

He remembered how excited he was a year ago when he came home from school the day before Thanksgiving. "Mom, is Uncle Karl here?" "Danny, are you so excited that you can't give me a hug?" asked his mother. "Sorry Mom," said Danny hugging his mother. "In answer to your question, Uncle Karl is not here yet. But we can expect him any time."

Danny went outside in the backyard to play before it got dark. Suddenly he heard a voice, "Hey Danny!" He looked up and it was his Uncle Karl. He went flying across the yard and leaped up into his arms. "Danny, you're getting too big for me. You almost knocked me over. How old are you now?" "I'm eight," he

said proudly. His mother heard the commotion and looked out the back window. "Karl, you finally made it!" she shouted. "How's my special niece doing?" "Just fine," said Karen. "Where's Ted?" asked Karl. "He'll be home in about an hour. He's looking forward to seeing you."

Even though it rained most of Thanksgiving Day, Danny remembered what a wonderful time they had. They had just finished dinner and Danny sat on his Uncle Karl's lap. "Uncle Karl, please read me something in your Bible." "How about if we read some of God's rainbow of promises? I've got my Bible marked with hundreds of God's rainbow promises. Here Danny, you open up my Bible and read one of the promises." Danny proudly took his uncle's Bible and opened it up. "Do you see a scripture that is marked?" "Yes." "Go ahead son, read it." Danny began to read, "*And this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*" "That's in I John 5:11-12 and it's so precious!" Uncle Karl added.

Before Uncle Karl began to read, Danny looked out the window and noticed that it had stopped raining and the sun had come out. To his amazement, he saw the most breath-taking spectacle he had ever seen. He ran to the window and said, "Look Uncle Karl. Look in the sky." "Well I'll be, Danny, it's a rainbow. The most beautiful one I've ever seen. They all went out on the front porch to get a closer look. "That rainbow is beautiful, but I know one that is the greatest of all. It's God's Rainbow Of Promises". "It's found right here," he said lifting his Bible toward heaven.

They went back into the house and Uncle Karl continued to bless everyone with his reading of God's Rainbow of Promises. "Uncle Karl, I really like this Bible. I like my small one too, but I hope that I have a big Bible like yours someday."

The time soon passed and it was evening. Danny prepared for bed. His Uncle Karl came in to bid him goodnight. As Uncle Karl tucked him in, he whispered to him, "Danny I love you." "Uncle Karl, why are you crying?" "I guess I'm just so happy. We're pals right?" "Yes!" replied Danny. "I need you to do me a favor. I want you to take care of my 'Rainbow of Promises' Bible," said Uncle Karl. "You're giving it to me? Don't you need it?" asked Danny. "I want you to take good care of it for me until I see you again. Danny, you are the best person to take care of it for me." "Okay Uncle Karl, I will." "Now I'm going to say goodbye to you tonight because I'll be leaving out early in the morning." "Don't cry Uncle Karl, you don't have to worry, I'll take real good care of it for you." "Uncle Karl whispered softly, I know Danny, I know."

..... Danny stopped reminiscing and his mind was back in the present. That was the last time he saw his Uncle Karl. He smiled as he thought about him.

The next day when Danny sat down with his Mom and Dad for Thanksgiving dinner, he asked them, "Do you think that Uncle Karl is having Thanksgiving up in Heaven?" "Oh yes Danny. Yes he is!" they said in unison. His Mom went on to say, "He is enjoying The Promise of all promises, His Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." **The End**

Is Jesus your Rainbow of Promise? If so, that's wonderful. If you have not yet made a decision, I believe that today is your day. In faith, look up and see the great Rainbow of God's Promises. Jesus can be your Saviour and Lord. He's just a prayer away.

Pray this prayer and mean it with all of your heart.

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I rejoice with you that your name has been written in Heaven.

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CONCEAL

The word 'conceal' means to hide; cover or keep from sight; to keep secret. Conceal is a word that describes the way that Satan works. It is possibly the most dangerous attribute that he has.

First of all, Satan is an enemy of God. He is the enemy of our souls. He hates us with a hatred that the mind can not totally comprehend. He seeks to destroy us any way he can. He wants to destroy any influence that God has in our lives. That is his mission --our destruction. Most people can not see it, because he has concealed himself. The only way to expose him is through the Word of God. To keep him exposed, we must have Jesus Christ ruling and reigning in our lives daily. Ephesians chapter 6 tells us how to deal with this powerful foe. We are no match within self. I encourage you to study this chapter to understand the help that God has made available for you.

Let's go to the Garden of Eden and see the first great example of concealment by the devil. One of the most appealing creatures in the Garden of Eden was the serpent. Satan couldn't tempt Adam and Eve directly because they would have recognized him and his ugly ways. To be effective, he had to conceal himself. Adam and Eve had been warned by God not to eat of the forbidden fruit. Satan, concealing himself in the apparently harmless serpent, was very convincing. Eve yielded to the temptation and the damage was done. Today, he conceals himself and makes people think that the "World" has more to offer than God does.

Jesus showed us how to use the power of the Word to deal with Satan. In Matthew chapter 4, Satan came to Jesus concealing his destructive motives, trying to convince Jesus that he had his best interest at heart. He even tried to conceal his motives by quoting scriptures out of context. Jesus Christ, Saviour of the World, uncovered the deceit of Satan.

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I come to you with that same **Great Joy** in celebration of the resurrection morn of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I come to you with great joy because I am thrilled that so many of you have a close and personal relationship with Jesus. I have great joy because I can feel and see the results of your prayers, faith, and dedication to the high calling that God has willed for your life.

I have great joy because of the greatest love that humanity will ever know. St. John 3:16 the Bible says, *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

I have great joy because my greatest friend gave His life for me. In St. John 15:13 Jesus, my best friend says, ***Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.***

I have great joy because He has given me His Holy Word. My Bible, the Living Word, is precious to me. The Bible consists of instructions that take me into the abundant life daily. Let us all immerse ourselves in the **Great Joy** of Jesus this Easter and always!

Jesus Loves Me!

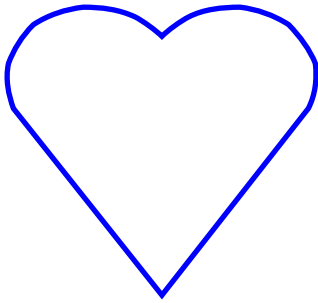
By E. E. Giles, Easter 2006



Jesus loves me, this I know.
From his body, the blood did flow.
He suffered in silence on Calvary's tree.
To provide eternal life for you and me.

His precious gift is not guaranteed.
We must confess our sins before we can be freed.
In faith, we believe that he died and rose again.
With Jesus as your victory, sin and death will never win.

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God's Will Power

Have you ever said or heard someone say, "If I only had the will power, I could overcome this ...?" Sometimes a person may have a problem or bad habit, but he or she does not have the will power to defeat it. Human will power is limited. You might be able to get by today, but there's tomorrow facing you.

Why don't you forget about your weak will power and take on God's Will Power? In the Lord's Prayer, it says, "Thy Will Be Done." In St. Luke 22:42-43, we find Jesus before he was crucified, Saying, ***Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.*** And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

It is God's Will for you to have His Power to be an overcomer. There is nothing like God's Will Power to give us the victory over anything that hinders us from being all that he wants us to be.

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Share "The Ark" with others. Do you have a burden or physical need? God wants to help you. Let us all pray for one another. May You and Yours Have A Joyous Easter Celebration In Our Precious Jesus!

Love, Emerson E. "Pete" Giles

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THE ARK

"Ark of Safety Today Is Jesus Christ"

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It is my sincere desire that my featured March article, 'Poison' blesses you and yours.

POISON

Poison is a substance that has an inherent tendency to destroy life or impair health. No one in their right mind would dare willingly take poison because of its destructive nature. In the case of poison, there is no such thing as a little is harmless. Regardless of the dosage, it is still destructive.

So it is with a poison called Sin. All it takes is for a little to be destructive. We cannot see it, but it is in all humanity. We are born with it. In the Bible, it is referred to as the mystery of iniquity. Because we can't see it, we therefore don't think it is harmful. However, eventually that poison called Sin will manifest itself in sins. Sin will always result in death.

God wants no part of this poison. He hates it with all that is within Him. He hates it so much that He allowed His only begotten Son to die for the remedy or the antidote. All we have to do is take it. The antidote is Jesus Christ.

How long have you carried this poison around with you? The longer you carry it, the stronger it becomes through self. This is especially true if you do not believe you have this poison, or that you have the power over this deadly thing. God says that man has no power over this poison. It is consuming you all the time and you don't even know it. If you could see the way that Sin reigns in your mortal body, you would be horrified. God cannot even stand to look upon it.

It is hidden from man because it is that old serpentine spirit. Lucifer hid from Eve behind the beauty of the serpent, which was one of the most beautiful creatures.

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, something happened to them. They became contaminated with the poison. It was just a little bit, but nonetheless they were contaminated. So much so, that God drove them from the Garden of Eden. The downfall of man had taken place. All generations thereafter would be contaminated, but God had a marvelous plan. He gave the antidote in the person of His Son Jesus Christ.

Won't you receive the antidote today if not already. It will purge your spirit. No sin will ever get into Heaven. God has provided the remedy. In Romans 6:23, the Bible says, *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.* All we need do is to gladly receive the gift.

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The hour is late. Jesus is about to return. The signs of His coming are all about us in light of the Holy Scriptures. People have to be awakened. The Ark of Safety is still available. In Romans 10:9 it says, *"That if thou shalt confess with the mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."*

A Trip Of A Lifetime

Many times people take a well-deserved vacation to some place really special. If the trip was unforgettable, it may be referred to as "a trip of a lifetime." That's all well and good. Have you ever thought about "the trip of a lifetime"? Let us see what the Bible has to say about it.

The trip of a lifetime found in the Bible is commonly referred to as the Rapture. It means a state or experience of being carried away by overwhelming emotion. It is also referred to as the Catching Away. It is the return of Jesus Christ for His Bride (Blood washed, Spirit-filled Christians) when He will come to take His own out of the world. Unbelievable you say; the prospect of escaping death. In the Old Testament, there was a man named Enoch who was translated that he should not see death. Elijah was another.

Jesus talked about the Rapture to the disciples in Matthew 24:36-42 and 25:1-10. In I Corinthians 15:51-53 it says *"Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."* Can you just imagine it? The Rapture! An

escape from death. An escape from this corrupt, evil world. An escape from the Antichrist and the judgments of the tribulation period.

Again in I Thessalonians 4:15-17, *“For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”* Would you ever go on a trip and not be prepared? Would you go without packing your bags or making reservations? To do this would be foolish.

Do you plan to make the trip of a lifetime? Do you have your ticket? Do you have your reservation? If so, then the Spirit of God possesses your life 100%. If not, then you are like the foolish virgin that Jesus talked about in Matthew 25. You are fooling yourself thinking, “He won’t come in my lifetime”, or “I have plenty of time to get right with God.” Let us make the trip of a lifetime. I plan to take it. I hope you do too. I would love to see you there (Heaven). Let us be wise in this hour and look to God every day that we have left on planet earth.

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