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GREETINGS!

My name is Rick Wagnon and my calling is in an evangelistic teaching capacity. I desire to see the local Church re-ignited with passion for its first love. Only then will we be effective in reaching a lost and dying world. The key to reigniting this passion is to be found in stimulating personal study and meditation in the Word of God by the individual believer which leads to a life of praise and worship.

The missing element that I wish to see re-established within the Church today is awe for the mysteries of God and uninhibited praise and worship of Him. As we enter these last days, we can expect intense spiritual warfare as the enemy realizes his time is drawing short. The single most important strategy in this warfare is the true, genuine, and pure spiritual praise and worship of our Creator. Many Christians have become tranquilized in the world and are living in a form of sedation, blissfully unaware of the deep wonders embedded within the Word of God.

It has been my experience that revelation inspires wonder, wonder becomes awe, and awe brings reverence that gives way to intimate worship. This cascading effect ultimately leads to powerful congregational praise that is truly heartfelt. Imagine the impact of such an outburst throughout the entire Church today. Revival would break forth and believers would shine as never before in a world of darkness as God pours out His Spirit in these last days. What a Glorious vision for 2006!

There's an old analogy about leading a horse to water. My objective is not to force the horse to drink, only to make him extremely thirsty! I pray that the believer becomes so intrigued with the Word of God following a message that he immediately goes home and delves into it for himself as the Bereans did who are described in Acts 17:11.

This is important because personal relationships with Christ are grown in independent study and time alone in the Word. It is during this time that the First Love can speak and fellowship with His beloved. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God, so that as the believer mines these truths for himself, he becomes more and more resolute.

The joy that this personal fellowship and understanding brings leads to the sincere praise and worship that the LORD seeks, and which in turn, is the key to our spiritual victory in life.

In a nutshell, to build up the believer is my mission.

The Spirit has impressed upon me a number of themes throughout various nights and certain ideas are continually reoccurring. I continue to lift up the world-wide Church before the throne daily without fail. I know you earnestly desire the "best gifts" and yearn to see the move of the Spirit within your congregation. I'm praying and believing for just such an anointing and want you to know that you are not without prayerful support.

Perhaps you would be willing to pray about this direction with me. I'd welcome the opportunity to discuss it with you in further detail if your schedule allowed. Please feel free to contact me.



שְׁאַלוּ שְׁלוֹם יְרוּשָׁלַיִם

Yē-rū-sha-lī'im ←--- Shalom' ←--- Sha-alū'

PSALM 122:6

“PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM: THEY SHALL PROSPER THAT LOVE THEE.”

Current events in modern day Israel should be filling the believer with excitement as we see the plan of God being orchestrated as predicted by the prophets and Jesus Christ himself in the book of Matthew chapter 24.

Near the beginning of this discourse Jesus states:

Matthew 24:6

“And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.”

Jesus utilizes the entire chapter to illustrate the many events that follow: famine, pestilence, trouble of every kind. While it can be argued that these situations have existed within human society since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, the key phrase that places these events in context is often overlooked but found in the first four words of the above reference: “And ye shall hear...”

While earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, natural disasters of all sorts, and the events described by our LORD are described in detail in this text and elsewhere in the Word, the FIRST sign is that the world will have knowledge of these events occurring. God is not doing anything in secret; He has proclaimed the end from the beginning and is not without witness in the Earth.

These events are widespread throughout the world, but it is only within recent years that the entire world can hear of it! Aside from the proliferation of cable and satellite news networks operating on a 24 hour, 7 day a week basis, the explosion of the Internet in modern society allows instant access to information from around the world.

President Ahmadinejad of Iran (Biblical Persia) has repeatedly called for the destruction of Israel and his nuclear ambitions are alarming the western world. Israel is rumored to be considering a pre-emptive strike similar to that conducted in the eighties to deter Iran from developing nuclear weapon technologies.

What about the alliance developing between Russia and Islamic nations? President Putin has recently announced that Russia (Biblical Gog/Magog) is the defender of Islam and is backing Iran's ambitions.

China and North Korea (Kings of the East) are growing in military might and causing considerable concern among western intelligence analysts with cooperative military exercises with Russia and unexplained budgets.

The Bible declares that information will come to our ears and knowledge shall be increased. Isn't it time to examine the daily news in light of God's prophetic Word? The LORD has a plan for Israel, the Church, and the nations. We are witnessing truly miraculous times as the mysteries of God's Word unveil before our eyes.



2 Corinthians 5:5

“Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.”

Upon salvation, the believer receives the earnest of the Spirit as the Holy Ghost takes up residence in the heart of the newly created inner man. The earnest is a down payment, if you will, of a greater portion to come!

Have you ever considered what it would truly mean to have the Power of God living within you? The same Power that raised Christ Jesus from the dead can dwell in you. The same Power that framed the worlds from the beginning of all creation can become part of your new nature in Christ!

Does the Spirit bear witness in your heart that you are a child of God? Do you have doubts?

A heartfelt, prayerful call upon the Name of the LORD can change everything in your life!

“Father God, I know that I’ve made a mess of my life regardless of how it may appear to others. I know that my very thoughts reveal my sinful nature in contrast to the knowledge of your perfection. Father, I’m grateful for the sacrifice of the perfect Lamb, Jesus Christ, who without blemish...offered His own life for my sins. Lord, I ask for forgiveness by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Enter my heart and fill me with your love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, meekness, self-control, and faith. Teach me your ways, guide my paths, and come again to receive me unto yourself in Glory. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.”

Bless God! If you’ve prayed this prayer sincerely for this first time, you no doubt are aware of a new Presence taking residence within you and washing your heart clean. This is just the beginning! Find a good church that teaches the uncompromised Word of God, become involved, and watch the amazing transformation that God will bring about in your life.

If you already are a Christian, I encourage you to plunge deeply and without reservation into the Word of God to discover His will for your life. Jesus confirmed that the greatest commandments were to love the LORD your God with ALL your heart, with ALL your soul, with ALL your mind, with ALL your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself. It’s time to make a decision: will you surrender ALL to the LORD and take a stand to be what He has called you to be, or will you continue to be indistinguishable from the rest of the world around you?

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