

# The Messenger



“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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## A Letter to an Unfaithful Christian

*(A friend of mine wrote this letter a few years ago to a fellow Christian who had fallen away from Christ. The words of his letter contain a good lesson for us all. Dempsey Collins)*

Dear Friend:

I don't know if you will remember me or not. I am a member of the church of Christ that you attended some time ago.

I was reading the Bible the other day and came across a passage that encouraged me to write you. It was in Galatians 6:1-2. It says, “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” So you see, the Lord asked me to contact you. I want to help bear your burden.

I don't really know why you left the church. Perhaps you got discouraged somehow. Maybe somebody said something unkind to you. Maybe a friend encouraged you to do something wrong and you didn't feel like facing the brethren. It doesn't really matter WHY. It just matters that you became unfaithful.

Perhaps you do not realize the consequence of your situation. You have given up something that is more valuable and precious than anything else in the entire world – the hope of eternal life. Jesus Christ died for YOUR sins. You knew that. You obeyed the truth. Your sins were forgiven. But then you became unfaithful and left the Lord. The Bible describes your situation this way: “For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning” (2 Peter 2:20).

I'm afraid you have forgotten the seriousness of obedience and the obligations you have to Jehovah God. The Bible teaches that a Christian has not made a shallow step in his or her life, but actually made a lifetime commitment. (See Rev. 2:10; I Cor. 15:58; Matt. 24:13)

The value of your soul (Matt. 16:26), the horrible punishment of Hell (Mark 9:43-44), and wonderful reward of Heaven (Rev. 21:4) are all things which should encourage you to return to the fold of safety.

You must repent of your unfaithfulness to the Lord (Acts 8:22), confess your faults to men (James 5:16), and we will pray for you. You can be restored to faithful service. Please, think about it seriously.

Don't you want to go to Heaven? I know you do! Why not return? Please....

In hope and love,



## **!!!Don't Quit!!!**

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest, if you must – but don't you quit.

Life is strange with its twists and turns,  
As everyone of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about  
When he might have won had he stuck it out;  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow—  
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out –  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt  
And you never can tell how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems afar;  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit –  
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

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Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

*“...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”*

James 5:16