

Love and Compassion Ministries

In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

September 1, 2013 In The Year of Our Lord

NEWSLETTER

HAPPY LABOR DAY

Labor Day in the USA falls on the first Monday of September every year.

The holiday is often regarded as a day of rest. Forms of celebration include picnics, barbecues, fireworks displays, water sports, and public art events.



The first Labor Day in the United States was observed on August 26, 1878, in Boston, by the Central Labor Union of New York, the nation's first integrated major trade union. It became a federal holiday in 1894, when, following the deaths of a number of workers at the hands of the U.S. Military and U.S. Marshals during the Pullman Strike, President Grover Cleveland put reconciliation with the labor movement as a top political priority. Fearing further conflict, legislation making Labor Day a national holiday was rushed through Congress unanimously and signed into law a mere six days after the end of the strike.

God says rest is appropriate. Genesis 2:2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

He says He will give us rest (love, healing, and peace with God). Matthew 11:28 Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

He says we should work to help others. Ephesians 4:28 Let him who stole, steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

He says we must work and not burden others. 2 Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

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Dr. John Domino

Ernest Vigil

Hello, my name is Ernest Vigil. For over a year I served with many other volunteers teaching the Word of God to the youth at Cross Roads through Love And Compassion Ministries. I now live in Colorado, but every time I get back to Fort Myers I get out to Cross Roads to see the youth.

Please pay close attention to what I am about to say, because time is getting short and we really don't know how much time we have left. I was on a ski slope in Colorado where I collapsed, passed out and was pronounced dead three times. My friends who called to ask how I was doing were told that my family was making funeral arrangements. So to the world I was dead, but God had other plans for me. Perhaps He brought me back so I could share this testimony with you.

Did you ever wonder what Heaven and Hell is really like? Well, if you have, listen up because I can now say, I've been there and I have experienced both. Believe me, you do not want to even think about toying with the idea that you may be headed on the wrong path. You know life is all about choices and we have to make small

and large decisions every day. If you are a teenager you are very vulnerable to demonic forces because the teen years are a very confusing stage of life and the devil (which I will refer to as Lucifer) is always ready to steal your soul away.

The reason I call the devil Lucifer is because that is the name he goes by. How do I know? I know because I met him, however, not face to face because he would not look directly into my eyes. Perhaps it's because if he did he would see Jesus as He lives deep inside my soul.

I met Lucifer in a place that looked much like his command and control center. Lucifer seemed very confident of himself. He was handsome, well built and the type of person whom you would never suspect is associated with evil and darkness. In fact, if I did not know any better, I would probably consider hanging out with him. You see Lucifer is a master of deception and is waiting like a roaring lion ready to steal souls at anytime and anyplace. As I said, he never looked at me directly, as he seemed focused on watching several three dimensional window monitors that were displaying his latest victims. For example, on one monitor I could see a teenager contemplating robbing a grocery store, on another was a man ready to commit adultery, on another was someone considering murder and so on and so forth.

Then, in the far corner of that room I also got a glimpse of what hell is like. It was lifeless and full of burned out ashes and collapsed buildings, completely in ruin. I could hear people in the distance moaning for food and water because there was none. Everything was charred and completely consumed. Could you imagine being famished forever? Forever is a long, long time my friend. I decided that I had seen enough so I started to exit quickly. Lucifer had a band of beautiful women surrounding him and two went in my direction to stop me as I attempted to leave. One jumped on me and I fell to the floor. I tugged to get free from her grasp, while another started to unbutton my pants, but I forced her away and she went down on the ground. Mind you, these were among the most beautiful women I have ever seen so if I was not strong, God knows what my fate would have been. As for me, I wanted no part of what Lucifer offered and I got out of there as fast as I could!

Another time, I experienced visions of the future and watched as China unfolded an enormous army unlike anything I have ever seen before. I also had true to life visions of Russia with a strong modern armed force that was poised and ready to attack the little country of Israel. Other Arab countries were ready to strike as well because their power seemed to overwhelm this tiny Jewish state. I also had visions of Europe and the United States who seemed unconcerned with what was happening. The USA did not seem to want to get involved or take a stand, very much like today.

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In another vision I watched our Lord Jesus praying on his knees by a shore of the Mediterranean Sea. He was in quiet prayer so I did not want to disturb him. Although the thought did cross my mind because I felt I should warn Him of the events that I just envisioned.

In another instant I was with Jesus far off into outer space where I could see the earth and the moon from a great distance. Jesus had the earth and the moon cupped in the palm of His hands as if to say to me, "Fear not, for I am the Lord and I am in control." This calmed me down as I was assured in my heart that Jesus was watching over his flock and protecting them from harm.

Within this time period I was in a coma and I was informed that I died three times. Amazingly, I also had three experiences where I was about to walk across a river and somehow knew if I crossed the river I would be entering the gates of Heaven, never to return to earth again. The third time I started to cross the river I got my feet wet but I stopped, hesitated and asked the Lord if I should continue. In an instant I felt His voice enter my soul saying, "It's not your time." Shortly after that, I came out of the coma and started on the long journey towards recovery.

Do you know Jesus? If not, then I ask that you repeat a simple but important prayer because if you think you are going to hell, your life here on earth will be the closest thing to heaven. However, if you think are going to heaven, your life on earth will be the closest thing to hell you will ever experience.

We can't earn salvation; we are saved by God's grace when we have faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. We are all sinners but we must believe that Christ died for our sins and we must ask His forgiveness. He knows you and loves you. What matters to Him is the attitude of your heart, your honesty. With that said, I suggest praying the following prayer to welcome Jesus Christ into your heart as your Lord and Savior:

"Lord Jesus Christ, I am sorry for the things I have done wrong in my life. I ask your forgiveness and now turn from everything which I know is wrong. Thank you for dying on the cross for me to set me free from my sins. Please come into my life and fill me with your Holy Spirit and be with me forever. Thank you, Lord Jesus. Amen."

Hello God
Hello God, are you there?
I was told that you really care
True love I have never known
I've always felt as if I was alone
Hello God, are you there?
If so, please answer my prayer
My heart aches as if pierced with a knife
Is loneliness all there is to life?
All my nights are filled with tears
All my days are filled with fears
Hello God, are you there?
Is it true that all my burdens you will share?
Can it be that you are the reason why
That when I should have, I did not die
When the Bible I began to read
For you I felt the need
Now life's troubles I can bare
Because I know... Yes, God you are there!

Author Unknown

ANSWERS TO YOUR BIBLE QUESTIONS

Dear Ray,

Please explain how the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit can be ONE. I'm happy to see this column in the newsletter.

Thanks!!

Susan

Susan, I have researched many avenues for my answer back to you. If I can be of other assistance to add to your question...or you or anyone who cares to contribute, is when we all learn.

I have included some side information in hope for us to understand my answer to you.

Hebrews 11:29 - 33

Notice the examples of FAITH.

The Isrealites had the FAITH to cross to the other side of the river with water on both sides of them...

The Isrealites had the FAITH that on the seventh day doing what God had asked, the walls would be penetrated and Jericho would be theirs...

Rahab had faith that a promise would be honored...

HOPE: Wishing something would happen.

FAITH: Believing something will happen

(The word FAITH defined means, [DOGMATIC], believing in something without proof.

Example: Genesis 1:1...If we do not believe (FAITH) in this, there is no sense going any farther.

(Do we have proof?)

To start my answer...everybody is three persons in one:

1 Body - The whole physical structure and substance of a human being, animal or plant.

2 Soul - An entity which is regarded as being the immortal or spiritual part of the person, and having no physical or material reality and is credited with the functions of thinking and willing: hence determining all behavior.

3 Spirit - Regarded as inherent to the breath or as infused by a deity. The thinking, motivating, seeing, feeling part of a man.

I have found more information to answer your question – BUT – it needs to be verified before I send it to you. Look for the rest of my story next month. The reason I ask this of you is Revelation 22:18, 19 – If anyone adds anything or takes words away from this book of prophecy...so my care is to be passing that information that is true. / Thanks for your patience.

I have sent you these statements that are true.

John 10:30 – (NIV) – I and the Father are one.

John 14:7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

John 14:9 - 11 ⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

John 14:6-7 ⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him.”

Revelation 1:8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Revelation 22:13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, they are three Persons. They are three distinct Persons, yet they are all the one God. Each has a will, can speak, can love, etc., and these are demonstrations of person-hood. They are in absolute perfect harmony consisting of one substance. They are co-eternal, co-equal and co-powerful.

Acts 7:55 - 56 ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

Matthew 3:17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Mark 1:11 And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Luke 3:22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

2nd Peter 1:17 He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.

If you have a Bible question that you would like answered, email me at:

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Please only use the email address for questions and comments about the Bible.
Please no questions about specific religions.

May God provide you with a warm HEART and a travel free road.

With God’s will,

Ray



Friends;

Not many of you know this, but I have been out of commission for almost two weeks with body aches, no energy, fever, night and day sweats and chills. As I sit writing this letter I do not know how much longer I will be able to write before I have to retire again to my bed.

I am so sick, yet every day I don't show up at the office is another day of work that I will have to deal with when I do get there. So now I'm not only sick, but very concerned about what is not getting done. I am also very concerned about how much it is going to cost to see a doctor, for this has been going on much too long. All the natural remedies are not working and I have no insurance of any kind. Because of the lack of support, the ministry has not been able to provide a payroll check to me very often this year. Any expense over and above the usual ones will be hard to deal with. All of this has led me to become weary, depressed and discouraged. I feel that I have arrived at the back side of the desert.

As we know, God is all powerful and I know He can get me out of this situation. So I pray, Lord rescue me from this pain and suffering, but things just get worse. It is not like this is the first time I have been in this kind of mess. I have a history of God working throughout my life. I know He has a will, purpose and plan for my life, so why is God allowing me to go through this now.

I know my Lord loves me and is with me through this and yet I am very concerned, no, scared. Not that I would die, for that would be a blessing, but what will be the outcome of the spiritual warfare I am going through? Satan wishes nothing more than to destroy Love And Compassion Ministries, me and even you.

Reading the story in Mark 6:7-31 gives me some answers. This is where Jesus sent His disciples out two by two to preach the kingdom of God while giving them power over unclean spirits and the ability to cure diseases. He later gathered his twelve apostles and told them to go to a desolate place and rest. This was just after they had been told that John the Baptist had been killed and his head had been served on a platter. Our Lord knew that they needed rest. For they didn't even have time to eat. I can relate to this!

I need REST... I have been told many times by many people that I need to learn to rest. A few days before I came down with this illness, I worked 17 hours one day in order to get a project completed. I wish I could say that was the first time that happened, but I have always been known to work very long hours and with very little money coming in, it makes it very difficult to go home to nothing.

So, I now know that I need to stop and rest when I become weary, but to do so I need to reorganize my life. I need to look at what am I doing and see if others could be doing them. I may need you to help pick up the slack and I am sure there are things that I do that takes time and energy that no one needs to be doing. I need to learn how to do more in less time. I also need to learn to resist the depression and discouragement that comes from people to whom we minister. Disappointments come from all areas of this ministry such as addicts not completing their commitment to a drug program, wives and husbands cheating on their spouses, Christians acting like hoodlums or gangsters, clients doing the opposite of what they need to be doing. You get the idea!

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Look, it is unrealistic for me to have a nine to five day, not answer the phones at night or the weekends, take Saturday and Sundays off, take vacations, say no when it takes me from my sleep, recreation or meals. Ministry work is reaching out to the hurting no matter what the situation or time of day. So what am I to do?

Number one is, I can't worry about money, equipment breaking down, bills being paid or any others needs the ministry may have. God did not pick me to run this ministry because I was wealthy, strong, wise or fearless. God called me because I am weak, foolish in many ways, while fearing Him and loving Him with all my heart. For without Him I am nothing. Without His grace, love, compassion and guiding I can do nothing. I must lean on Him to provide for LCM and yes, me too.

It is God that has to put it on your heart to give. That is not my job! All I can do is inform you of the great need we have and ask you to please keep all of us that make up Love And Compassion Ministries in your prayers as we serve our Lord working with the homeless, troubled youth, the imprisoned, street people and drug addicts.

God keeps me going through His Word. Many times as I study the Word of God I am weeping at the same time for that pastor that just lost his wife to cancer or for that wife that has found out that her husband has cancer again or for that lady that can't pay that electric bill, etc. etc.

I am committed to serve our Lord with all my heart and soul even when I feel rejected because of lack of support. I have surrendered all I am to Him. I am willing to pay the price for I know my Lord will never leave me nor forsake me. The cost to not act is much greater that any one knows and yet my commitment has never been greater.

I wish I could express how important this ministry is to this community. The impact we have on the people we minister to lasts forever through coming generations. I hope you are already supporting LCM, but if you are not, please ask God why he has allowed our paths to cross.

Thank You!

Ron Willis

Ron Willis, President
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