



July---August---September--- 2017

To our supporting Churches and Dear Friends:

Greetings in Jesus name.

This quarter has carried us into New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Berkeley Springs WV, and the rest of our time has been spent in North Carolina. It always is a blessing to see the altar full and a couple of times every person in the church in the altar. There has been one man saved.

Matthew 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Redeeming The Time

A gentleman was distributing tracts near a sports stadium when a long-time friend came along. Handing him a tract, the gentleman asked: "Where are you going to?"

"I'm going to pass an hour away inside here," he replied. "What are you doing?"

"Oh," said the other, "I am redeeming the time." (Ephes. 5:16)

Psalm 90:12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

In 1895, Andrew Murray was in England suffering from a terribly painful back, the result of an injury he had incurred years before.

One morning while he was eating breakfast in his room, his hostess told him of a woman downstairs who was in great trouble and wanted to know if he had any advice for her. Andrew Murray handed her a paper he had been writing on and said, "Give her this advice I'm writing down for myself"—

In time of trouble, say, "First, he brought me here. It is by his will I am in this strait place; in that I will rest." Next, "He will keep me here in his love, and give me grace in this trial to behave as his child."

Then say, "He will make the trial a blessing, teaching me lessons he intends me to learn, and working in me the grace he means to bestow."

At last, say, "In his good time he can bring me out again. How and when, he knows." Therefore, say "I am here (1) by God's appointment, (2) in his keeping, (3) under his training, (4) for his time."

Praise and Prayer Request! (Almost the same as last time)

- 1. Praise the Lord for your love, faithful prayers and support, it encourages us.
- 2. Praise for all the safe miles we have traveled so far, preaching the Gospel of Christ.
- 3. Praise for he keeps us very busy and for the many little things every wonderful day of our lives.
- 4. Praying for more to trust Christ.
- 5. Pray for Mamie, her stomach is much better but still flares up once in a while.
- 6. It looks like May or later on in 2018 I'm due a replacement on my pacer / defibulator.

Joyfully Serving Jesus

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Cell phones 252-213-9767 252-767-1433 <u>Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.</u>