

Supporting Pastors by Ministering to Christians in Need of Guidance and Deliverance



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Dear APF Supporter:

Greetings!

Summer will be officially here this weekend. With the many summer activities, I hope you can find time to enjoy the beauty and joyful things of summer...like ice cream!

Praises:

I have been able to do office work in the office! Praise God! It isn't completely finished, but is looking great. Special thanks to: Brigette Snyder, Brian Snyder, Ken Yoder, Terry Hartman, my dad, Fred Snyder, Nelson Martin, Jeff Martin, and Merlin Bontrager for helping with the finishing touches.

Plans have been made for a speaking engagement July 24-25 at Griner Mennonite Church. The focus will be on occultism and its effects. More information will come next month.

Praise God for the deliverance and freedom He has given to people who have called for help. Many were convicted of occultism at the speaking engagement last winter and have called to address the issue.

Something to Consider:

Ephesians 6:13—Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground and after you have done everything, to stand.

Keep standing when the day of evil comes...it is so easy sometimes to just want to quit. The world seems to be falling apart, and the news seems to be bad. The enemy seems to be winning! Nonetheless, we are encouraged to keep standing even though the enemy is bringing us an onslaught of trouble.

How can a believer keep standing when trouble abounds? Two encouraging words come to mind: 1) Jesus Christ is victorious and 2) In Christ there is no condemnation.

I have mentioned in other newsletters Colossians 2:13-15, which says that the Lord Jesus is triumphant over the powers of darkness. No matter what they do, they have already lost! Romans 8:38-39 also notes that they cannot separate us from the love of God. It seems like they can do so much damage—and they do, indeed, do a lot of damage—but Christ is victor! Knowing that Jesus has defeated the Enemy gives hope that He will make good out of the mess that they have made.

A number of views are held on the end times, but one thing is clear, Satan will be fully defeated and the Lord Jesus Christ will rule. Praise God! Praise God for this against the enemy because the enemy hates it when we praise God. With an attitude of praise, we need to keep standing against the enemy and his works. Since Christ is victor, we can stand confidently against Satan and his host.

Second, knowing that in Christ we don't need to fear condemnation for our mistakes is important. It is hard to stand against the powers of darkness, when a person is down because of mistakes made. Doubt, regret, or even self-hatred can surface in a person because of self-condemnation. The enemy loves to accuse us of our history!

I often use a handout in ministry entitled *Who am I?* The handout addresses a person's identity in Christ. One portion addresses the lies that Satan tries to use against believers. A key lie for this newsletter is: *You can't have peace with God. You aren't saved. You're not forgiven. Look at your record!* The answer to the lie is this: God says: *1) The blood of Jesus applies to my record. I'm safe (Exodus 12). 2) My guilt is cleansed (Hebrews 9:11-14; 10:19-22). 3) The devil can't separate me from God's love and care (Romans 8:1, 34-39).*

In Christ, there is no condemnation (Romans 8:1). Stand against the enemy knowing you are forgiven. Confess your sins and He will forgive you (1 John 1:9)! With peace of mind, we head in to battle and keep standing, even if the world seems to be falling apart around us.

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for the transition into the new office.

Please continue to pray for scheduling as many more are calling for help.

Please pray for upcoming speaking engagements: July 5 at Woodlawn Amish Mennonite Church, July 24-25 at Griner Mennonite Church, and in September at Bethel Mennonite Church.

Final Thoughts:

The enemy loves to knock us down and cause us to doubt God and ourselves. I encourage you all to keep standing against the evil one and his works and ways. When we feel like quitting, remember, Christ is victor!

In Christ,



Ben Snyder