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1/28/2017 6:29:51 AM Dear Brother in Christ did you ever think the new year would come, well it is here and there is nothing we can do but hope it is a better year for us personally and for the country and for the world. Faith which is the key to Christianity is being sure of what we hope for.

This month I want to tell you a story about a man in the bible who was in a worse predicament than any of you at this very moment. Now I know that if you are in prison you cannot imagine a worse place to be, but I promise you there are, and the Bible has a story about a man who was suffering greatly. Imagine being changed so you do not hurt yourself or anyone else, well I know you have all been changed. Now imagine that you are so tormented by the devil that you are tortured every minute of the day. Again all of you have been tormented by the devil and still are. Now this man was cutting and gashing himself and made to live outside of society. Sound familiar, yes most people here on the outside do not realize the suffering and torment you go through. **BUT GOD DOES.** Well two thousand years ago, things were the same for this man and even worse, he was called the Gerasene Demonic. Luke 8-26, Mark 5-1. Get your Bible and read both stories after you read this letter. It is a remarkable story with a great lesson. Now most people including me always focused on the demons going into the pigs and running into the water and drowning. Well if you focus on the pigs then you miss the true meaning of the story. (I think the devils preferred the pigs to Hell) Jesus comes across this man in the land of the gentiles on purpose, remember unlike us, God's knows exactly what He is doing and has a reason and purpose for everything. This man was uncontrollable by the people, but as soon as he saw Jesus, the devils knew exactly who he was. Even the devils believe in God and know that Jesus was the son of the Most High. Wow, how come the men in prison do not believe in Jesus. Get on your knees and thank God that you do. Then they begged God to not send them to the abyss, HELL. I can only reason and this is my opinion, that they are all going hell at the end of time, and they did not want to go early, because it was better for them to remain on earth and torment us. When Jesus asked the devils their name they said Legion. (Now the Jews were being tormented by the Roman Soldiers and a Legion is 5000 to 6000 men.) Some people see this story a connection to the Roman persecution, maybe, but the real story is yet to come. So at the request of the devils Jesus sent the spirits to the swine and they ran into the water and drown. (right in front of the swine herders) Now this scared the people so bad when they heard the story that they were afraid of Jesus. You all know that fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom. These people were gentiles not Jews. Jews would have never had a pig farms, because they were unclean according to Mosaic law. Now what happened next is the real point and story. Our poor Demonic who had been tormented was healed by Jesus, in fact he was so happy he wanted to go with Jesus right then and follow Him. But Jesus turned him down and told him to go home and tell the people what happened and what Jesus had done for him. The Demonic became the first disciple and missionary to the Gentiles. His apostles were busy working the children of Israel. But Jesus is the savior of the gentile (US) also. There is a lesson here for every one of you. Look at our country right now, it seems impossible that God's would have chosen Donald Trump, ungodly sinner to lead our nation back to God. But who knows. How about you, past sinner, in prison, could God be using you to not only save yourself but like the man in the story to proclaim what Jesus has done for all of us. Are you not also His disciple there in prison. Are there not people around you who are non-believers, you could be the one to bring the Word of God to them and save their soul. You do not have to preach to them, live as Christ taught us, with love and peace to everyone, everyone even those full of the devil. They will see you peace and love. Show them the Love of Jesus by what you say and do. And our GOD will Bless you in many ways. Nothing in this world is more important than saving souls, **yours and theirs.** Love and peace michael