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January 30, 2018 To my dear Brothers who suffer in prison, as the sun rises on this cold Texas morning I am warmed by the Light of the Son. Jesus is so wonderful that your heart can be filled with love no matter what are your circumstances; have faith and invite Him into your heart. I start the letter this way, because the Apostle Paul tells us to lift up each other with our words. The Apostle Paul tell us; "Finally, brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you." Our speech to each other should be uplifting and kind, encouraging our brothers to follow Christ. With this letter I bring you some news about my ministry that may not make some of you very happy. It has to do with the financial support that I have been sending to you. In 2009, God sent me an Angel, his name was Bill and he provided thousands of dollars for me to distribute to you. Through the years some others also gave me money to help you. In the beginning of the ministry in 2009, when those on the list were released from prison they received a \$200 Walmart card, and those who remained incarcerated many may have received \$25 a year in their account.

Last year the financial support was greatly reduced, and this year there is not any financial support. The well went dry. I have had many long talks with God, and he has reminded me that we must all choose between God and Mammon.(money). Listen to what Job said in the following words; "Naked I came forth from my mother's womb, and naked shall I go back there." The LORD gives and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD!" What was a financial help to you, was a labor of love for me as I needed to insure that the money was distributed fairly, and that accurate records were kept.

My heart aches for you all because I know prison is very tough, and a little money in your commissary account might ease some of the difficult circumstances that you face. While I feel sorrowful that I will not be able to offer you financial support, I am reminded that what God has asked me to do, is to bring you the Word of God to help you grow spiritually. Here is what the Apostle Peter said when he was approached by a beggar who asked for alms (money); "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have, I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." Peter took the poor man by the right hand, raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles grew strong. The man leaped up, stood, walked, and went into the Temple to praise God. What I am telling you through these examples found in Scripture, is that the purpose of this prison ministry is to bring you not money, but knowledge of the love of Christ. In Him you will find your salvation, and someday meet Him face to face in paradise.

The wonderful Apostle Paul (who spent a lot of time in prison) said "that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires,²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your minds,²⁴ and put on^[i] the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth." Ephesians 4-22. In prison you must do away with the sinner and put on the saint. Yes you are saints in every definition and meaning of the word. Mainly you are saints from the bible who were followers of Christ. That my brothers are what we have to be. You have physically left the outside world, now is a perfect time for you to leave the sinful world behind and come into the spirit of Christ. "They will know we are Christians by our love". And that love begins with you forgiving yourself first; and then everyone else around you second. It is hard but being a Christian means going through the narrow gate. I hope that this letter gives you the peace of Christ which is beyond all understanding. Love and Peace michael