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Greetings from above the wire!

Well I wanted to send this letter out so that you would receive it after the 21st of May. Perhaps some of you are aware that a man named Harold Camping had mathematically deduced the day and hour in which the rapture was to have taken place. He runs a radio station called Family Radio, which has the longest running call-in radio program in history, 40+ years of people calling in and letting a man bamboozle them with his own take on the scriptures. I have been involved with church and church work since a child and have seen several scams, false prophecy, etc, come down the pike. I personally would listen to Mr. Camping on occasion, to the call-in program and listen to someone who could simply not be awakened from his blind slumber. Do any of you remember Jim Jones and the Guyana tragedy? This was a mass suicide I remember hearing about that happening in 1978. As a college student I attended a church in Tulsa, OK with a vibrant Pastor named Carlton Pearson. Talented, out spoken. He now believes and has been a forerunner in pushing an all-inclusive theology. All roads lead to God whether you are Buddhist, Muslim, Christian, Mormon, Jehovah's Witness, or other, he teaches. In Minneapolis, I attended a public university and a private one affiliated with the Pentecostal movement. There were certain beliefs stressed to me while attending there that I did not agree with, but I chose to go there, so did my best to adhere to their rules. Discipline is good for us to learn. However, we do have to study and understand the scripture for ourselves. But I believe without accountability or Godly people to help us in our journey, we can get side-tracked by issues that may seem trivial or they may seem extremely large, depending on what the enemy wants to use to keep you from your destiny. And so much of what gets us are "religious ideologues". Issues that won't matter when we stand before our Maker. My point is this! Be careful in grabbing a hold of everything that comes your way. Be prayerful in asking God to protect you from nonsense, vain babblings, negative people, religious – my way or the highway- zealots. Ephesians 4:14 says *"So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes"*. I've met a lot of 'sincere' people who have tried to convince me "music has no place in the church of Christ", or "they didn't say Jesus name when so and so got baptized so it doesn't count." "Tongues isn't for today." "Prophecy has ceased." All these ideas, which so many man-contrived religions, have been based on. Philippians 2:12 says *"Therefore my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my*

presence, but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” That means you do it. If the gospel of Christ has affected you and you have had a genuine salvation experience, you will have come to a place of Godly sorrow and conviction of your sin and in the realization of your sin you will make the decision to serve Christ, giving Him your life. You will begin to understand that your way no longer matters. His way is the most important and He will guide you unto all things. As sincere as some followers of Christ seem to be, that is no excuse for theological error. Brother Camping’s end-time prediction should be ignored. The word of God says in Matthew 24:36, “*But concerning the day and the hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son* (Camping believes this is the Son of perdition, not Jesus), *but eh Father only.*” Of course, many don’t know that Harold camping has a bad track record- he previously set September 6, 1994 as the date for the Apocalypse. There are so many gullible, innocent, people who eat everything they’re told.

I have even challenged my readers to find the scriptures we use and study them for themselves and find out if that’s what God is saying! Truly, I believe we are in the last days and Christ could return tomorrow, or any day. He told us in Acts 1:8 that “*it is not for us to know the times or seasons which the father has fixed by His own authority.*” Spiritual pride has put him and so many other deluded leaders in a place where they refuse to be corrected. People have tried on his call-in show and been met with a barrage of “Excuse me, excuse me, you just don’t understand” walls of pride it’s laughable and yet sad at the same time. Acts 20 talks of the wolves who will enter in and not spare the flock. Some will look like Shepherds remember? I’ve ran into a few of those myself behind prison walls, I’m sure you have too. We must pray for them. Don’t let anything hinder you or the cause of Christ in these last days. We are to occupy till He comes. Stay busy. Just do it! Worship! Love! Be a witness! Don’t be distracted by foolish things! Stay close to the heart of God and be ready for the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Until then, let the good outweigh the bad to the best of your abilities. We’re not perfect, but we’re on the right road now! Be used of God!

Be Blessed in these days,

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