"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." (Heb 13:8)

Circular Letter

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Heartfelt greetings to all Brothers and Sisters around the globe in the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ with the Scripture in Heb 9:28:

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and **unto them** that look for him shall he appear <u>the second time</u> without sin unto salvation."

The second coming of Christ is His promised Return (Jn 14:1-3).

HE comes back for all of the redeemed <u>who are waiting for Him</u>. HE comes back for all the redeemed <u>who are ready</u>: "... they that were ready went in with him to the marriage ..." (Mat 25:10). HE comes back for all the redeemed <u>who love His appearing</u>. And all who love His appearing will receive the promised crown of righteousness (2 Tim 4:8).

The Return of Christ is close at hand. It is important that these three attributes are truly found in each one of us: waiting for Him, being ready, and loving His appearing. We are living in the time of the calling-out according to 2 Cor 6:14-18: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the LORD ..." The entire end-time prophecy is being fulfilled before our eyes. It is the period of time of which our LORD said, "... when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand." (Lk 21:28-36). By His grace, we have the biblical guidance through the Word of prophecy and can clearly see the signs of the time in all realms. The cry, the wake-up call is growing ever louder and is now going forth worldwide so that all of the Bible believers wake up from the spiritual sleep: "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." (Mat 25:1-10).

This is the message that is now forerunning the second coming of Christ. The believers are the virgins who trim their lamps. The *wise* virgins are not only concerned about the lamps, namely having the light, the enlightenment; they consider the complete preparation by faith and obedience and the filling with the oil of the Spirit to be the most important matter. A songwriter expressed it like this: "Just vessels, Holy Master, but filled with your power ..." Now the Spirit-led union of the earthly Bride with the heavenly Bridegroom is taking place in perfect love and agreement with every Word of God.

"I will betroth thee unto me!"

The LORD promised in Hos 2:19: "And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies." This is the offer of grace by the Redeemer for the redeemed. On the cross of Calvary, the Bridegroom paid the price of redemption for the Bride (Jn 3:16). Through the shed blood of the New Covenant (Mat 26:26-28), the Church has been redeemed: "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace ..." (Eph 1:7). As the side of Adam was opened and Eve was taken out of him and then given back to him (Gen 2), so the side of the Redeemer was pierced on the cross (Jn 19:34), and the redeemed are His Bride Church, who will meet Him in the air when going up to the marriage supper (1 Ths 4:17). "The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." (1 Cor 15:45). All sons and daughters are "members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones." Paul also wrote: "This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church." (Eph 5:30-32).

As the man becomes the bridegroom and his fiancée the bride at the engagement, so is a genuine conversion to Jesus Christ a "Yes" to Him, and the Redeemer becomes the heavenly Bridegroom and the redeemed become His Bride. An engagement does not come about one-sidedly; it can only take place when two meet one another, their hearts beat for each other in love, and she has said "Yes."

All of the redeemed in whom the Word has been sown as the seed (Lk 8:11) are born again unto a living hope (1 Pet 1:3). They receive the divine nature of the Redeemer and eternal life: *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."* (2 Cor 5:14-21). Someone who belongs to the Bride Church has a personal relationship with the LORD, just as fiancés have with each other, and listens to what the Bridegroom says to His beloved Bride through His Word and obeys it. Thus it is fulfilled: *"... and his wife hath made herself ready."*

Those who are of the Bride Church will be ready at the Return of the Bridegroom. They love Him and wait longingly to go with Him to the marriage supper, as it is written: "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." (Rev 19:7-9). Through the ministry of the promised prophet, the Holy Spirit has let the written Word become the revealed Word in all those who truly believe. And even more: In all those who believe and are part of the Bride Church, the Word-message accomplishes what is was sent to do (Isa 55:11; Rom 10:16-21).

John the Baptist exclaimed, "He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled." (Jn 3:29). John was more than one of the prophets; he was a promised prophet with a very special task: "For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee." (Mat 11:9-10).

No other preacher spoke as often of the Bride of Christ, of the preparation and rapture as the man of God, William Branham. As is well-known, the heavenly commission went forth unto him on June 11, 1933: "As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming of Christ, so you are sent with a message that will forerun the second coming of Christ!" His ministry, which was directly connected to the divine Plan of Salvation, was worthwhile, and his joy shall also be fulfilled, just as John the Baptist's.

This Scripture is now being fulfilled: "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." (Rev 22:17).

However, to somebody who is so overwhelmed with what God has spoken and revealed that he or she wants to pay homage to an angel or servant of God instead of giving God alone the glory, like John did on the Isle of Patmos, the same words must be said as they were to John back then: "See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God." (Rev 22:9). Amen.

A Look at the Beginning

So That We Correctly Understand the End

Not only Mal 3:1 was fulfilled with the ministry of John the Baptist: "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me ...," but also the first part of Mal 4:5, namely: "And he shall turn <u>the heart of the fathers to the children</u> ..." That is how the angel told it to his father, Zechariah: "... <u>to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children</u>, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the LORD." (Lk 1:16:17). That is what it was about at the beginning in the ministry of John the Baptist, and it is also what it is about now in the final ministry: namely to prepare the way for the LORD and to make ready a people prepared for Him.

In the entire Old Testament, it talks about the fathers to whom God gave the promises of the Covenant (Rom 9:4-5). "God, who at sundry times

and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds ..." (Heb 1:1-2). In Acts 13:32-33 we read: "And we declare unto you glad tidings, <u>how that</u> <u>the promise which was made unto the fathers</u>, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again ..." Whenever events take place that are of significance in the Plan of Salvation, the corresponding promises of God are fulfilled. In Mal 4:5 it is written: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD ..."

The second part of verse 6, namely that "<u>the hearts of the children of</u> <u>God are turned back again to the faith of the fathers</u>," is being fulfilled in our time. That is why our LORD confirmed the promise after the ministry of John the Baptist by saying, "*Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things*." (Mat 17:11). That is how it is also written in Mk 9:12. Today He would say unto us, "Elias has come; the prophet has brought the divine message, and the children of promise believe as the Scripture says and are being returned, in doctrine and in life, to the spiritually structured order of the early Church at the beginning." This is the goal of the divine message: that in the believers of the Bible, in the Bride Church, all things are biblically put in order and restored.

All those who are part of the Bride Church recognize for what purpose the Word of prophecy, which does not allow any private interpretation, has been revealed to us in our time. It shines as a bright light in spiritual darkness (2 Pet 1:19-21).

Only what is truly written in the Bible is biblical and destined for the proclamation and hence for the faith of the elect. The Church is built upon the original foundation of the apostles and prophets (Eph 2:20). Therefore, the message is: Back to the Word; back to the beginning; back to the pure doctrine of the apostles; back to all of the experiences of salvation! In 2 Cor 6:14-18, serious words are addressed to the people of God: "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." The final message is connected to the calling-out and separation and to the direct restoration and preparation. First we must come out, then we can go in.

His promised Return is near at hand (Mat 24:33). Our LORD and Savior spoke about what would take place in the last period of time: "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (Lk 21:28). And He also immediately gave the admonition: "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." (v. 36). We see the fulfillment of Bible prophecies with Israel, the nations, all around the world, and especially in the Church, and we can proclaim time and again: "Today this Scripture is fulfilled before our eyes!" This reminds us of His words: "But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them." (Jn 16:4). Amen.

Now it is about the main thing, namely about the perfect union of the Bride and the Bridegroom. It does not benefit any believer to merely see the signs of the time – the biblical experiences of justification (Rom 5:9), of sanctification (1 Ths 5:23), of the baptism with the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12:13), etc., must now become reality, just as in the days of the apostles. At the end, the perfect love of God, as it was manifested on the cross of Calvary through reconciliation and forgiveness, will also be manifested in all of the reconciled who have experienced their forgiveness, because *"These things I command you, that ye love one another."* (Jn 15:17). When the true believers have become one heart and one soul, the early and latter rain will fall (Jas 5:7-11; Joel 2:23; Isa 44:3; Zec 10:1). Then the power of God will be manifested and, as with Job, who prayed for his friends who had accused him (42:10), a twofold restoration will take place of everything that God gave to the Church at the beginning.

Only perfect love is the bond of perfection. "And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness" (Col 3:14) – perfect love toward the Redeemer, toward the redeemed, toward every Word of God, and a true, living faith in every promise of God. When we have all been filled with the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2 and in the early Church, we can truly say that "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." (Rom 5:5). A theoretical message that is interpreted in various ways does not profit anyone; only when everything has truly been restored into the divine order, the following applies: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Rom 8:14).

When the Bridegroom actually returns, His "wake-up call" first goes forth to all the ones who are asleep in Christ, then all those who are alive in Christ will be changed, and together they will be taken up in the clouds to meet the LORD in the air. That is THUS SAITH THE LORD in His holy and everlasting Word (1 Ths 4:13-18).

The Return of the LORD will be a reality, just as His ascension was reality (Acts 1:11b): "... this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." The resurrection of the dead in Christ will be reality (1 Cor 15:42-44). The changing of our bodies will be reality (1 Cor 15:54). The rapture will be

reality (1 Ths 4:17). The marriage supper will be reality (Rev 19:7). Everything will be reality, including the Millennium (Rev 20) and ultimately the new Heaven and the new Earth (Rev 21). Maranatha. Come, LORD Jesus! *"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even* so, come, LORD Jesus." (Rev 22:20).

Add Nothing to the Word ...

The ministry of Brother Branham was as important as the ministries of Moses, John the Baptist, and of the Apostle Paul in regard to their connection with the Plan of Salvation. The Word of God that God's messengers have proclaimed has been left unto us, and that is what we preach, for only the Word remains forever (1 Pet 1:25). In 2 Pet 3:14-18, the Apostle Peter admonished the believers in view of the promised Return, to be diligent that they may be found without spot, and blameless. He also referred to the writings of Paul in that context, but pointed out that some things therein are hard to understand. We have recognized that when it comes to the biblical message, it is not about the hard-to-understand statements, which Paul made back then, as mentioned by Peter in 2 Pet 3:16, or which Brother Branham made in his great expectation of the final work of God. As it was back then, even today there are some people who take the statements of Brother Branham out of context and create false teachings out of them (v. 16).

The instruction that Paul gave to his faithful co-worker Timothy in 2 Tim 4 was given to Brother Branham in 1933 by the LORD Himself in a vision. Every true servant of God will take these words to heart: "I charge thee therefore before God, and the LORD Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; <u>Preach the word</u>; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure <u>sound doctrine</u>; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears <u>from the</u> <u>truth</u>, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, <u>do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry</u>."

The LORD also commanded me to read 2 Tim 4 in February 1980 when I was in Marseille, France. The previous evening I was asked for the first time what the seven thunders in Rev 10 mean. I did not have the answer at that time. While reading 2 Tim 4, I immediately realized why I had to read that text: I may teach and preach only the Word; I cannot and may not take part in any interpretations. A compromise is impossible for me; it is excluded. Everyone who is truly called by God will heed the admonition that Paul addressed to Timothy so urgently: "*I charge thee therefore before God* ... *Preach the word* ...!" Whatever is not written in the Word is not destined for the proclamation of the everlasting Gospel. And whosoever preaches something unscriptural, even though he calls it a revelation, places himself under the curse (Gal 1:8), even if it were an angel from heaven!

The Apostle John had to leave this warning unto us in all seriousness: "For I testify unto <u>every man</u> that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall <u>add unto</u> these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall <u>take away</u> from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

All those who accept as valid only what is written in the Word are declared blessed: "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, <u>and keep those things which are written therein: for the time</u> <u>is at hand</u>." (Rev 1:3).

God Means What He Says and Says What He Means

The Prophet Daniel was told: "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." (Dan 12:4).

We are in the end time: The sealed book is open, and the entire content has been revealed. We thank God that none of it can be kept under seal any longer because "the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof." (Rev 5:5).

"And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand." (Rev 22:10). In chapter 5 the book was still sealed.

The divine order of the Plan of Salvation in the Word was shown to us in all detail. We can correctly place the seven church angels (Rev 2+3), the four judgment angels who are bound in the Euphrates River (Rev 9), and also the seven trumpet angels (Rev 8-11). For us, the scriptural context is evident when the LORD descends as the Angel of the Covenant (Rev 10), or when the two prophets come on the scene (chap. 11), or what concerns the seven angels with the vials (Rev 16). Yes, by His grace, the complete revelation of all events has been disclosed to us and has been shown to us in the proper connections, in such a comprehensive manner unlike in any previous age. However, it must be said again and again in the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ: Now it is about the calling-out and preparation of the Bride Church. Even if we knew all of the mysteries but did not have the genuine love for the Word, for every Word, then we could not possibly be ready, let alone love His appearing. This is the difference between the wise and the foolish virgins. We are truly at the end of the end time; what is important now is the full restoration according to the Word, which must take place before the Return of our beloved LORD and Bridegroom. The elect hold fast to the Word until the end and cannot be deceived by interpretations. <u>They believe that the true message</u>, which is based solely upon the Holy Scripture, foreruns the second coming of Christ, and they will thank the LORD even in eternity for the prophetic ministry of Brother Branham and for the correct scriptural placement of all events in the Plan of Salvation. To them applies the following beatitude: "... blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear."

A Servant Is Not Greater Than His Master

Many questions come before me that people want answered. The e-mails accumulate: one has 5, the other 8, and the next 20 questions. As many as 45 questions have been posed by a single individual which I am supposed to answer. They all want clarity about the statements of Brother Branham. Please understand that it is impossible for me to respond to them.

As far as the biblical subjects are concerned, I have surely addressed all of them in the numerous publications and illuminated them from the viewpoint of the Holy Scripture. This also applies to the extraordinary, infallible prophetic ministry of Brother Branham. The commission, which the LORD gave me on April 2, 1962, and confirmed through the prophet on December 3, 1962, in the presence of two witnesses, Brother Wood and Brother Sothman, is to preach the Word and to give out the spiritual food that was stored in. For the sake of the elect, I mention it once again that the LORD spoke the following words to me on Sunday, September 19, 1976, with a mighty voice: "My servant, I have ordained you according to Mat 24:45-47 to give out the food." That is as true as God lives.

After all, He Himself foretold already in Amos 8:11 that He would send a hunger to hear His words, and the spiritual man lives by every Word of God. Our Redeemer said, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." (Jn 4:34). To every minister He said through Paul: "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, <u>thou shalt be a</u> good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained." (1 Tim 4:6). However, 2 Tim 4 also had to be fulfilled insofar as that the time would come in which many "will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears." Therefore, it also talks about an evil servant in Mat 24:48-50, who says "in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming ..." (v. 48). Just as the Son of Man first sows the good seed, all those whom He sends do the same (Mat 13). The enemy always creeps up afterward and sows the evil seed, the tares: the interpretations. A faithful and wise servant sows only the seed of the Word and gives out the spiritual food. An evil servant sows his own interpretations.

All who are born of God believe and rejoice that the LORD Jesus Himself has provided the calling to preach the Word in this period of time. It cannot be emphasized often enough: Whom God sends preaches only the Word of God, and whoever is of God hears only the Word of God (1 Jn 4:6) and not fables (2 Tim 4:4).

Paul wrote: "But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, ... By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true ..." (2 Cor 6:4-8).

In 1 Pet 4 from verse 12 we read that believers sometimes have to go through fiery trials, but also that we thereby partake in the sufferings of Christ so "that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." (13b).

From His birth until His ascension, even our Redeemer had to endure slander. The scribes accused him of being born out of wedlock (Jn 8:41), of being possessed (Jn 10:20), of being Beelzebub (Lk 11:15), of being a deceiver (Mat 27:63), yes, even a criminal (Jn 18:30). HE bore all of the reproach and was scorned even on the cross. But on Easter morning, He emerged from the grave as the Victor over the devil, death and hell, and could proclaim, "<u>All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth</u>." HE has gone up to heaven with a shout (Ps 47:5; Ps 68:19; Lk 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-11), and He will return with great power and glory.

HIS servants have to endure the same as the LORD did: "Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep your's also." (Jn 15:20). HE also said, "Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake." (Lk 6:22).

But the following will equally be fulfilled: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." (Ps 126). When the LORD reveals Himself in glory at His Return, we will also be glad and rejoice. "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory ..." (1 Pet 1:8). Presently, we have to bear the reproach for His name's sake, but when He comes, we will rejoice and jubilate and receive the crown of glory (1 Pet 5:4). The first time, He came to take away our sins; the second time, He comes for all who wait for Him (Heb 9:28), for all who love His appearing (2 Tim 4:8), and for all who are ready (Mat 25:10).

The Apostle John encouraged us: "And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. ... but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." (1 Jn 2:28 + 3:2).

What Takes Place When the LORD Roars like a Lion?

Let us say it once again so that every last one understands it: Whoever believes as the Bible says in the corresponding Scriptures shall have it revealed unto him or her. In Rev 10 the LORD comes down with the open book as the Angel of the Covenant, <u>sets one foot upon the sea and the other</u> <u>on the earth, and cries with a loud voice</u>, <u>as a lion roars</u>. The keyword in this context is "roar."

In the sermon "The Breach" on March 17, 1963, Brother Branham read Rev 10:1 and said directly afterward, "If you notice that's Christ (See?), 'cause He in the Old Testament was called the Angel of the Covenant, and He's directly coming to the Jews now, for the Church is finished. ... The Church has been raptured."

It is the fulfillment of the second part of Mal 3:1: "... and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the <u>messenger of the</u> <u>covenant</u>, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come ..."

What happens with the Israelites who are believers was also already foretold in the Word of prophecy. Then this Scripture will be fulfilled: "<u>The</u> <u>LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem</u>; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel." (Joel 3:16).

"They shall walk after the LORD: <u>he shall **roar** like a lion</u>: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west." (Hos 11:10). "And he said, <u>The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from</u> <u>Jerusalem</u>; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither." (Amos 1:2).

Only when He roars like a lion, the moment has arrived in which the seven thunders utter their voices (Rev 10:3). When John wanted to write down what he had been told, a voice from heaven said to him, "Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not." (v. 4). May God grant to everyone the holy reverence to respect this, for it is "THUS SAITH THE LORD."

The Angel of the Covenant, who sets his feet upon land and sea and roars like a lion, then lifts up his hand to heaven <u>and swears</u> by Him Who lives forever "that there should be time no longer ..." In the Prophet Daniel 12:7, it talks about that oath with precise time specification: "... <u>and sware</u> <u>by him that liveth for ever</u> that it shall be <u>for a time</u>, <u>times</u>, <u>and an half</u>; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, <u>all</u> <u>these things shall be finished</u>." Amen! With all clarity, we are told in the Word of prophecy that from the moment <u>of the oath it will be three and</u> <u>half years</u> until all things are fulfilled in the last period of time. In Dan 7:25 we likewise read about the $3\frac{1}{2}$ years in reference to Israel and in Rev 12:14 <u>about a time</u>, and times, and half a time, as in Dan 12:7.

At that point, it is quite obviously no longer about the Bride Church, which has been raptured, but rather about the time of tribulation and about Israel. The Prophet Daniel was told, "Now I am come to make thee understand what <u>shall befall thy people in the latter days</u>: for yet the vision is for many days." (10:14). With all of the corresponding Scriptures, it is not difficult to place also this great event into its correct, namely biblical, order. Since it no longer concerns the Bride Church, but rather the people of Israel, we do not need to worry about the events connected to it. The LORD will take care of His people until the end.

The End Time Is Here; His Coming Is Near

In Mat 24, Mk 13, and Lk 21, the LORD spoke about the happenings during the period of time before the Return of Christ. HE compared this generation with the time of Noah (Gen, chap. 6-9) and the conditions in Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 19; Lk 17). It was supposed to be as it was back then, and it is indeed the case.

God's Word and the entire divine order of creation are viewed by modern society as no longer being up-to-date. This applies to marriage, family, and other traditional values. The Apostle Paul, who is being criticized in particular by the theologians, had to describe the general condition in Rom 1:24-32: "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly ..." This, too, is happening before our very eyes and ears.

Even the churches are obviously conforming themselves to the spirit of the time, just like everyone else. A recent headline read like this: "U-turn in the Catholic Church. Vatican approaches gays and lesbians. Explanation: Homosexuals can enrich the Christian community with their gifts and qualities ..."

Every human being certainly has the right to live as he or she sees fit, and nobody may be despised, let alone discriminated against, because of his or her lifestyle. The dignity of man is and remains inviolable.

Nevertheless, for everybody who believes God and is truly born-again by the Spirit, the binding guideline is the Word of God, even today. Whoever belongs to the true Church of the LORD respects God's order of creation for marriage and family as well as the order of salvation and the Church Order, which He had written down in His Word. Likewise, he or she lets himself or herself be placed into the divine order in the natural as well as in the spiritual realm.

However, what has to happen first is what the audience was told during the first sermon at the founding of the New Testament Church two thousand years ago: *"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call."* (Acts 2). The sermon today must be in agreement with that very first one, and the instructions for the believers in the last church age are still just as valid as they were for the believers in the first age. But whosoever is not convicted by the Spirit of God and does not personally accept the gift of redemption can also not be led to repentance.

Nobody can save himself or herself; everybody must call upon the Name of the LORD and Savior, in prayer ask for forgiveness and deliverance, and can experience even today that it comes true: *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD shall be saved."* (Rom 10:13). *"I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."* (2 Cor 6:2). By the grace of God, the life of the believers is brought into agreement with the Word of God in the spiritual as well as in the natural realm. Because only someone who is in the Word can be in the Will of God, and that is the only way we can walk with God, as Enoch did back then, who was raptured (Heb 11:5). Thus, God shall be well-pleased with us, and we as the blameless Bride will enter the marriage supper together with the Bridegroom. Amen.

"That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Eph 5:27).

For the coming months, there are once again numerous missionary journeys planned.

Please remember me in your prayers.

By His commission

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A photograph of a meeting in Cuba in February 2015. Whether it was in Havana or in Holguín, believers came to hear the Word at every location. Even preachers from Santiago de Cuba came to the meetings. By grace, we may directly witness how the last message is reaching all children of God in all nations.

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