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Saints, we are living in a time when our individual "faithfulness" to God (on all levels), is being tested. Living around the shadows of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and other COMING new diseases isn't easy. Even dealing with all the instructions of "shelter in place," "social distancing," "virtual worship" (absent from "traditional" church services), believers still have hope! We should make this experience a time to examine our close intimate relationships with the only One we can trust to protect us.

Wisdom, faith, obedience and disciplined devotion to our Savior, are being tested. We humble ourselves. We trust in the covering of the "**Blood of Jesus.**" We recommit ourselves to faithful, righteous home worship, and living, during this most Holy Resurrection holiday.

So then, whether "shelter in place" and "virtual worship," this April 2020 edition of the JAMES DAVIS, EML Newsletter, serves to encourage **hope** found only in developing a deeper "**Intimate Relationship**" with our Savior. Jesus heals in response to faith! The blood's already been painted on our door post. It still works. All are invited to repent and become part of His redeemed elite believers.

Be Faithfully Hopeful, in this Holy Season!

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WHERE GOD GUIDES, GOD WILL PROVIDE!"

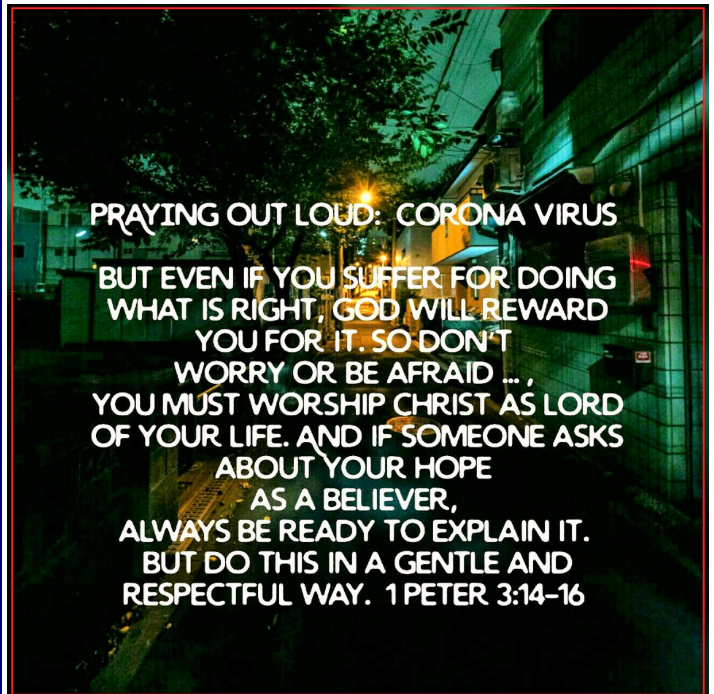
THE DOOR POST SCRIPTURE:

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf." (Hebrews 6:19-20 NIV).

"THE MOTTO: "FAITH IT, 'TIL WE MAKE IT!"



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"Intimate Relationship" with God: It has been said, "the ability to hear what God is saying, to see what God is doing, and to move in the realm of miraculous comes as individuals develop the same **intimacy** and dependence upon the Father [as Jesus had]."

How Did Jesus Do What He Did? The answer is found in His relationship with the Father. How will we do the "greater things than these" which Jesus promised (John 14:12)? By developing the same relationship of intimacy, simplicity and obedience.

God Loves Us With An Intimacy: that surpasses all our dreams. God wants us to have a close personal relationship with Him; one of intimacy, simplicity and obedience. This is an extraordinary honor and privilege His elect, redeemed people have. Moses, David and, of course, Jesus maintained an intimate relationship with God. But how do we develop intimacy with God?

Openness, Vulnerability and Honesty (Ps.35:11-18): Speak to God in prayer from the depth of one's heart about: 1). our great **oppositions** (times: when evil diseases seem to repay our holy living and when slander attack our Christian beliefs); 2). our seemingly **unanswered prayers** (times: when prayers seem not to be heard); and 3). our **failures** (times: when we stumble, fail to meet our own standards, let alone God's). Like David and Moses, we can speak to God from the depths of our heart. He sees, He's not shocked! It is this openness, vulnerability and honesty that draws us into an intimate relationship with God.

Financial Support is Needed!

God, with You we can overcome every storm—including the impact of COVID-19.

Right now, we ask You to:

- Heal those who are sick and protect those who are not.
- Use this pandemic to pave the way for spiritual renewal.

We want Your glory, power, and healing to be on display.

Come, speak God, we want to be close to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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SEEK KINGDOM VISION:
"INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP"

Pastor Eugene Collins, III

- * **Intimate Relationship:** with God is to grow in wisdom. Jesus has astonishing wisdom: He grew in wisdom, statute, in favour with God and people (see Luke 2:41-52, AMP).
- * **It's Been Said:** Knowledge is horizontal. Wisdom is vertical. It comes down from above. Intimacy with the Father and Son leads to growth in wisdom. Wisdom outweighs wealth!
- * **Jesus' Relationship:** with His Father was unique; obedient unto death. But, He also enables us to call God "Abba" (an intimate terms) for father.
- * **Jesus' Intimacy:** with the Father is an example for us. Wisdom is willingness to listen to and learn from others. Then after listening, ask questions. When we are listening, we should learn something new.
- * **Wisdom leads to simplicity:** Knowledge leads us from the simple to the complex; wisdom leads us from the complex to the simple. Wisdom brings clarity. We can obey mandates.
- * **Wisdom is holistic** (intimately interconnected) with God: It should show in what we say, but also in how we live. Are we obedient, even in "**shelter in place**" (see Romans 13:1-2)?

TO DATE: Approximately 123,329 (84%) have RECOVERED from the Coronavirus. Let's give God some praise.

POWER OF THE WORD BUT!

"THE DOOR POST"

Feature Article

"**BUT**": is a powerful word when facing COVID-19 (Coronavirus), shelter in place, social distancing, global pandemic, remote learning and virtual worship; the lack of medical supplies, sickness and deaths. In these days of unimaginable pandemic, feelings of: fear, being remote, and unfrequented, are spiritual, mental and physical challenges. It seems hard for some people to empower the "but God" ... attitude! My only neutralizing **antidote** in the midst of all this, is to offer sanitation of hearts and purification of souls by Holy scriptures, by prayers, by fasting and by praising. Enhance a one-on-one, intimate relationship with Jesus, then healing of body, mind and soul will happen in God's due season. Like David let's say: "**But** I trust in You... O LORD"; "You are my God." My times are in Your hands (Ps. 31: 6, 14-15a AMP). **Church leaders:** pray for Head Bishops to receive God's counsel. **But** "Eleazar [only], shall ask for counsel before the LORD." (see Num. 27: 21-22a KJV), "...At his word they

shall go out, and come in, for both he, the children, even all the congregation." "**But**" C.O.G.I.C.' Presiding Bishop, Charles Blake, as others, prays for both spiritual and civil counseling. "**But**" obedience is needed! "Moses did as the LORD commanded him:" (v22a). All servants of Jesus must lead congregants responsibly by faith. "**But**" conquering faith develops from faith that has been tested and has seen the faithfulness of God. **Conquering faith** never forgets past victories won by the LORD. With great confidence, remember from where we derive our **strength and power:** it comes from God by Jesus' blood. It's time to **deepen** individually, our intimate relationships with Him! "**But**" Jesus said, "No, **go** home to your family" ... **tell** them everything the lord has done for you ... how merciful He has been" (see Mark 5:19 NLT). **Stay home!** "**But**" let us redeemed elites pray mighty for the peoples of the world.



THINK IMAGE: "Faith Not Fear!" Truly there is no need to fear anything that is in the world today! We can call out to God our Savior at anytime for help.

Jesus' Death on the Cross: changed the way we are to live and interact with Him now. God judged sin. With the world's sin on Jesus' shoulders, God showed, how much He abhors sin, by letting His Son die. God defeated satan. Our Father triumphed over the enemy, stripped him of his powers, exposed him as a liar and a destroyer (Col. :13-14). By Christ's death and resurrection, the barriers between God and us has been removed. Our debt is nailed to the cross. Intimacy is possible now! Sometimes we face **pandemics** because we are doing things right as well as wrong. But the **blood** covers the elite, we can rejoice, delight in the Lord's salvation. Our God rescues us; and "protects the unprotected." **God's ultimate rescue** is the salvation that is in Jesus. Look to Jesus as Savior. Our Savior's name means "the Lord saves" (see Luke 2-21-40). Jesus is the final fulfillment of offerings and sacrifices we read about in the Old Testament.

PONDER THIS IMAGE: The redeemed elite can look to Jesus to receive **peace**, look to Jesus to see what **God is like**. He's a light that reveals God. Look to Jesus for **grace** and **truth**. His light brings glory (Luke 2:32a). Look to Jesus, He **brings glory** to us, because Jesus is **God** coming to live among us (John 1:14). Tragically many people will reject the revelation and glory of God that we see in Jesus. **Are You One?**

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POWER UP: A Prayer To Glorify God

You alone are worthy of all glory and praise! You are not shocked by the state of the world, and nothing is impossible for You. Today we're proclaiming that You will be glorified through this pandemic. Your name will be praised throughout the earth. Pierce the darkness. Shine brighter



"not fear!"

than the fear of death, loneliness or economic ruin. When we look back on this moment in history, let us be filled with joy as we remember the revival, hope, and peace that came from this season. Continue to draw this hurting world back to you. In Jesus' Name, Amen.