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During this spring's "shelter in place" mandate, our hope is that we all realize ultimately that there are only **two ways** to live: there are **two paths**; there are **two gates**; there are two destinations and there are two groups of people (see Matthew 7:13-14).

This May's issue of the JAMES DAVIS, EML Newsletter, will contrast the difference between living life without God, and living life with God. We will continue to post the Door Post Newsletter on pawcogic.org; so tell someone about our website. Our theme emphasizes that there is **"Only Two Ways To Live."**

Attention Saints, this is the year of the United States Census. Did you know that **Jesus Christ**, the Savior of the world was born during a census (Luke 2:1-5)? The census helps determine tax funding for much needed, important local services. It can be completed by mail or preferably online. During this season of pandemic, let's not have census takers knocking at our doors for completion.



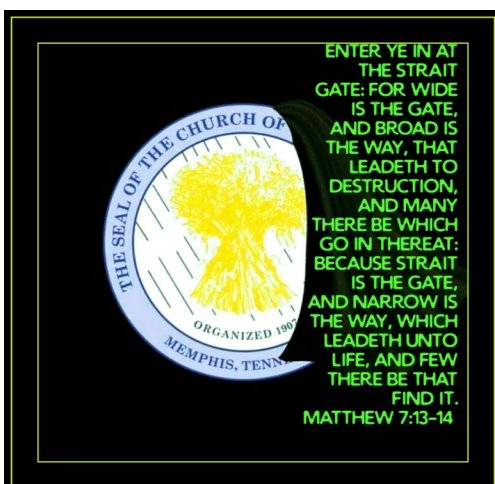
Be Prayerfully Patient and Safe, in this Warm Season!

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WHERE GOD GUIDES, GOD WILL PROVIDE!"
Financial Support is Needed!

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!"

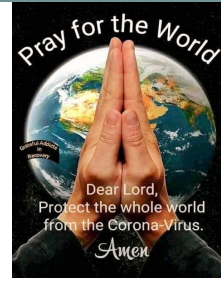


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"ONLY TWO WAYS TO LIVE": (Psalm 50:16-23).
1). Living without God really comes down to choosing an attitude. We dishonor God by hating His instructions (v. 17a). When we hate God's instructions we ignore Jesus and "forget God." It has been said, when considering today's great pandemic, one can see a principal trait of a modern century whose "folks have forgotten God" (see v.22). This does not just apply to other people; it applies to believers. If we find that sometimes, when everything seems to be going well in life, we forget to pray, read our Bibles, pay tithes, or forget to give thanks to God for all His blessings; we are guilty. These are the times in all our lives; when we **forget** God and we **mess** things up.

When we live without God we tend to end up trusting in either **wealth** (Psalm 49:6a) or **ourselves** (v. 13a). This trust is characterized by a search for **status**. Some wealthy folks "boast of their great riches" (v. 6b) and use money to impress others (v. 16) [In 2020, this may be an administration using stimulus checks to get votes]. They may even name lands after themselves (v. 11) [today they might even image themselves as gods]. They crave the praise from others (v. 18b) and in self-arrogance, they may even count "themselves as being blessed" (v. 18a). They may try to use their wealth to "buy off" their own death. Yet no amount of money is enough or able to accomplish this (v. 8). In the end, it is all futile as wealth gets left behind (10b). **So Don't Be Persuaded:** with those who use authorized money (other people's paid taxes) to pile up fame by dispersing, stimulus riches (checks). What is this all worth if we "decay in the grave from COVID-19 Coronavirus?"

2). THE CONTRAST: Life With God. To not forget God is a life lived honoring Him. It's a life full of thankfulness and praise. When we set our feet on the Way [Jesus' path], He'll show us the salvation of God (see Psalm 50:23). Life with God does not end with death but continues on into eternity for God's elite. If we really believe in the resurrection, it **changes** our **attitudes** toward everything in this life. We **see** a new perspective in this life. We **see** real hope in the face of this pandemic of death. Today this pandemic has us in a situation where we know "shelter in place" is the right thing to do, but to **some**, the right thing is too difficult and costly. As the weather warms, we may be tempted to take the easy way and go outside unprotected. Let's allow the **Holy Ghost** to guide our **discernment!** Stay In God's Presence Daily!



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SEEK KINGDOM VISION:
 "Only Two Ways To Live"

Pastor Eugene Collins, III

TO DATE: Worldwide—Approximately 813,000 have RECOVERED from the Coronavirus. Let's give GOD some praise!

ONLY TWO WAYS TO LIVE!

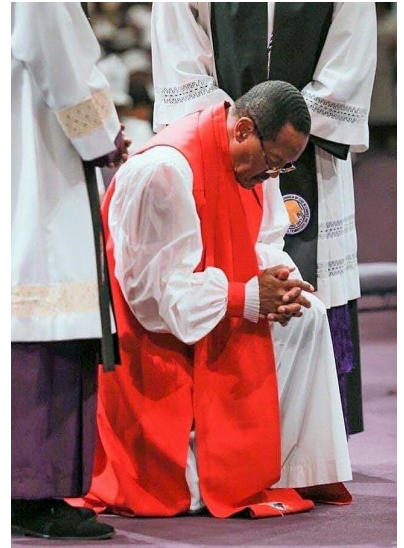
"THE DOOR POST"

Feature Article

- * **Choose Responsibly:** to live with or without God. It will mean whether we live forever or we see decay (c9).
- * **We've Seen:** for some that the fear of COVID-19 Pandemic is a natural human emotional choice, over faith.
- * **The Reality:** As of April 28, 2020 there are over **2.88** million **Global** cases; over **158,600** Global deaths from this deadly Coronavirus. In the **United States** over **982,613** cases and **55,258** deaths. In **California** over **45,031** cases, **1,809** deaths a (3.1% increase as of April 26, 2020).
- * **Jesus Chose:** God's will over His own. Including anguish betrayal, the bloodiest death possible for our salvation.
- * **We Will Never:** Be face with the choice Jesus made for us.
- * **In This Test:** God is asking us individually and as families to choose His will over what we want to do. In every sacrifice, great or small, pray for God's strength to choose His will over our own, as Jesus did. Draw power from His Holy Spirit.
- * **Like Jesus:** can we say, "not our will, but Yours be done" (Luke 22:42)?

"GOD'S WILL, OR OUR WILL?" God's will is that we face our fears with confidence because we are able to have complete trust in Him for **this life** and the life to come. The psalmist says, "Why should I fear" (Ps. 49:5)? Fear chosen over faith is not God's will. Life with God does not end with death but continues on into eternity for sincere, test passing believers. God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, for to Him "all are alive" (Luke 20:27-21:4 [c v.38]). There is **real hope** in the face of this pandemic of death. This life is only the beginning. In times when people are honest, or be it times when people are not honest, there has always been a need to distinguish the right from the wrong. **Salvation** to the believer means, the Holy Ghost, who resides in our heart, guides us for our own good. This act of judging the right from the wrong is the act

of discernment. We see a stark **contrast** between Jesus and Judas. On the one hand, as Jesus prayed, "an angel appeared and strengthened Him" (v22:43). On the other hand, we see that the result of Judas's act of betrayal — "when darkness reigns" (v.53) — is hellish behavior. Peter's example gives us hope. He messed up, as we all do, yet God used him. Like Peter our mistake is, we follow at a distance (v54b). When folks are hostile towards Jesus, it is tempting to put a bit of distance between us and God — not to align ourselves too closely with Jesus. This **path**, in the end, leads to straight out denials (vv.57-58, 60). The **difference** between Peter and Judas was their reaction and attitude to failure. Peter repented, received forgiveness and restoration from Jesus. [c Luke 22:39-62].



THINK IMAGE: "It's Never Too late!" However far we have gone in the wrong direction, it is never too late to turn around. During this **pandemic** shelter-in-place, social distancing, and virtual worshipping; let's take time to think, watch, pray, repent, forgive, serve others, turn back to God's way; receive forgiveness and restore our relationships.

PONDER THIS IMAGE: For all of us, yesterday's mess can become today's message. Our test can become our testimony. This Pandemic can bring revival.

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PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT

Lord, I know that You love us and that You have great plans for us. Sometime we are overwhelmed by the thoughts of our future pleasures. Show us how to walk forward one day at a time during this pandemic. As we explore the various options which lie before us, help us

to listen openly to spiritual others, and to pay attention to what is the depth of our own heart. In this way, may we hear Your call to a way of life which will allow us to love all as only we can, and allow us to serve others with the special gifts You have given us. Amen.

