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Thank you for listening to this letter.

Hearing this letter means someone at the Salem Baptist Church really cares about you. This letter contains some good news and some bad news.

Let me give you the bad news first. Life is hard. Its difficulties will leave you spiritually bankrupt, hurt, and abandoned. The issues of life are not all physical, but the deepest and truest issues are spiritual in nature. Spiritual issues require a spiritual solution.

How do you get this spiritual solution, you ask? That's the purpose of this letter. You need a relationship with the God of heaven and earth.

Here is the good news. God wants a relationship with you, and He has provided a way for you two to be in relationship. Now by relationship I don't mean simply church attendance, knowing religious language and 'feeling' a certain way. I mean that you can actually know God, hear His voice and experience relief from the tragic realities of life.

Here is how. It's as simple as ABC

- A Admit that you are a sinner. The bible tells us that ALL have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. That means from the White House to the Crack House, everybody has fallen short of God's great standard for humanity. Nobody can live up to it.
- B Believe in Jesus Christ. The way to salvation is through belief. It is not about money, education, or power. It is that you have to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that God raised Jesus from the dead.
- C Confess this with your mouth. It is one thing to think something. It is altogether something different to confess it aloud. The Bible says that if you confess that Jesus Christ is Lord you will be saved.

That's it!

Will you do those three things? Do you want a robust life and the hope that God gives? Do you want to be sure that you are going to heaven when you die? Then trust God.

You are especially invited to attend a service at our church specifically designed to encourage you by explaining God's great love for you. Will you join me Sunday, September 24, 2023? I hope to see you there.

Grace be with you, Pastor Charlie Dates