

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

**WOW**, what a **SPRING!!!** Then there was, June July, and August, **WOW**, what a unique **SUMMER!!!**

So, in actuality it looks like summer has finally arrived as we begin to prepare to enter September. **WOW**, and here comes the dawning of a new **FALL!!!**

**WOW**, all this, is to say you just never know when it comes to the **WEATHER!!!**

So, have you ever noticed that when it comes to the weather even the weather person doesn't have to be right about the weather to be a weather person???

Yes, when we talk about the weather, generally speaking the one thing we can say about "predicting" what the weather is going to be like is that the weather is rather **UNPREDICTABLE!!!** Now, another thing we can say about the weather is if you don't like it at this moment stick around because in awhile it will be different, or the weather is essentially ever **CHANGING!!!**

So, when it comes to the weather and what happens with the weather in our day to day lives we tend to be fairly comfortable with "unpredictable" and "essentially ever changing". However, when it comes to our establishing and maintaining relationships "unpredictable" and "essentially ever changing" are generally speaking not the qualities we are looking for!!! No, generally speaking the qualities we look for when establishing and maintaining our relationships are those qualities which enhance the potential for stability and durability in our relationships, perhaps qualities that we would say lend to becoming **ROCK SOLID!!!**

Well, hear these words from Psalm 100:5 "**For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**"

**LOVE**, now that sounds like something which could nurture a rock solid relationship!!!

**FAITHFULNESS**, now that sounds like something which could nurture a rock solid relationship!!!

Indeed, **GOD** offers us love and faithfulness and the potential for a rock solid relationship with **GOD**; a rock solid relationship which is neither "unpredictable" or "essentially ever changing" with the winds of time!!!

So then, what we find if we will turn yet again to our gracious and forgiving **GOD** is a quality relationship wrapped in stability, durability, and reliability, in all kinds of **WEATHER!!!**

Indeed, **GOD** offers each and every one of us the wonderful opportunity to establish and maintain a **ROCK SOLID** relationship with **GOD** through the gracious gift of **JESUS**, the **CROSS**, and of course the **EMPTY TOMB** as witnessed by Mary Magdalene and the disciples through the power of the **RESURRECTION!!!**

So then, we as God's children have been provided a wonderful opportunity which we can access simply by **OPENNING** the door to our **HEARTS** with the key of our **FAITH**, faith in God's precious **LOVE** and **FAITHFULNESS** for us as God's children!!!

Love in Christ,

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