

The Holloway Family

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Dear Fellow Laborers,

In the book of Revelation, the following words are found, "By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their [power is in their mouth, and in their tails; for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, with them they do hurt. As the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: which neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts". Even though this passage alludes to a future event, I believe its message could have application today. The people's response to the plagues referred to in this passage prompted me to preach a message entitled "What will change after the plague?" The scripture indicates the people did not repent (change) despite the destructive plagues. Likewise, the coronavirus has caused misery, illness and death but the question remains whether it will change anybody's behavior or lifestyle. Will anyone return to God or reprioritize their values. It remains to be seen but I trust the Lord will use this pandemic to cause us to reexamine what it is really important in our lives.

Needless to say, my prison ministry and jail ministry have been shut down since the first week of March. Our last formal service at our church building was March 18th and no decision has been made concerning when we will reconvene. However, many positive things have resulted from this national health crisis. I have put 7 preaching videos on our church Facebook page (Bethel Bible Baptist Church) and also now on YouTube. I had never done anything like this, but despite my trepidation, God has really blessed our effort. I have gotten responses from as far north as Buffalo, NY and as far south as Jacksonville, Florida. I even got a response from the country of Liberia. I think this crisis has also brought our church family closer together rather than further apart. AMEN. I also think this event has made us realize we take a lot of things for granted that we should not.

On the home front, there have been many challenges. First, my mother had her third stroke on February 10th and is now very limited in the things she can do on her own. Her speech was affected and she has some additional paralysis on her right side. Pray for her. My father did have knee replacement surgery on January 22nd and despite being difficult initially, he has made drastic improvement. He too does however need some assistance. The fact that both of my parents are over 80 and have underlying conditions, the coronavirus crisis has really complicated things for my family and me as it relates to their health. Pray for them. Continue to pray for my brother as well for it goes without saying that with having lung cancer the contraction of Covid 19 would almost certainly be lethal. Keep him and the rest of my family in prayer. Thank you for your support.

In Christ,
Randy



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