

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH



December 21st, 2021

Dear Brethren,

I thought it good to gather you all together (albeit virtually) via this letter to *shew what God hath done* through the generosity of His people in New Caney and His people elsewhere in the United States, in supplying abundantly to the vehicle need of our brother Elio Chay. In God's good providence, Elio finds himself a missionary pastor that frequently travels to God's people in Yucatan, Quintana Roo, and Chiapas. And because of your generosity beloved, he will now be able to purchase a suitable replacement vehicle. On his behalf, I thank God and you all for supplying such a cheerful bounty. I remember my pastor telling me, "Joseph, God's people don't support a missionary work or missionary program, rather, as the Lord enables them, they help those men that God has raised up to send to His people with the Gospel concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

With you beloved, as we think upon our brother Elio, and indeed all our brothers and sisters everywhere "*We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints*" (Colossians 1:3-4). I pray that our LORD will be pleased to bless Elio's labors and raise up other pastors "*according to [God's] heart, which shall feed [His people] with [the] knowledge and understanding*" of Christ and Him crucified [Jeremiah 3:15, 1 Corinthians 2:2].

Remember beloved, our Lord commands us to teach all nations, all relations, and all creatures "*to observe all things whatsoever [our Lord Jesus Christ has commanded us]*" (Matthew 28:20, Mark 16:15-16). Believer, do you feel discouraged? Don't be. For our risen Lord tells us '*All power is given unto Him in heaven and in earth*' and '*lo, He is with us always, even unto the end of the world.*' So what shall we say to our neighbors, relations, and family? Beloved, "*take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak,*" that is, Christ in you will give you what to say from His abiding word "*in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the Truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will*" (2 Timothy 2:26). What a saving gift of God's grace to His people! "*By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God*" both faith and repentance granted by God's grace, that faith and repentance to the acknowledging of the truth as it is in Jesus! [Ephesians 2:8-10, Titus 1:1, 2 Timothy 2:25].

As the coming new year approaches, let us remember to ever give thanks to the Father, which *giveth us the victory* over all things through His Son, our blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ the Lord. Remember, we who find ourselves believing Him and only Him, by God's grace and purpose given us in Christ Jesus, how that "*we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord*" (Romans 8:37-39). LORD, grant us to ever trust Him with all our heart and lean not unto our own understanding, but rather in all our ways, both in what we believe and what we do, acknowledge *Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own precious blood.* Amen!

the least of all saints, yours in Christ,

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