



“And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.” 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

What is your message to the world with your life? What do people see and hear in you as you live each day? Let's start in your home. What is the message you send in your home? A complainer? Attacks and yelling on your family members? Or maybe the silent treatment between husband/wife that your children see? The message you send in your home is the message the next generation will take to establish their home.

What message do you send to your co-workers? Complaining to other co-workers about your job? Speaking evil of your boss? Your pay not being fair or not getting an advancement? Maybe you speak openly about politics and how you don't like this or that? It flows over to public media. Is this the type of message you send out to others?

Whether you like it or not, you are sending a message in your home and in your daily life! Jesus sent a message to everyone He dealt with. It was a message of hope centering around the Father of all mankind and His word. Our families need to hear a message of hope and love for the Father. Our jobs need to hear hope knowing God is going to take care of His own. We need hope placed right in front of our lives so our message rings true and clear. Jesus is the anchor of our souls and brings a hope that is sure and steadfast (Hebrews 6:19). We need a message of hope for those caught up in the political world filled with hate and verbal abuse. Our hope is founded in the Lordship of Jesus, the King of kings and Lord of lords and that's where we are anchored! Everything is under His control and those out of control need to be brought under the hope found in Jesus. The message of hope calms fears!

We are in Christ Jesus! We live our lives for the Lord and not out of control like the hopeless. ***“For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; for as we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.”*** (Romans 14:7-8) We have something others do not have, and it creates within us a hope that goes beyond this temporary world. We need to exercise our faith, not our rights! Our rights were given to Jesus when we surrendered our lives to Him being baptized into His name! We gave Him our rights because of the hope He gives us. Live in His life. Make the message of your life a message of hope. Jesus is near. What is your message to your home and world? Think about it!!!

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