



# NightLight

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"take heed....as to a light that shines in a dark place." II Peter 1:19

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## Dear Friends,



### Announcement! It is finished!

All darkness, sin, and evil of all previous ages of time.

All demands of legal requirements and rituals.

All the handwriting of ordinances that was against us.

All the legal grip of principalities and powers.

All compulsive forces of the flesh to drive and destroy us.

When Jesus said, "Tetelestai" (It is finished) from the Cross, He was declaring the "telos" – the end of all the ages. When He stepped out of the tomb at His Resurrection, He was at that moment filling up the end of the full meaning of all history. Jesus is history's intended end – not the finish, but the purpose and goal – of all creation. The end of the world is not referring to the destruction of the world. It refers to the end purpose for which all things were ever made: **TO BRING ALL THINGS IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH TOGETHER UNDER ONE HEAD, EVEN CHRIST.** (Ephesians 1:10)

Christ is risen! The end of the ages – the purpose of creation – is fully and completely accomplished in Him. That is the message we live and manifest every day, every moment, but especially at this time of the year. We engage the battle of the ages standing in the light of the already completed end – the already fulfilled purpose of the ages. Christ is risen, and we are risen with and in Him. We carry on sharing His Kingdom until He comes again to culminate what was accomplished at His Cross and in His Resurrection. Alleluia!





## Learn of Jesus

by James Montgomery

Go to dark Gethsemane,  
Ye that feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see;  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall;  
View the Lord of life arraigned:  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
Learn of Him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete:  
"It is finished!" hear the cry;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb  
Where they laid His breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom;  
Who hath taken Him away?  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes:  
Saviour, teach us so to rise.

**"The presence of the Lord was VERY STRONG, and it was a great honor to be able to serve."**

(Clay recently in Miami, Florida)



# Movie Remakes?

It is a fact we have stated more than once that movies are our culture's version of group story telling. Aristotle referred to the same phenomena in ancient Greece, and celebrated the mental and emotional force of a people gathering under the influence of a shared story. It always moves me in a different way if I see a film with an interested audience as opposed to seeing it alone. The group dynamic speaks of what this is doing to and in us as a community, not just in me.

Yet it seems that Hollywood has simply run out of new ideas. We see films that are nearly carbon copies of other films all coming out at the same time. We see endless comic book stuff. And we see remakes, and even remakes of remakes. Spider man is about to be in his 6<sup>th</sup> incarnation in less than ten years, and were it not for dazzling special effects and computerized visuals, there is just not much difference in them.

So the time is ripe for the writers, story tellers, and film makers to tell the stories that will capture and salvage this generation. We are finally beginning to learn to make good films. We are not fully there yet, but the emptiness in the soul of audiences is starving for films that have something beautiful, good, and true to say. Pray for those who are fighting on the front lines of film and the arts. That is where the heart will be won or lost. (Check out our five hour study on this subject called *REACHING THE HEART THROUGH ART.*)



# Closing Thoughts...



The nations are being moved into position for the final harvest. Let not your heart be troubled. The cracking of the shell of worldly systems is only for the emerging of the new life it has suppressed. Look up! Lift up your heads. Your Redemption is drawing near. Soon He who shall come, will come.

## Celebrating Resurrection, Clay & Mary



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