Dear Dorothy,

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**Welcome:** 3ABN wants to thank each of you for all you do for the Kingdom of God. We also want you to know that we appreciate your earnest prayers and want you to know that it is our privilege to lift each of you up in daily prayer also. God bless.

**Verse of the Day:** "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. Trust in the Lord forever. Isaiah 26:3.

**Good News:** Be obedient-if I embrace who I am in the Lord, He will open doors, not close them. If your faith won't fit in the door that opens, then I argue, do not walk through it-
but, if the door that God will open to you at that moment to walk through (because it matches your faith) go forward with thanksgiving because it is from him. Thank You Lord!

**Answers to Difficult Questions:** 2 Corinthians 12: 2,3: "I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows..." ANSWER: Although this text has been used to "prove" the doctrine of an immortal soul, it has no such connotation at all. It is conceded by practically all commentators that Paul was describing his own experience, because he spoke in the context of his own revelations. He was concerned that no one thinks he was glorying or boasting about his visions. For this reason, probably, he ascribed the experience to a man he knew. Paul's soul did not leave his body, in spite of claims to the contrary. If so, he would have been dead and nowhere does he make any allusion to his death or resurrection. Paul is speaking of "visions" and "revelations" in the text. He was not puzzled over whether he had died or not. He was merely uncertain as to how he was able to see paradise in that vision. Although it seemed that he was bodily taken to heaven, yet he felt it possible that he was taken there only spiritually. He confessed to complete ignorance as to what actually happened. The physical impressions seemed as though He were "out of the body," in a way of speaking. In the same manner of speech, Paul wrote to the Colossian church, "For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit" (Colossians 2:5). No one interprets this to mean that some immortal soul left Paul's body to be with his friends. The fact is, as Paul said, that only God knows the nature of that spiritual visit to paradise. So we would do well not to base any doctrine of a text that is understood by God only." (Answers to Difficult Bible Texts by Joe Crews)

**Fundamental Beliefs:** Seventh-day Adventists accept the Bible as their only creed and hold certain fundamental beliefs to be the teaching of the Holy Scriptures. These 28 fundamental beliefs constitute the Church's understanding of the teaching of the Scripture. Today's belief number fifteen is **Baptism.** By baptism we confess our faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and testify of our death to sin and of our purpose to walk in newness of life. Thus we acknowledge Christ as Lord and Saviour, become His people, and are received as members by His church. Baptism is a symbol of our union with Christ, the forgiveness of our sins, and our reception of the Holy Spirit. It is by immersion in water and is contingent on an affirmation of faith in Jesus and evidence of repentance of sin. It follows instruction in the Holy Scriptures and acceptance of their teachings. (Romans 6:1-6; Colossians 2:12, 13; Acts 16:30-33; 22:16; 2:38; Matthew 28: 19-20.)

**Thought for the Day:** It is impossible for a man to present his body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, while continuing to indulge habits that are depriving him of physical, mental, and moral vigor. Again the apostle says, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" Romans 12:2. (Maranatha p. 119)

**Affirmation:** Christ dwells in my heart through faith and through the power of His Spirit within me. I am rooted and grounded in His love. I have implanted His Word within my heart, and it has taken root. As the transforming power of His Word grows within me, it saves my soul. I do not deceive myself by merely listening, but rather I put His Word into practice. I revere and worship God and keep His commandments—this is His purpose for me and is the
root of my godly character. When persecution arises because of the Word, I do not fall away. My deep roots in His love and His Word make it possible for me to stand firm in faith. Nothing can uproot me-not even the enemy of my soul who roars against me like a hungry lion. I have received the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and He keeps me firmly rooted in Christ. My deep roots cause me to yield good fruit—to do good works in the Lord. I have received an abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness. Rooted in Christ, I am rooted in righteousness. I reign in life through Him. (Ephesians 3:16-19; James 1:21, 22; Ecclesiastes 12:13; Mark 4:17; Proverbs 12:3; 1 Peter 5:8, 9; 1 John 2:27; Proverbs 12:12; Romans 5:17)

Life Affirmations From Scripture, p. 152, by Shelley Quinn.

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Bible Topic Scriptures: Unfermented Wines—The unfermented wine, or the pure juice of the grape, was used a beverage from earliest times. Genesis 40:11; Deuteronomy 32:14; Judges 9:13; Psalm 104:15; 1 Timothy 5:23; Mark 2:22 Exodus 12:15; Matthew 26:17, 26, 28; 1 Corinthians 6:10; Matthew 26:29.

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Our sincere prayer is that God will richly bless you in all areas of your life. You are precious to us and we love you as our brothers and sisters in Christ. Remember that God's love for you is even greater. God bless.

Your loving Pastoral Staff: Grace Yost, Karen Owen, Deyvy Rodriguez, Joe O'Brien, Hal Steenson and JD Quinn.

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