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Halloween Tonight.
Communion Tomorrow.

Tonight, Friday, October 31 in Greenwich Village the famous Halloween Parade will be in full swing. For the past week or so, townhouses have been decorated with images of witches, ghosts, and spectacular displays celebrating a night that goes back to some of the darkest illusionary and confused ideas that harken back centuries with confused belief systems and in some cases, twisted concepts of religious beliefs.
Tonight at 7:00 PM, Cafe Reach will also be having a special gathering as we always do on Friday evenings, meeting together as first-century believers in Jesus Christ the Messiah also met, where both Jews who were seeking the Messiah and Gentiles who were worshipping a variety of idols, came together to leave a variety of fictional belief systems to praise God together and unite in gatherings in small groups.

Tomorrow, Saturday, November 1 we are also having a communion service that will be celebrated with music, prayer, the sharing of the Word and the breaking of Bread and sharing of the Wine that was also a part of the table where Jesus tried to share his thoughts on the unity of believers starting with his own disciples.

We are gathering for both services, one relaxed and the other a bit more formal in nature at the 1881 landmark venue of Historic Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church, 232 West 11th Street, NYC, just 1.5 blocks West of Seventh Avenue South and 1/2 block East of West 4th Street in the beautiful West Village.

I want to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in one of these gatherings or both gatherings to celebrate love, kindness, and the unique opportunity to come together in peace. Some in our world would like us to point fingers at each other, separating each of us and causing even more pain in an already pain filled world. The Apostle Paul, a Jewish leader in his day proclaimed to all the citizens of Rome where he was sharing what he believed to be the Good News of The Gospel.

Be opened minded enough to know, it wasn’t a Jewish gospel, or a Catholic gospel, or a Baptist, Episcopalian, Hindu, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Seventh-day Adventist, Puritan, or Roman Empire gospel, or a reformed gospel, or whatever you want to call it gospel, it was the Gospel, the Good News of a loving Savior who accepts each of us who are broken with a deep desire to heal our brokenness and to be restored to an abundant quality of life, that has little or truly nothing to do with the prosperity gospel that is preached by a variety of snake oil salespeople on network television or websites.

"Therefore, I urge you, brethren and [sisters], by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he or [she] ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, we we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly; if prophecy, according to the proportion of his or her faith; if service, in serving; or he or she who teaches, in his or her teaching; or he or she who exhorts, in his or her exhortation; he or she who gives, with liberality; he or she who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil’ cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints. practicing hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of men.
If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men and women."

Romans 12:1-18 (New American Standard Bible)

What a majestic goal for all of us to seek. Could you imagine how amazing the world would be, your neighborhood would be our families would be if some of these concepts were actually tried? I am going to give it a prayerful shot today. I have failed many, many times in the past, but today is a new day, another opportunity.

May God bless each of us with the gift of seeing Jesus for ourselves, learning of Him with the gift that the Holy Spirit can bring us in quiet space, away from the vast illusions all around us competing for our attention. God bless you with peace today and a personal walk with the very real Jesus.

Best regards - Tony Romeo

Join us for a Spirit filled morning of great music and the sharing of the Word. We gather or worship on Saturday morning's at 11:30 a.m. in the 1881 landmark sanctuary of Historic Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church, 232 West 11th Street, NYC. Located just 1.5 blocks West of Seventh Ave. South and one and a half blocks East of West 4th Street, in the beautiful West Village.

PARKING: If you are traveling by car and cannot find a parking space on the street, we recommend a discount indoor parking garage located on West 12th Street. Travel down Seventh Ave. South and on the corner of West 12th Street, make a left turn. The indoor parking garage is located immediately on your left. The discounted parking fee is good from when you arrive until 7 PM.

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