

## The Barnabas Letter

"The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!" these are the words that the early Christians used to greet each other. They point out the single most important fact of the Christian faith. We serve a risen Savior and Lord. Christ Jesus is not just an historical figure of some importance. No, our Lord Jesus is, in fact, the Lord of all that there is and He is as much alive in the twenty-first century as He was in the first century! We have just celebrated the anniversary of our Lords resurrection from the dead on the fourth of this month. Our Lord suffered, bled, and died in order to redeem us from our own sins, from the devil, and from the realm of hell. By rising from the dead our Lord has destroyed death and He has conquered the devil and He has opened, for us, the very gates of heaven itself. Because this is so, we need not fear the future or the past. The future holds heaven for us and the past can no longer condemn us, our Lord has come to give us abundant and eternal life. As this season of Easter progresses let us rejoice in the certain knowledge that we are loved by God Most High and let us live our lives in such a manner that those around us will know that we believe this to be true. There are so many folks in this world who do not know our Lord and as a result they lead sad and very desperate lives. If a person has no hope, other than this life, he or she is in a very sad state indeed. But we, who are Christians, possess the joyful knowledge that our Lord Jesus has come, not just for us, but for every single person in this world. If those who do not believe will listen and hear the Good News, repent and believe, then they too will be filled with the joy

unspeakable and full of glory that we have been blessed with. It is our job, yours and mine, to tell everybody that we come into contact with that Jesus Christ will save them, as He has saved us, from the wrath to come. None of us do this perfectly but as we seek to serve our Lord, many will see that we do indeed serve the risen Lord of life and then they will come to Him. Until next month; may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Your brother in Christ Jesus;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor A. W." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed text.