

The Barnabas Letter

“Trust in the Lord with all of your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths” (Proverbs 3:5,6 ESV) This is our task as Christian folk, to trust in the One Who has shed His perfectly innocent blood to save us from our own terrible sins. It is sometimes very hard to trust in our Lord but the truth is, if we can trust mere mortals, who are inherently flawed and weak. We can absolutely trust in Christ Jesus who is fully human and fully divine. Our Lord gave us the Lords Prayer and in the fourth petition of that perfect prayer we pray, “Give us, this day, our daily bread” Now then, daily bread is everything that we need to make our lives possible and enjoyable. These things differ for each of us but our Lord unfailingly provides them. Yet, for many of us, the thought never enters our heads that all that we have has come from the God who loves us! Our Lord has provided for us because He loves us, in the very same manner our Lord redeemed us because of His great love for us. During this month we are journeying through Lent to the great feast of the Resurrection, Easter Day, in these forty days let us remember that to trust in God is the way of salvation. St. Paul tells us that our spiritual father, Abraham, believed God and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. In the very same way when we believe that our Lord Jesus Christ died for us, not just in general, but in particular. When we can say Jesus died for me, then we have come to saving faith and we belong to the household of faith. We are, then and there, made to be children of Almighty God because we have believed on the

Son of God Who has shed His blood to wash away our sins. If we can trust our Lord to save us, we can trust Him to take care of us and we need not worry about our future or our fortunes. Our Lord tells us in the Sermon on the Mount;" Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" (St. Matthew 6: 25 ESV) and a little further on in the same passage; "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat or what shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (St. Matthew 6:31-34 ESV) 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, appearing to read "Pastor A. W." with a large, stylized initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.