A GRAVE ISSUE

DEATH

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A Pictorial Introduction To Death, The Resurrection Of The Just, The Resurrection Of The Unjust And The Sudden Gathering ('Harpazo') Of Living Believers And Dead Believers Into The Clouds When The 'Last Trump' Is Blown

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PREFACE

Death After Life – A *Grave Issue* is the fifth in a seven book series (FREELY AVAILABLE ONLINE) which captures the revelations and inspirations given to the Author by God that were posted online in subject groupings / collections. These posts were not planned or pre-organized but produced on the same morning that prayer and communion with God was made before the actual postings. Indeed, many of the posts especially blessed the Author himself who had not previously encountered what many of the Posts communicated. [Most of the content used in the *One God One Lord* and *God Is A Generous Giver & Just Rewarder* Collections are derived from Mark's first book, *Whose Will Be Done*? (also freely available online).] Often, the Holy Spirit would guide the Author to the verse used in the Post by placing one or several words into his mind which were then searched in the King James Bible (KJV). The Spirit would then highlight the words He wanted Mark to embolden which assisted in the emphasis to be made in the Posting through capitalizations, fonts and colours. The postings for each day were thematic and, when placed end-to-end in time sequence, formed themes and eventual 'Collections' which the Author has grouped and laid out in each book of this Series. The seven books ('Collections) in this Series are based upon their respective subject groupings and each are entitled as follows:

- (1) Life After Our Redemption;
- (2) God Is A Generous Giver & Just Rewarder;
- (3) The Earth Magnificent, Dynamic & Created By God;
- (4) God Versus The Religious Mind;
- (5) Death After Life A Grave Issue;
- (6) One God One Lord; and
- (7) Worship God In Spirit & In Truth.

From the need for a person to receive the Holy Spirit to the worship of The One God by Jesus Christ, from the comfort that our loved ones will one day be raised to life to the need to test the spirits and traditions of men with the Word of God and Spiritual Discernment, as well as the acknowledgement that we truly are on a wonderful and unique Earth and that God will spoil all those who are faithful to His Calling through Jesus Christ with Crowns, power, authority, unions, babies and fulfillment during Christ's 1,000 Year Reign and beyond, the Posts in this Series will greatly bless and encourage all readers as they check each verse stated and marvel at the riches God has placed before us all.

13 BUT I WOULD NOT HAVE YOU TO BE IGNORANT, BRETHREN, CONCERNING THEM WHICH ARE ASLEEP, THAT YOU SORROW NOT, EVEN AS OTHERS WHICH HAVE NO HOPE. 14 FOR IF WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN, EVEN SO THEM ALSO WHICH SLEEP IN JESUS WILL GOD BRING WITH HIM. 15 FOR THIS WE SAY UNTO YOU BY THE WORD OF THE LORD, THAT WE WHICH ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN UNTO THE COMING OF THE LORD SHALL NOT PREVENT THEM WHICH ARE ASLEEP. 16 FOR THE LORD HIMSELF SHALL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN WITH A SHOUT, WITH THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL. AND WITH THE TRUMP OF GOD: AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST SHALL RISE FIRST: 17 THEN WE WHICH ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN SHALL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS, TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR: AND SO SHALL WE EVER BE WITH THE LORD. (1 THESSALONIANS 4: 13-17 KJV)

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Death After Life – A Grave Issue is by no means an exhaustive text but a tool to generate thought and the subsequent worship of the One True God and Jesus Christ which has been distorted and watered down by the traditions of men. Hence, verses from The Bible in this work are preferred over traditional positions held by many religious people as Scripture holds the authority of God who inspired Holy People to write words down on His behalf. The Postings contain separate moments of revelation and contemplation upon Scripture which have been grouped into this Collection of Posts that were previously made online by the Author through various Service Providers. Content and the words used were received by the Author from the Holy Spirit through words and visions as promised would occur in these 'End Times' (Acts 2:16ff KJV). Of note, because the Author is a life-long student of Scripture feedback from readers is cordially welcomed as are your prayers for this work.

Those who are moved by God to support this work through prayer and 'grassroots networking', as well as delivering this work to non-English readers, are warmly welcomed and invited to contact the Author about such opportunities.

DEDICATION

This work is dedicated to The Living God Who first created the Earth and then the Heavens, and Who raised Jesus Christ from the dead. It is dedicated to The One Who knew everyone before they were born and yet still intensely desired to love and live with every individual as a Father to a Child; Who promised, protected, provided, and purchased every soul who is free to choose eternal life in Christ. It is dedicated to Him to Whom Jesus Christ worshipped, loved, served, and obeyed even to the point of torture and death by ignorant men.

It is also dedicated to the Only Begotten Son of God who died because He put aside His own Will in the Garden of Gethsemane when He uttered the words, "Not my Will but your Will be done". It is dedicated to The One Who created the Earth and the Heavens with God, His Father; Who always did the Will of His Father and not His own; Who now sits at the Right Hand of God and is ordained by Almighty God to be worshipped as God.

DEATH AFTER LIFE – A GRAVE ISSUE is also dedicated to each one for whom the Lord Jesus Christ gave His life on the gruesome cross; to the One who hungered and is now filled; to the One for whom Jesus Christ will always be their living fountain of water; to the One who will be raised or changed in the twinkle of an eye to be forever with The Lord from On High; and to the One who believes after the Church has been Raptured to the clouds to be with The Lord forevermore.

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KJV = *King James Version* (with words such as 'thou' changed to 'you')

'Genesis 1:1' is a format used to reference a verse (or verses) in the Bible and reads: the Book of Genesis, chapter 1, verse 1. Likewise, Acts 2:1-47 says: the Book of Acts, chapter 2 and all the verses from verse 1 to verse 47.

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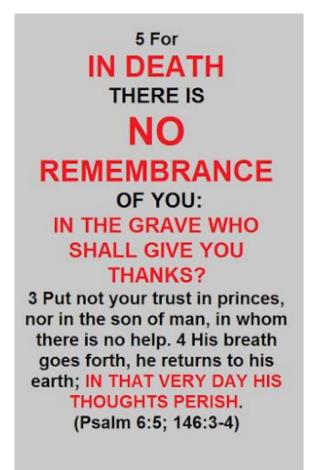
POSTINGS

What happens to a person when they die has been a question humanity has grappled with since the Garden of Eden. Many even now mourn for the demise of their loved ones and entertain thoughts that arise from beliefs, upbringing and popular culture. This is a small Collection ('DEATH AFTER LIFE - A GRAVE ISSUE') that is put together to comfort mourners about the Promise of the dead being raised to life by Jesus Christ at certain events in the future: The Gathering Together/ Rapture; The Resurrection of the Just; and, the Resurrection of the Unjust. Jesus Christ is the first Person to be resurrected from the dead (previous deceased were/ are still dead until the applicable Just or Unjust Resurrection Events) and that there will also be some people (Believers in Christ) who will not see death at all because they will, instead, be CHANGED in a 'twinkle of an eye' at the Rapture Event which I pray will include you. (:

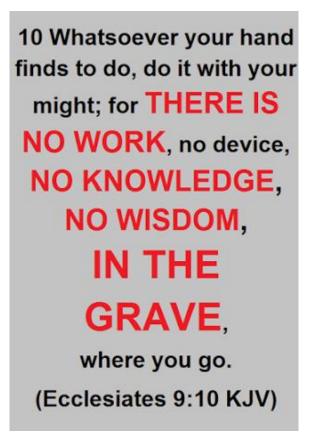
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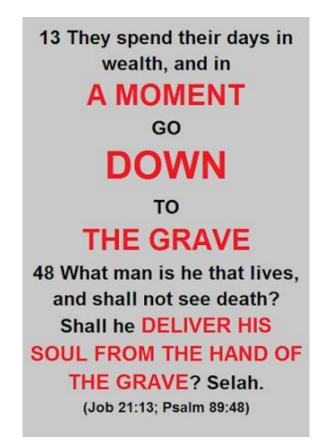
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5 For IN DEATH THERE IS NO REMEMBRANCE OF YOU: IN THE GRAVE WHO SHALL GIVE YOU THANKS?; 3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. 4 His breath goes forth, he returns to his earth; IN THAT VERY DAY HIS THOUGHTS PERISH. (Psalm 6:5; 146:3-4)



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13 They spend their days in wealth, and IN A MOMENT GO DOWN TO THE GRAVE; 48 What man is he that lives, and shall not see death? Shall he DELIVER HIS SOUL FROM THE HAND OF THE GRAVE? Selah. (Job 21:13; Psalm 89:48)

12 Nevertheless man being in honour abides not: he is like the beasts that perish ... 14 Like sheep they are LAID IN THE GRAVE; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume IN THE GRAVE from their dwelling. **15 But** GOD WILL REDEEM MY SOUL FROM THE POWER **OF THE GRAVE** for HE SHALL RECEIVE ME. Selah ... 17 For when he dies he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not DESCEND AFTER HIM. (Psalm 49:12-17)

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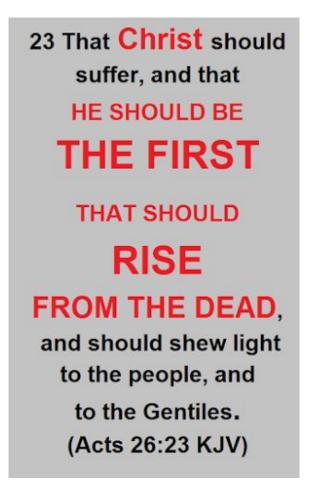
[The Believers after Pentecost are called 'The Church' which is rewarded at 'The Bema' after it is 'Raptured' into the clouds with Jesus Christ which is a different event to (1) the 'Resurrection of the Just' and (2) the 'Resurrection of the Unjust' (See 'Whose Will Be Done?' free download at <u>http://ftp.whosewillbedone.altervista.org</u>]

1 ... and at that time your people shall be delivered, EVERY ONE THAT SHALL BE FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK. 2 And many of them that SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE EARTH SHALL AWAKE, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. (Daniel 12:1-3 KJV)

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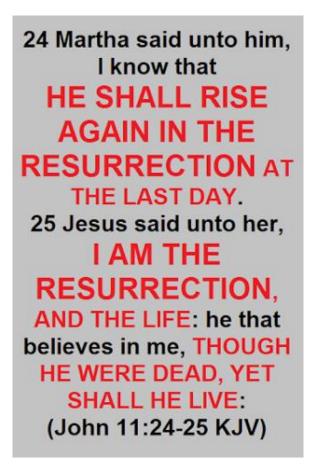
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23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be THE FIRST THAT SHOULD RISE FROM THE DEAD, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles. (Acts 26:23 KJV)

13 Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me. 14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets: 15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that THERE SHALL BE A RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, BOTH OF THE JUST AND UNJUST. (Acts 24: 13-15 KJV)

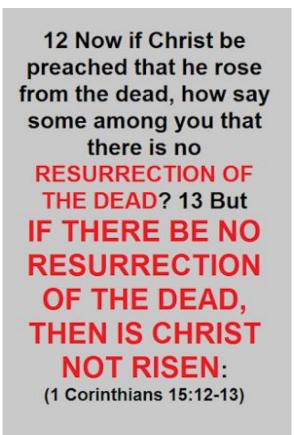
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24 Martha said unto him, I know that HE SHALL RISE AGAIN IN THE RESURRECTION AT THE LAST DAY. 25 Jesus said unto her, I AM THE RESURRECTION, AND THE LIFE: he that believes in me, THOUGH HE WERE DEAD, YET SHALL HE LIVE: (John 11:24-25 KJV)

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which ALL THAT ARE IN THE **GRAVES SHALL HEAR HIS** VOICE, 29 AND SHALL COME FORTH; they that have done good, UNTO THE **RESURRECTION OF LIFE** and they that have done evil, UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF DAMNATION, 30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. (John 5: 28-30 KJV)

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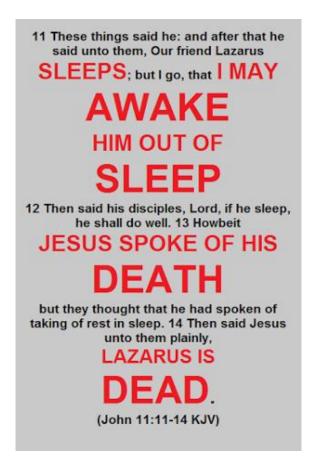
12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD? 13 But IF THERE BE NO RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, THEN IS CHRIST NOT RISEN: (1 Corinthians 15:12-13)

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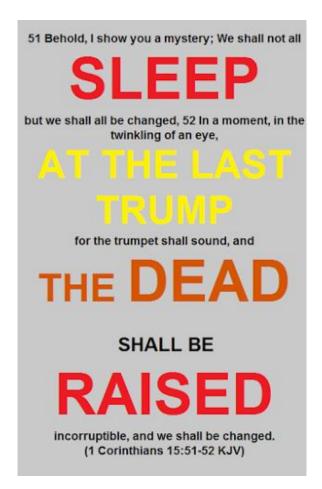
11 These things said he: and after that he said unto them, Our friend Lazarus SLEEPS; but I go, that I MAY AWAKE HIM OUT OF SLEEP. 12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. 13 Howbeit JESUS SPOKE OF HIS DEATH: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. 14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, LAZARUS IS DEAD. (John 11:11-14 KJV)

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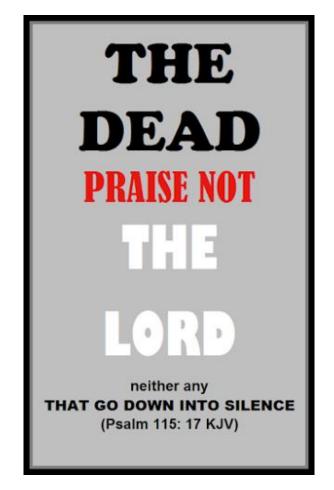
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51 Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all SLEEP, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, AT THE LAST TRUMP: for the trumpet shall sound, and THE DEAD SHALL BE RAISED incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (1 Corinthians 15:51-52 KJV)

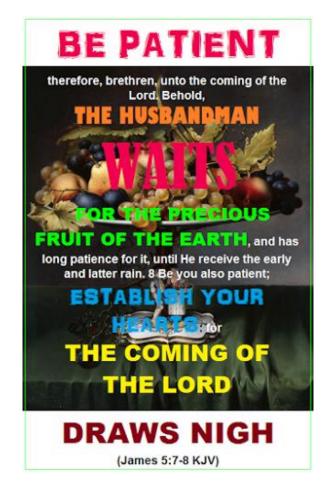
LOVE THIS POST!!! [RE Luke 23:36-43 KJV] Check the placement of the COMMA - can be before 'Today' or AFTER 'Today' (there is no punctuation in the texts - added by translators later). No contradiction anywhere with Scripture; Sayings throughout Scripture and ancient (and today in some places) 'I say to you today' used to emphasize what is about to be said/ was said. Yes, FANTASTIC section - amazing I missed the 5 crucified - NOT 3 - for so many years. So, this means that those who think Jesus Christ and this man went to 'Paradise' that SAME DAY should not so quickly dismiss all the MANY verses that state Christ was DEAD in the Grave that day AND that the guy who will be with Jesus in Paradise is still waiting to be resurrected BEFORE his FUTURE enjoyment in Paradise. PTL! (:



THE DEAD DO NOT PRAISE GOD AS THEY ARE UNCONSCIOUS IN THE GRAVE AND WILL BE RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY JESUS CHRIST AT THE RELEVANT RESURRECTION EVENTS (THE RESURRETION OF THE JUST, THE RESURRECTION OF THE UNJUST, OR THE GATHERING / RAPTURE) 17 THE DEAD PRAISE NOT THE LORD, neither any THAT GO DOWN INTO SILENCE. (Psalm 115: KJV)



12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus says the Lord God; Behold, O My People, I WILL OPEN YOUR GRAVES, and CAUSE YOU TO COME UP OUT OF YOUR GRAVES, and BRING YOU INTO THE LAND OF ISRAEL [NOT INTO HEAVEN]. (Ezekiel 37: 12 KJV)



7 BE PATIENT therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, THE HUSBANDMAN WAITS FOR THE PRECIOUS FRUIT OF THE EARTH, and has long patience for it, until He receive the early and latter rain. 8 Be you also patient; establish your hearts: for THE COMING OF THE LORD DRAWS NIGH. (James 5:7-8 KJV)

CONCLUSION

All the statements in *Death After Life* -A *Grave Issue* are based upon verses taken from the Bible (KJV) in order to use what God spoke to the holy men who recorded God's Words onto scrolls. There are so many verses that state God loves His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, Whom is currently at the Right Hand of God's Throne where He makes intercession on behalf of each Believer and continues to prepare a place for us in the New Jerusalem (HUGE City) which will be moved to the New Earth at the end of Christ's 1,000 Year Reign (see Life After Our Redemption). Many verses in Scripture declare the wonderful blessings and rewards that will be given by Christ to faithful Believers from His Throne, 'The Bema', in the clouds / heaven. However, NOT every Believer understands that actual EVENTS will bring in the moment of immortality and rewards (and judgment for the unsaved). There are so MANY verses in Scripture that clearly state that the dead are dead in the grave and await Christ's command / trumpet to come out of the grave. The lie that when a person dies they go straight to Heaven is directly connected to the first lie spoken by Satan to Eve when he told her that she 'would not die' after disobeying God's command to not 'eat' the forbidden 'fruit'. Death is an enemy and it is not from God as He misses out on the worship He could have received from a person who has gone to the grave (check out the word 'precious' used in Psalm 116: 15 - it is the word for 'COSTLY': 15 Precious [COSTLY] in the sight of The Lord is the death of His Saints). God in no way or fashion delights in anyone's death and He is not the author of death – Lucifer is the culprit and it hurts The Lord whenever He is blamed for a person's death (often blamed by ignorant religious people to have 'called them home'). John 10:10 KJV would be an excellent place for any honest study of the subject of death and WHO actually brings DEATH.

There are many teachings and doctrines taught by people about God, Jesus Christ, Eternal Life, Death, and the Bible, and you and I need to test each claim and belief with the Word of God instead of the traditions of men. There are many arguments of carnal / religious people against the issues raised in this Book but none were quoted or directly debated given that time is valuable and *Death After Life – A Grave Issue* is written for those who are or will be saved — not those who do not love God's Word.

Despite the lack of Faith through ignorance and wrong teaching prevalent in the world today, from time-to-time I like to visit churches to see if I can learn anything from the pulpit or congregation members. Sometimes, I am delighted with what I find; often I am not. Scripture is clear regarding the need for those who are new in the Faith of Jesus Christ to avoid contentious arguments and those who are contrary to themselves and so it is recommended that novice Believers seek fellowship with likeminded Believers who love God and have not been seduced by the doctrines of men. For those who are mature in their love and walk with God and Jesus Christ, who are able to maintain their love for God and objectivity of thought, I encourage you to love and witness to those who are in churches and cathedrals — especially if they are open to the

worship God seeks: that of the spirit and in truth. Otherwise, the Bible clearly states that, while God and Jesus Christ are long suffering with every person, we are to reject a person after the first and second admonition.

⁹ But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. ¹⁰ A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject; ¹¹ Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sins, being condemned of himself. (Titus 3:9-11 KJV); ³⁷ If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. ³⁸ But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant. (1 Corinthians 14:37-38 KJV)

Time is too short and The Word of God too precious to debate. Unless God tells you to stay and speak to someone's heart it is strongly recommended that you find someone else who may not yet have heard The Good News. The fields are full but there are so few workers; with so many people yet to be given the opportunity to worship God in Spirit and in Truth, let's live our lives for Him being confident in The One Who has gone before us, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

18 THE EYES OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING BEING ENLIGHTENED; THAT YE MAY KNOW WHAT IS THE HOPE OF HIS CALLING, AND WHAT THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF HIS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS, **19 AND WHAT IS THE EXCEEDING GREATNESS OF** HIS POWER TO US-WARD WHO BELIEVE, ACCORDING TO THE WORKING OF HIS MIGHTY POWER, 20 WHICH HE WROUGHT IN CHRIST, WHEN HE RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, AND SET HIM AT HIS OWN RIGHT HAND IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES, 21 FAR ABOVE ALL PRINCIPALITY, AND POWER, AND MIGHT, AND DOMINION, AND EVERY NAME THAT IS NAMED, NOT ONLY IN THIS WORLD, BUT ALSO IN THAT WHICH IS TO COME: (EPHESIANS 1:18-21 KJV)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mark became aware of God at an early age and accepted Jesus Christ into his life as far back as he can remember. Coming from a violent dysfunctional family background he witnessed God's deliverance and protection of his life from death and can sympathize with victims of domestic violence.

After being influenced by a Christian teacher at school and going to a local Christian church, Mark learned to pray and read the Scripture; sensing the presence of God and delighting in the worship available through the work of Jesus Christ. Living from Christian home to Christian home during his mid to latter teens, he learned of differences between church denominations but still saw and was thankful for the hearts and lives of those who provided him love and shelter.

In the Royal Australian Navy, Mark initiated and led a small Christian fellowship onboard a guided missile destroyer and continued to experience persecution which had begun in Basic Training. Regardless of the hostility all Believers experience in this world, Mark remained faithful and witnessed in the various ports he travelled to during his naval deployments in the Indian and South Pacific Oceans.

One week after his discharge from the Navy, Mark travelled to the USA to begin leadership and missionary training which he saw as necessary and foundational to his life of service to which God had called him. After missionary and home church outreach in Michigan, Kansas, and Florida, Mark continued his witness back in Australia and eventually attended the University of Sydney and the Australian National University from which he earned four university degrees and admission to practice law from the High Court of Australia. As a Barrister-at-Law and Solicitor, Mark worked in the private and public sectors where he continued to enjoy fellowship with God, His Father, and His Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Today, he remains thankful and blessed with his family and looks forward to The Gathering Together/Rapture event declared in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 and 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 (KJV) which is the Hope of every Believer in Jesus Christ.

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