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My dear youth,

Our chief Apostle recently wrote to all ministers to call on all God's children to support God's work in the beyond. How? Through our prayers of intercession.

"The more we occupy ourselves with these souls the more can be accomplished in the divine service for the departed." CA Leber.

There is also a call in the beyond saying! SEND US YOUR HEART AND HELP US. How do we help?

Our firm faith

- Our empathy and pity
- Our sanctification

The new book "Belief in the Afterlife for New Apostolic Christians" explains the condition of souls in the after life.

"It is our faith — based conviction that the condition of a departed soul can be changed for the better."

There are those who died in Christ are souls who are reborn of water and the spirit and who earnestly endeavored to live their faith... For these souls, preparation for Christ's return remained the focus of their life, filled with longing for this moment, in a state of joyful expectation"... have access to God's word through the agency of the apostles and ministers commissioned by them." They are free and blissful.

There are those who are also reborn souls, who died in Christ, but did not live according to their faith. They will lack something.

"No one can say how the Lord will assess their condition of soul. Certainly they will have to recognize the deficiencies in the state of their souls. If they want to be freed

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from these deficiencies, they will need the Lord's grace."

What about those who did not die in Christ or were not reborn souls.

"The basic principle is this: nothing that has filled spirit and soul perishes. Each spiritual power seeks to dominate and shape the person serving it. It depends on a person's will as to which spirits he permits to influence him.

The soul's condition in the afterlife of those who did not die in Christ corresponds to their works, deeds and ways of thinking while on earth, since they did not receive forgiveness of sins.

The work of God today for the souls in the afterlife is to alter the condition of souls, if the souls wish to evade the consequences of their sins and the resulting darkness; they should "put on the new man" and "walk as children of light." (Ephesians 4 and 5)

Christ's grace is for the living and the dead. the condition of the soul in the afterlife can be change for the better. How?

First we help the departed through our intercessory prayers. We seek intimate fellowship with those who preceded us in faith and those souls who departed unredeemed into afterlife.

Our intercessions for the souls in the afterlife are directed to our heavenly Father. We ask him to show mercy to those for whom we pray.

That in His love, the eternal God

- awaken in them a longing for the offer of grace tendered by Christ.
- prepare a way for them to grace stemming from the sacrifice of God's son
- make use of the means He has provided for their redemption.

May our prayers be sustained by heartfelt empathy, by understanding, and love. May God in His majesty and in His unfathomable counsel remains the authority from which proceeds all help for immortal souls.

Sincerely yours,

Timmy Gabriel



## TEXT & INTERNET CHATTERS, BEWARE!

A 38 – year old female clerck looking a date at an Internet chat room fell victim to a "con man" (swindler) who disappeared with her cell phone and jewelry while they were inside a movie house in a mall in Mandaluyong City.

The clerk who reported the case to the Eastern Police District said on May 21<sup>st</sup> her chat mate invited her for an "eyeball" or face to face meeting in a movie house at SM North Edsa, Quezon City.

While inside the cinema her chat mate whom he believed to be rich and an overseas worker borrowed her ring, promising an exchange. Later on borrowed her cell phone because he runs out of load and has to make an important call.

The chat mate left her inside the movie house promising her to return after making a call at the lobby. He did not return.

The clerk the next day try to find another chat mate, and found same guy. This time she called the police and set him up. The suspect was apprehended.

BEWARE OF RELATIONSHIPS VIA CELL PHON. MANY HAVE BECOME VICTIM!

## Exclusiveness: Is the New Apostolic Church exclusive?

The term "exclusiveness" is derived from the Latin excludere (to exclude). It is generally used to imply restrictedness, singularity, uniqueness, or refinement. In the sphere of religious studies and theological discussion, "exclusiveness" understood to mean a religious denomination's claim to "sole right" to salvation. In this connection, people often speak of a "claim to absoluteness" of а particular religious denomination or group.

#### Reproaches of exclusiveness

The "New Apostolic Church with its apostles" is sometimes reproached for claiming to be exclusive. Some have accused the Church of excluding all non-New Apostolic Christians from salvation, consequently abandoning them to eternal damnation.

In this sweeping and undifferentiated form, the reproach of exclusiveness is unfounded. For one thing, the apostles have the commission and authority of the Lord to offer salvation, to curse anyone, or to disparage other Christian denominations. In addition – as mentioned before – salvation is offered in various ways throughout the different stages of salvation history. In part, this occurs without recourse to the apostle ministry.

Salvation will be granted in the following stages:

- The activity of the apostle ministry is essential for the gathering and preparation of the bridal congregation. This ministry is active in the New Apostolic Church. This Church offers mankind the means of salvation earned by Christ. This Church dispenses the Holy Spirit through living apostle. This Church keeps alive the hope in Christ's imminent return.
- During the time of the great tribulation that will take place on earth after the bridal congregation has been caught up to heaven, the apostle ministry will no longer be active. Despite this, the martyrs of this time – that is those who died for their faith in Christ – will also receive eternal salvation.
- During the thousand year kingdom of

peace salvation will again be offered to all.

• At the Last Judgment, salvation will likewise be granted.

The previous statements demonstrate that the doctrine of faith of the New Apostolic Church contains well defined elements regarding the future. This doctrine about future or final matters makes it particularly clear that, ultimately. all mankind will have access to salvation, even if they have never been a member of the New Apostolic Church. God's will to save is universal. It is thus unfounded to say that the New Apostolic Church is the "only church that can bring



#### SERVICE FOR THE DEPARTED

Date: Sunday, July 2, 2006 Place: Makati Central Church

Time: 10:00am

Officiant: Ap. Timmy Gabriel

#### **DIVINE SERVICE**

Date: Sunday, July 9, 2006 Place: Makati Central Church

Time: 10:00am Officiant:

#### **YOUTH SERVICE**

Date: Sunday, July 16, 2006 Place: Biñan Central Church

Time: 10:00am

Officiant: Ap. Timmy Gabriel

#### **DIVINE SERVICE**

Date: Sunday, July 23, 2006 Place: Makati Central Church

Time: 10:00am Officiant:

#### **DIVINE SERVICE**

Date: Sunday, July 30, 2006 Place: Makati Central Church

Time: 10:00am

**Officiant:** 

# Birthday Celebrants ...

#### JULY 2006

01 – Azucena Ronquillo

02 - Rolex Navarro

04 – Juanisa Rizalda

10 - Sammy Hebeisen

10 - Rendernick Navarro

12 - Katrina Louise Bajado

14 - Ap. Timmy Gabriel

16 - Madelyn Nemeño

18 - Evelyn Laganhon

18 - Marvin Ray Maravilla

19 – Fe Neial

20 - Daniella Mato

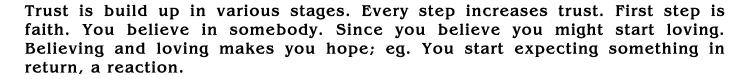
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## APOSTLE LETTER BOX

Dear Apostle,

How would you know that you can really trust a person?

#### ANSWER:



Then comes the time factor. The longer you know somebody the more you understand this person. You discover weaknesses and strong points. Because of the before mentioned faith, love and hope in a relationship you learn how to deal with weaknesses and explore strength.

To build up trust can take a long time. It can be destroyed in a second by disappointment. That hurts.

To avoid such hurt we think always the consequences over before going into action. In our relationship with God we do that with "God fear". In personal relationships the protection is mutual respect and then again of course above all Love which always is forgiving.

Accept the fact that we are all human beings. Do not always put the trust away just because somebody made a mistake. However do communicate what you expect in order that you can trust.

"TRUST IN THE LORD AND DO GOOD" (Psalm 37:3)

Loving greetings

Urs Hebeisen