



Dear Friend of Abiding Above,

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It sure is nice to be back here in the good ole USA! I love to preach in other parts of the world but there is no place like home!

Jesus clearly commanded us in **Matthew 28:18-20**, *“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

Every now and then someone will ask me why I go to the trouble of international ministry. I always reply, *“I am obeying God’s Holy Word as I go to all the nations.”* Sometimes they will say, *“But we have such a need here in America.”* I agree wholeheartedly but remind them we have churches on many street corners across the nation, beautiful churches, well financed, but discouragingly they are only half full on Sunday mornings. My friend, let’s continue to pray that our nation and our local churches will turn back to its first love, our Father in heaven.

As it is written in **Revelation 3:15-17 & 20**, *“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.’ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”*

This passage written to the church stands as a stark reminder to all of us that Jesus is standing outside His church asking to come back in. The Laodicean Church is called by many conservative theologians, *“The last days church.”* Could this be us? You can know, you will be hearing more sermons from this text in the days just ahead from many pulpits across the nation.

Pastors Training In Arkansas: I traveled this past Friday and Saturday to Arkansas with my friend Larry Browning, who sponsored and helped me facilitate the opportunity Abiding Above Ministries had to present an Adrian Rogers Pastors’ Training Conference. Yes, it was during the severe storm we had. The campus was flooded and two large trees were taken down by the straight-line winds that passed through. As a result of the storms, we lost all electricity and were unable to complete the conference. God works in ways we don’t always understand, but we accept it, as we

walk hand in hand with Him our Lord.

Here are a few quotes from the Pastor's Conference:

"Thank you for providing this for us free of charge. This is what I need. I have never been to Bible College or a seminary though I have been pastoring for many years. I wish that I could have been trained with these lessons by Dr. Rogers at the start of my ministry. This will help me tremendously." ---Rodney

"I love Dr. Adrian Rogers. I still watch him on television and listen to him on radio. I did not know this pastors training was available. Thank you for sending me an invitation, I have learned so much already and know it will help me in my future ministry." ---Mack

"This teaching is wonderful! It is like Dr. Rogers is still alive and right here in the room with me and mentoring all of us. Thank you for traveling to Arkansas and providing this for us. I know everyone here has been blessed." ---Al

Abiding Above Ministries continues to train pastors here in the United States, as well as in other parts of the world through the teachings of Dr. Rogers. We also continue to disciple people across the nation through the mail with our Abiding Above Discipleship School. To find out more, go to www.abidingabove.org.

As a Non-Profit Organization, every opportunity of ministry we enter into comes from your generous hand of giving. Right now we have 2 needs that we need you to help us meet that go beyond our monthly expenditures.

1. Each year we raise the funds to cover the cost of supplying Bible lessons which we make available to others for free through the Abiding Above Discipleship School. Our current annual cost of making these lessons available is \$1,800. This entire amount would go to purchasing the lessons needed to disciple others all over America.
2. We are also in need of printing our salvation tract, *"How Can I Get To Heaven."* The smart way to have these printed is 10,000 at a time at a cost of \$1860.00. It saves a lot of money to print it in bulk. We have already distributed 10,000 of these tracts over the past several years and now have only 200 left.

Please pray and ask God what He would have you do. I love you, and pray for you each day. We are in this together. May God continue to bless you, my friend, and make you a blessing to many people before He calls you to that place called heaven!

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Colossians 3:1-3