

## **Letter to the church of Jesus Christ**

**“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”**

### **Author, recipient, greetings**

Werner Woiwode, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to all who with us have received the same precious faith through the righteousness of our God and savior Jesus Christ. Grace and peace be yours in increasing abundance, in the knowledge of God and Jesus, our Lord. (cp. 2 Peter 1:1-2)

I am what I am solely through God’s grace and it is He Himself who also revealed Himself to me as Father 34 years ago. Previous to that I had a life-changing, radical encounter with the risen Lord Jesus Christ. In an instant, after being broken deeply, I was set free from 15 years of alcohol and drug misuse. I was born again!

This letter is a message of Jesus Christ to his church. It is to those who actually belong to it, but also to those who think they are part of the Lord’s church and do not realize that they are standing outside...

These are the Lord’s words which I heard:

**“My church is in a state of emergency!”**

My body is seriously and mortally ill. But you do not believe it. You do not even realize it because you are sleeping or too busy. It is the sleep of self-righteousness, self-content, selfishness, self-determination and lukewarmness. Others do not hear because they are driven, imprisoned in a religious, fleshly, emotional activism.

**I will bring you all back because I love you, because you should belong to me and so that you will become what you are meant to be and also do what I have called you for! I will prepare and equip you because in your present condition many of you are lost, even though you are convinced that you are saved.**

There are three areas in which you must be awakened to true life into which I want to call you back.

## **Area 1:**

**I have it against you that you have abandoned your first love. Turn around and return to your first love!**

For you have left me, the spring of living water and instead have dug your own stinking cisterns which are full of holes. Come, all of you who are burdened and heavily laden. I will refresh you. I will dwell in you.

**“Remain in me and I in you” (John 15:4).**

I want to call you back to this deepest of all loving relationships. My Father and I long deeply for such a relationship through which we want to reveal ourselves to you.

**“This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent” (John 17:3).**

The better and deeper you know me, the stronger and more passionate your love will become. You often receive much information about me and the Father, and yet you are far from knowing us. In order to know and love a person there is only one path: We must spend time together. We are waiting for you and want to spend time with you so that you can know us better. I have never left it unclear about what it means to love and to know me and the Father.

**“Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me” (John 14:21).**

**“If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love” (John 15:10).**

The opposite of this is just as clear and unequivocal.

**“He who does not love me will not obey my teaching” (John 14:24).**

The measure of your love to the Father and to me is thus not how often you have affirmed your love for us nor how wonderfully you sing praise and worship songs to us. Nor how much good you keep doing. No, it is your joyful obedience to my commands. It is deeply shameful that so much is hidden behind the label “Christian”. There is nothing inside which is written on the label. You call yourselves Christians but there is little or nothing of me to see and recognize. I knock once more on your heart’s door and ask to be let in. (Rev. 3:20) Many of you let me stand outside the door. Some of you invite me in for a visit from time to time. But I do not want permission to visit you from time to time. I am the owner! The “temple” belongs to me, whether it is your body or the whole church. It is my church and my body and you should be living members of my body. Therefore you can have me only one hundred percent or not at all. And in the same way, you can be at my disposal either one hundred percent or not at all. At the end of time it will be those who claim to belong to me, to believe in me, but who are unwilling to hand themselves totally over to me who will be the greatest enemies and persecutors of those who are my true disciples. I will say it very clearly:

**“Whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it” (Matt. 16:25).**

**“Therefore, beloved, listen and get ready. Set out and return to me!”**

## Area 2:

**I have it against you that you have turned away from my word. Return to my word.**

**“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made” (John 1:1-3).**

These verses alone should show you overwhelmingly what my Word is about. They should convict you and lead you to a greater hunger for my Word.

**“The Word became flesh and lived for awhile among us. We have seen his glory” (John 1:14).**

This makes it very clear that the Word cannot be separated from me. Whoever cuts himself off from the Word, cuts himself off from me and from the Father. If you want to know us better and deeper, this is done primarily through my Word. In it you read, hear and see who I am, how I am and what I do. It is an open view into my heart, my thoughts, feelings, character and my being. How can you ever get to know and love me **without** knowing and loving my Word? Day and night you are drowned in words in all sorts of variations: TV, newspaper, sms, WhatsApp, mails etc. All of this and each one demands your attention, penetrates your thoughts and senses and makes you slaves and prisoners. Out of this hectic, orientation less, addictive condition, which constantly increases, I call you back to my Word. To the quiet of my eternal Word. To Words in which my creative power dwells – together with the Holy Spirit. I speak and it becomes! As urgently as you need me myself, so you need my Word also. Many of you have the Word but do not hear and read it. Others read it but do not do what it says. Thus it becomes completely valueless and ineffective.

**“You cannot live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4).**

**You know that “heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away” (Matt. 24:35).**

How do you want to learn and increase in knowledge without my Word?

**“All Scripture is useful for teaching, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16-17).**

In the increasing darkness, how do you want to be certain that you are on the right path and remain on it?

**“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path” (Ps. 119:105).**

You see: If you turn away from the Word you will never become mature sons and daughters of your Father. You will go astray and perhaps be eternally lost. Which of you really wants this? The consequence should be that you turn to my Word.

**“Turn around, set out and return to my Word.”**

### Area 3:

**I have against you that you have separated yourself from your roots. Return to an understanding of your roots, to the Jews, to Israel.**

**“For salvation comes from the Jews” (John 4:22).**

Beloved children, your brother Paul explains to you about your roots in his letter to the Romans. First of all he makes clear that I have certainly not turned away from my people.

**“I ask then, Did God reject his people? By no means. Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious” (Rom. 11:1 + 11).**

Then he explains my actions regarding the people Israel and the believers from the nations, using the picture of the genuine olive tree. Because of their disobedience, some of the branches of this tree have been broken off. Thanks to my mercy, now you – the believers from the nations – are grafted into the genuine olive tree and now live from the same root. But at the same time I warn you not to place yourselves above them, for

**“You do not support the root, but the root supports you” (Rom. 11:18).**

It should be obvious to you, beloved sons and daughters, that you as grafted-in branches must be connected to your roots in order to be viable. The church fathers purposely cut themselves off from everything Jewish. My living church, which was initially comprised only of men and women from my people Israel – to which non-Jewish disciples were later added – became a dead church because it (and thus you, also) separated itself from its roots. Thus the church lost all its power.

**“You have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead” (Rev. 3:1).**

Replacement theology was born in Europe and infiltrated my worldwide church. This theology says that the Jews/Israel were rejected and damned by me and then you, the Christian church, received their place from me. This is a terrible lie and heresy. I, the God of Israel, already promised Abraham, your father in faith, and his seed (i.e. the Jews/Israel),

**“I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse” (Gen. 12:3).**

It is a terrible tragedy that you have not only cut yourselves off from your roots, but have now become a curse for them, as well. But I have never made a secret of my plans and purposes for them and for you.

**“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, in his flesh. He made the two (Jews and heathen) in himself into one new man, in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit” (Eph. 2:13-18 – excerpts).**

Together you are the one new man, my church, consisting of Jews and heathen who believe in me, Jesus Christ. You belong together – one family with the same father, the God of Israel.

I myself bought this reconciliation and made it possible for a great price through my death on the cross. But what did you as the "church" do? Instead of loving them, honoring them and embracing them you cursed, betrayed, and rejected them, destroying their honor; you spread lies about them, persecuted, mistreated, murdered and downright slaughtered them. And this in my name, the King of the Jews and your returning Messiah. What have you done? What kind of horrible injustice have you done them? The hatred, but also the indifference regarding my chosen people Israel is unbroken up to the present day. You must not tolerate this in my church, you must uncover it and eliminate it totally! For they are "my first-born, the apple of my eye". You cannot fully fathom what you do to me and my Father when you take a stand against your elder brother, nor what awful consequences this has for you. Therefore, beloved children, I urgently call to you:

**"Come, set out, turn around and return to an understanding of your roots."**

This is the end of the message which the Lord gave me.

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**The time is near. Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy. Behold, I am coming soon. My reward is with me and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. (Off. 22, 10-12)**

Blessings and greetings

**May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.**

**Brothers and sisters. I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brethren. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. (2 Thess. 5:23-28)**