



WELCOME HOME

*Joe's Rocking
Chair Greetings*

The great news is that Jesus is always there to welcome you home, as long as there is breath in your being.



There are so many unanswered questions with regard to all the changes that are happening before our very eyes. We ask questions like, "What is our place in today's world...where do we fit?" "How are we doing with God's expectations of us?" Because when we Christians start getting sloppy, careless, smug, lazy, self-satisfied, or ritualized, we can lull ourselves into thinking that everything's fine because our bodies are in the right place at the right time.

You know that sitting in a church on Sunday morning doesn't make you a believer any more than sitting for an hour in your garage makes you a car. The fact that you keep certain key observances during the year that touch on some of the great acts of God in human history, like the fact that you allow Christmas and Easter to affect your annual schedule, doesn't mean anything whatsoever if your head and heart aren't engaged. Motions are not the same thing as saving faith.

And I'll tell you what, when we are sloppy, we need a wake-up call our faith is a precious gift from God, and it's not something for us to toss aside or use when we want to. It's life or death for you and me.

Recently we have heard comments like "I'm only 3 paychecks away from being on the street." I wonder how many of us, by skipping for 3 or 4 Sundays in a row, would be that close to becoming non church goers (homeless).

My nephew once asked me "Why do you spend so much time in church and attending Bible study?" I said, "Because I want to fall in love with the Person I'm going to spend eternity with."

Join us soon to learn more about God's love for you.

If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.

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