

COLLISIONS

From Timothy, your brother.

2 To: The faithful believers in Collisi

3 May God, your Father and mine, fill your bathtub up with good thoughts and blessings.
4 Whenever we think about you. . . we pray, and give THANKS that you are our brothers in Christ. You are full of enthusiasm and good words. You are the difference between 'christian' and "Christian." 5 I know you are eager for Heaven, and the good times that await you there. For you realize that the Kingdom of Heaven is within your hearts. It is not a place, but a person. 6 The same Best News is travelling throughout the world. I know it made a difference in YOUR life from the very first day. You started smiling for NO REASON at all, besides knowing that every sin you EVER did or will do is forgiven. COMPLETELY.

7 Epaphras, our buddy, was the one who first brought the News. The BEST NEWS. He is a SLAVE to our master Jesus Christ. His only thought is to serve. He told me how FULL of kindness you are to all around you. Surely others see HIS face in you. Our Lord will bless. 8 Every since we first heard we have been praying for God to show His PLAN more clearly in your lives. 9 The Spiritual things of the Lord will become clear to you as you do your best to love one another. As you progress in Love, God will become manifest in all your actions. 10 When you do this you will honor and please our Lord.

11 We also pray that God's TOTAL POWER of peace and happiness will course through your veins.....for his strength lies in Love. How HE LOVES US! 12 Our Father is LIGHT. He makes it possible to SEE. We become AWARE of the beauty and truth around us. For GOD snatched us out of the EVIL ONE'S grimy paws. We no longer have to suffer under the weight of depression and anxiety----for his YOKE his EASY. The BURDEN LIGHT. 13 He has brought us into a NEW kingdom. So different from the old that our eyes seemed to be blind. Jesus had to pay the price for our blindness. He did this with the dark stain removing blood of forgiveness. 14 The price for our sins was DEATH! And how we DESERVE the ruling! HE saved us.

15 Jesus was the Physical mirror of GOD. When God looked at Jesus, He saw HIMSELF! Jesus has always been here, even before He was born He was alive. 16 In fact, Jesus was the Master Carpenter who hung the heavens and hammered out the Earth. He didn't even bend a nail. The Romans didn't either. 17 Jesus is the SUPER GLUE that holds the Earth together. Without Jesus Gravity we would ALL be space cadets. 18 He is the Central Computer THE MASTER PROGRAMMER. He is Connected to all believers through his Nervous System. He Knows all, SEES ALL. He is the bond breaker of the DEAD. For WE ALL HAVE DIED TO THE FORMER SELF. Jesus had to be first, He was the only one with the FLASHLIGHT of God's pure Love. 19 God wanted Jesus to be the spittin' image of Himself.

20 Jesus was the Spiritual BUNDU BASHER. He had to hack and smash a trail through the thickest BUSH to get Man to GOD. What a thick hedge of earthly delights we fenced ourselves in with. Christ's death was the STEAMROLLER that flattened out and made smooth the way to his FATHER. 21 Even you spiritual people in Collisi used to be COMPLETELY FENCED IN WITH SIN. There was NO WAY for you to get out, no matter HOW HARD you tried. You were so far away you forgot there even WAS a light! All you craved was the DARK. Dark in the DAYTIME. All you thought was cruel. You LAUGHED at other's problems, proud of your own security. Yet now Jesus Christ is YOUR BEST FRIEND. How well others can see your spiritual friendship. 22 He accomplished this Miracle by freely giving up his RIGHT to life. His Human Body had to DIE. He had to feel what it was like to be CRUCIFIED. You think that's a JOKE?! Jesus hurt real bad for all those crummy things we did. Now there is not even a piece of Saran Wrap between you and GOD your true Father. 23 The only 'catch' is that you truly believe that ONLY JESUS CHRIST can save your HIDE. You must believe that He Died just so YOU could have LIFE! It was one or the other. He died for the good of the many. This is the BEST NEWS that we share. WE HAVE AN ESCAPE Route from our Prison of SIN. He OPENED the way, and SHOWS us the way. And I, Timothy, have the great time of telling you about this!

24 BUT part of my work is to suffer for you, and what the heck. . . Jesus took a lot more. Maybe all this abuse I take from these swine Romans will be a slight earache compared to HIS LOVE for YOU. 25 God sent me to work with you gentle Gentiles---and I'm glad He did. Those 'jewboys' still leave a bad taste in my mouth. The Romans were only the front men, WE KNOW who was really responsible. WE ARE!! If we would have taken the HOLY LIFE seriously we could have saved him MISERY. BUT NOOOOOO! We just couldn't wait to act snotty, or say something cold blooded. Isn't sin fun? Sin is DEATH. Just as GOD is LOVE. Never forget that. Sin is COLLISION. Hard metal on soft fleshly bodies. Finished. Wiped out. Strawberry JAM on the PAVEMENT. There was absolutely NO HOPE. / But there is a SECRET PLAN.

26,27 He has kept this hidden for thousands of years. Christ in your hearts is the ONLY WAY. HIS is the true solution out of the MAZE around us. Though we THOUGHT we knew the way, we were only walking in circles.

28 So even when we go to the grocery store, we're telling people "HEY! If you wanna be perfect----I know who you need to talk to. This friend of mine, died for YOU---just so you could meet HIS Father, JEHOVAH GOD." If I didn't have Jesus living within me, I not only WOULDNT do His work I COULDN'T do His work. It is His MIGHTY VOLTAGE that flows through me that you see.

Chapter 2

1 I think about you often when I talk with God. In prison I have a lot of spare time. I guess you could say I'm writing the first CHAIN LETTER. Ark, ark ark---a little apostle joke there. It isn't easy to pray for those that I haven't even met, yet I can feel your love for the Savior from here. 2 I ask our Father that you be TIED UP with Titanium Steel Cables of Love---that cannot be cut. This LOVE BONDAGE will bring forth the incredible happiness of the Lord. How GOOD IT IS TO BE ALIVE. AND LOVED BY THE FATHER OF IT ALL!! It was always TOP SECRET LOVE. . .That is until JESUS came. Jesus UNCOVERED the COVERUP of LOVE. Before Jesus came, GOD was impossible to see, to handle. 3 In Jesus lies all that you ever wondered about, like "do I really Care?"

4 I'm telling you this for one reason. . . There are some SLICK HONCHOS trying to talk you into FALSE SALVATION. 5 Even though I'm months away, still my heart leaps like Antionius Slatius whenever I think about you. I'm so glad things are going well with you. And I know that the reason is all because of Jesus. How fortunate we are! 6 Even as you trusted Jesus to get you out of the Prison Maze of Sin, now trust Him to take care of you every day. Don't Worry! 7 It's time for you to stop being BABY plants now. Send those tap roots way on down into the depths of HIS LOVE. Feel the nourishment He is so willing to give you. Be alert to how you are growing. How do you respond to those around you? Be tough to troubles, don't let them get through to you. AND BUBBLE UP with His joy. Spill over your love on those around you. Not just because you know them, but just because they happen to be in your immediate area. And GIVE THANKS. How our Lord must tire of UNGRATITUDE. Did you know you could have been KILLED TODAY? There is NO SAFE PLACE buckos! How can we take a single second for granted? We have been given Life! A love life that must overflow. A dry well is not a well. It's just a HOLE IN THE GROUND.

8 And don't let all those clever chaps down at the Coliseum fool you! They think they're smart, but let me tell you, They couldn't tell their TOGA FROM A HOLE IN THE GROUND! Give me a BREAK! Do they think they can OUTTALK GOD? For "plato's disciples" they bore me to tears. Rhetoric! The only thing worse than cheap talk is bad TV. 10 Jesus wasn't just some IMAGE. Jesus was REAL. He walked and talked, and hugged people and wanted to slug people and, and---anyway, you get my drift. Jesus wasn't just a STORY or PLAY invented by SOCRATES. Sure, Jesus' life had great plot---but He was a real PERSON TOO! 11 When you have Jesus, YOU HAVE THE WHOLE SHEEBANG! You are UTTERLY FILLED UP WITH GOD. There will be no more of YOU. I like to think of it as oil in a glass. As the water fills up, up goes the oil. As the water fills up, the glass the OIL is the first to go! No one needed to fill up Jesus' cup. He is the ULTIMATE! The only ONE able to fill the OTHERS. 11 When you first met Jesus He got rid of all your bad desires and buried them in a sanitary landfill. He didn't "take out the GARBAGE" by a simple OPERATION on your SEX ORGAN. His was a SPIRITUAL Sindectomy. He gave your soul a good washing and now we're shiny. 12 When He baptised us He scrubbed behind the ears. We used to be covered with the bad smell and slime of SIN. God wanted to vomit whenever we got around. But He loved us enough to send someone to REMOVE all that yucky stuff. Now we actually smell like JESUS. It's still working! He lifted us out of the Garbage can into his SANITARY LOVE. And all because you trusted HIM enough to HANG ON WHILE HE PULLED YOU OUT. His grip never slipped.

13 I mean You were STIFF you were so DEAD! Sin was a tumor that was in EVERY PART of your body. Down to the Marrow. Then God decided to CURE you down to the BONE. He gave you a share of His life. Jesus is a Major STOCK holder. 14 He took all that Cancer, and shot it full of his RADIUM LOVE that was emitted from the cross. 15 In this way Satan can never get a radar fix on us. Only SIN is picked up on his evil scanner. Jesus makes us INVISIBLE to EVIL. God put Jesus up on a hill to let EVERYONE SEE HIS LIGHT.

16 So when those 'clever lads' come by and point their sugar coated finger at you and say "How can you even CONSIDER doing such a heinous thing?" remember this, 17 all the rules

are a great distortion of what is actually important. They are but a darkness compared to Christ's light. 19 And now they are condemning you because you won't support all these 'angels'? What do these birdbrains know? Take a close look at what these 'messengers' actually DO! Zip! NIL! NADA! Well, I take it back---they DO spend a lot of time pruning their feathers and looking into their warped mirror of SELF LOVE. NARSISSUS? Won't you GO HOME!! Their mega-false HUMILITY makes me want to BARF. I CANNOT DIGEST their spiritual dogfood.

20 But remember YOU ARE DEAD! You died when JESUS took YOUR place. Now you don't have to follow the RULES to be saved. SO WHY DO YOU DO ALL THIS LEGALISTIC STUFF? Just so you can FEEL BETTER THAN THOSE THAT DON'T?? What is your motive? 21 Do you ~~thank~~ Jesus' death wasn't ENOUGH? Don't be ridiculous! How petty you must think HIS love is! 22 All these RULES are not enough! Food is meant to be eaten! Don't be dumb. 23 These RULES may seem good ON THE SURFACE, but see how it makes just another BARRIER between you and those that don't feel the same way. Although we may get a certain pleasure out of the abuse we're enduring for spiritual reasons, they do nothing to actually QUENCH THE THIRST. There is no gain by enduring hardship by pain except to make you even MORE PROUD OF YOURSELF. What a waste of energy!

Chapter 3

Since you rose up out of the Garbage of SIN/DEATH, don't look back at the pit but up at the KINGdom. If we look hard enough we can see Jesus sitting right beside his Father. Man! He looks POWERFUL. Guess what----HE IS! 2 Heaven is in your Head friends. Let your eyes look through the sun glasse s of God's love. Se e everything with HIS TINT IN MIND. And what's most important DON'T WORRY. JUST RELY. 3 Your real life is not down here with all the 'normals' who think Life is just 'something to get through'. You are really living in Heaven right now. Because the part of you that is Jesus is also with his Father in the sky. You should be as concerned about this life as a cadaver. Have you ever seen a mummy get upset? Dead people may be a lot of things, but uptight is not one of them. 4 And when Jesus comes back in his Perfect body, we shall become really shiny, and realize why there was NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

5 So cast out all of those dirty thoughts. Don't look at women as things to use. The Romans have figured out every possible abomination. Don't hang out at those Xrated ampi-theatres! It will just make you HOT for no reason. And never forget that all those nice things you have may be very important to you. That is IDOL WORSHIP. Your happiness cannot be grounded in THINGS below, but UNSEEN THINGS ABOVE. 6 God gets upset when He sees such STUPIDITY. How can any being be so dumb? How can something CREATED create the Uncreated? IDIOTS! 7 You used to to do all that garbage when you were in the pit. 8 Brothers NOW IS THE TIME to get rid of ANGER, and ABUSIVE tongues! Stop talking DIRTY.

9 And PLEASE don't lie to each other. It's bad for business. There has to be a difference in YOU or there will never be a change in the others that are around you. 10 You are living a new LIFE. You learn new things about the FATHER every minute you are alive. That is if you pay ATTENTION. . . So WAKE UP! Be EXACTLY LIKE JESUS. That's the goal. Will you ever score? 11 In this NEW LIFE it doesn't matter what kind of person you USED TO BE. THIS is the NEW LIFE. OLD THINGS have taken the long road to HELL. The only thing that matters is whether you have JESUS the heavenly VISA on your SOUL'S PASSPORT. He STAMPS you READY TO ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM.

12 GOD chose you and gave you this NEW LIFE. He showed HUGE AMOUNTS of love for you. Why not try and show a little kindness and MERCY to those around you who may not be as SPIRITUALLY ADVANCED AS YOU. Let them have something to aim at, "if only I could love like those Collisi Christians". Don't be so concerned what someone will THINK about you if you stop and help. So what if you don't usually get dirty pushing some donkey cart out of the mud. Help till it hurts. Keep pushing even when you're way ahead of everybody else. Jesus has still lapped us slowpoke. And if you're going to suffer, do it QUIETLY. 13 Be easy on those poor shmucks around you. Don't hold old memories of ancient remember whens. God is absent minded. He doesn't even see those old stains. Because they're GONE. Jesus forgave us. Lets do the same to those around us.

14 Most of all, LOVE PEOPLE. In everything you do let their be an aroma of happiness and helpfulness. As you Love each other, so there will be a oneness of mind and spirit between you. Jesus loves good harmony. 15 Be at peace. Resonate with a calm assurance that you are being taken care of, by powerful hands. And say 'thank you'. Even a pig grunts before a meal.

- 16 Keep in mind what Jesus said. Sometimes it's a good idea to make up songs using his words. It helps you hide his word in your heart. Sing out LOUD. Because you're HAPPY.
- 17 Remember too that you are an alien in a foreign land. Everyone wants to know why you're different. If they can't tell a difference, take a good look at who you think YOU ARE. You are walking around with a NAME TAG on your chest that says JESUS CHRIST. Are you worthy of wearing HIS GLORY?
- 18 Wives! I REALIZE you know everything. . . but submit to your silly husbands anyway. They like to feel as if they are taking care of you. HUSBANDS, handle your wives with LOVE, JUST LOVE, ONLY LOVE. Don't get upset SO EASILY. Why should you take it out on them? REALIZE why you are upset!
- 20 Kids. Believe it or not your Folks do know more than just a thing or two. They are taller---they can see further down the road. Try and make them happy. Even if you don't agree with them. Parents want to be able to TRUST before they give you SLACK on the rope. ACT RESPONSIBLE and you will be treated like a grown up. 21 Dads! Give the kid a break--- He's a HUMAN BEING TOO. He's just shorter. Many times your children will see things in a new light. Use their eyes too.
- 22 Slaves! You are not really working for that Roman, but your Master in Heaven who has given you this opportunity to DO YOUR BEST. Don't CLOCK WATCH! Aim to ACCOMPLISH.
- 23 And be in a good mood when you come to work. How a smile warms up the muscles of the arms and the heart. 24 For JESUS is the great Paymaster. And He is always watching your attitude, which is the surest example of where you are coming from. Do you do it from UHHH? Or do you do it from Ahhh! 25 If you work like a snail don't be expecting a blue ribbon for your race. Jesus doesn't play favorites---He just calls 'em like He see 'em.

Chapter four

Just because you have a Slave, is no reason to treat him like a dog. You also have a Master who keeps tight surveillance on you.

2 Don't get pooped out praying. Keep asking, keep watching, keep expecting. And when He answers, Say THANKS. Pay attention to how well He watches over you.

3 Pray to God that we will have many opportunities to tell other about the BEST NEWS. There are plenty of sinners in here with me in Jail. 4 To tell you the truth, I'm a bit nervous about these thugs. Paul is so TOUGH. I always think, "what would Paul do?". Help me to tell them STRAIGHT OUT what I stand for. Not to beat around the ~~Parthenon~~ I know that's what I'm supposed to do.

5 God is giving you chances all the time to spread the word. BE ALERT to his guidance. Use some snap when you talk to outsiders in the faith. They will be judging what you say by who you are. 6 Be polite when you talk, don't be a smartstoic. If you are friendly, no matter what you say, it will be correct.

7 Tychichus will clue you in on the whole jail situation. He's a great guy--enthusiastic and tireless. He sure has helped my spirits! 8 I told him to check out you Collisions, because I want to know how you are doing, and to tell you words of comfort. 9 Onesimus is also on the caravan, you remember him, he's from your own area. He's such a good buddy. I'll miss him while he's seeing y'all.

10 Even Aristarchus is in Jail. When will the Romans learn you can't cover up the light by trying to hide the SON? Mark also says Greetings. He's such a friendly guy. And a good worker too. 11 Jesus Justus also says hello. These are the only Jewish Christians here--- They sure have helped me out.

12 Epaphras, also from your town, says good morning to you. He is asking God to make you PERFECT. Amen to that! 13 He has sweated hard for you in prayer.

14 Doctor Luke also thinks of you often and says hello. as does Demas.

15 Give my greeting to all the Christians in Laodicea, and to Nymphas, and to those who hang out around his house. 16 And would you pass this letter to the Church in Laodicea? The cost of stamps these days would make Caesar weep. And check out what I wrote to them. 17 And tell that Archippus, "Fly straight, JACK!"

18 Here is my greeting with my own hand--- just to let you know I'm not just a Roman Typewriter. *Hi FROM TINA!*

19 Don't forget me in jail. I live for the mail. May God fill you with JOY!