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"...how you turned from
idols to serve the living
and true God."

(1 Thessalonians 1:9)



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On A Personal Note

As many of you may remember, Covington, TN where LaDonna and I live, was hit by a significant tornado on Friday, March 31st. Since then I've received numerous phone calls, texts and emails asking how we're doing.

By God's grace (as the brethren often say in India), my family is all right. We were without power for 24 hours, my son was without it for almost 80 hours. But that kind of inconvenience sometimes happens with simple thunderstorms.

The damage was very significant to the town of Covington. Two schools, two factories, numerous small shops and stores, along with many dozens of homes were flattened. But there was only one death, and few serious injuries.

Please continue to pray for the people of Covington, TN, and for the other places where these tornadoes struck, some of them far worse than in Covington.

And I want to thank each of you who are praying for us and who are concerned about our welfare. It's so encouraging to know that not only are we not alone in our India work, but we're not alone at all, since we have the love, support and concern of you who are truly our fellow-laborers in the vineyard of Christ!

Thank you!

Hope! One of the Key Facts about Christianity versus Hinduism

I'm often asked why Christ is so very attractive to the Hindu people of India, especially to the poor and lower caste. The simple answer is one word: Hope.

The plain fact of the matter is that Hinduism offers not a shred of hope to the vast vast majority of the Indian people. This surprises many Americans because we've been reared in a culture saturated with messages of hope.

Pay attention to the messages in movies, sports, commercials—a serious part of it is hope. Pay attention to political parties—a serious part of their message is also hope, on the left and the right. Ours is a society saturated with messages of hope, even though most of the things people trust are powerless to help them obtain that hope.

So, as surprising as this is to many of us, it's a sad truth in India that they live lives without any real hope at all.

The reason for this begins with their belief that there is neither heaven nor hell. Instead, Hinduism teaches that the great reward for a righteous life is that you will be completely absorbed back into the great nothingness from which all came: the name of this is Nirvana.

What kind of hope is it that you and everyone you know will ultimately be absorbed into nothing, especially after

a life of suffering, pain and poverty? Annihilation and nothingness are better than squalor, oppression and struggle, but that's hardly the same thing as hope!

There are other facts about Hinduism that makes this hopelessness even worse that it at first seems. Take for instance their belief in re-incarnation where you're reborn into the same place in life many hundreds of times until you finally get it right (without even remembering what you did wrong). Then you come back only a little higher than last time and have to go through it all again and again at that next level.

Yet in Christ we have tremendous hope: once to die and then the Judgment (Hebrews 9:27)—and that judgment for us is cloaked in the blood of Jesus: "There is now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit" (Romans 8:1).

Hope is the hallmark of the Christian faith. And so many Indians find this a hope worth grasping.

I know you too live in this hope!

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