

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday April 1, 2024 - Romans 10: 17

17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Read Romans 10 for meditation and inspiration.



BELIEVE ON THE LORD, JESUS CHRIST AND YOU SHALL BE SAVED.

Dear Lakesiders and friends,

Spellcheck is a funny thing -- sometimes. We've all experienced the frustration of quickly composing a text, only to have spellcheck swoop in to embarrass us. Ironically there is no official spelling of the word spellcheck (either one or two words is currently acceptable).

It seems hard to believe that when the first word processing program was introduced, it didn't even have a basic spelling feature. Today's programs not only include a dictionary and thesaurus but other writing tools such as translation, smart lookup, and research. Then, there is the hugely popular Grammarly program online that will scan your text, flag mistakes, and even make suggestions to improve your writing. Lesser known is a website called the "Hemingway Writer," named after the famed Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist. This program will attempt to apply Hemingway's unique way with words to your writing. In case you are not familiar with Hemingway's style, it is described as straightforward and simple -- while still

relating a lot of information to the reader. To which I will add, that's easier said than done!

Straightforward. Simple. Relating a lot of information. The same can be said of our text in today's Lesson wherein Jesus says to the Apostle Thomas, "Doubt no longer but believe." Straightforward, simple, and conveyed in a kind of show and tell way. Go ahead and touch if that is what it takes for you but blessed are those who can not see but still believe.

I, of course, would love to see Jesus and reach out and touch him BUT faith is not active when earthly proof is required. For we are called upon to walk by faith and not by sight.

Lord, I believe! Push back and shut out my elements of unbelief, in Jesus. AMEN.

With believing hearts,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name.

Roger