

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday May 4, 2026 - John 3: 18

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

Read John 3 for meditation and inspiration.



SOME THINGS WE DARE NOT FORGET

Dear Lakesiders and Friends,

A much-loved grandfather began showing signs that he might soon require full-time care. Consequently, the family gathered for a meeting to discuss his options. Anthony, the ten-year-old grandson, and his younger sister attentively listened as the adults weighed the advantages and disadvantages of the available choices. Eventually, the boy interrupted, addressing his grandpa. “Grandpa,” he declared, “I will never allow you to go to an old age home.” The grandfather responded, “Anthony, we never know what the future will bring, so sometimes we have to think about living in a new place.” The boy was adamant, saying, “Grandpa, no matter what, you will live with me.” Grandpa then turned to his granddaughter and said, “That’s so nice of your brother. What would you do if I had to go to a nursing home?” After thinking it over for a moment, the little girl replied enthusiastically, “I’d visit you and Anthony!”

In another heartwarming “Grandpa” tale, six-year-old Timmy approached his grandpa, offering to reveal his secret hiding place. Grandfather explained that in sharing the hiding place, it would no longer be a secret. However, Timmy

assured him that it wouldn't be an issue. "That's alright, Grandpa. I know you'll forget."

In his Letter to the Romans, the Apostle Paul says that the Good News of Jesus Christ, which He proclaims, is "the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast everywhere." This is something we as the church of Jesus Christ in our day must never forget!

Paul speaks in Romans chapter 16 of that which is no longer a secret but a message to be proclaimed: "And because, For while your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, I would have you wise as to what is good and guileless as to what is evil; then the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you... Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed and through the prophetic writings is made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God be glory for evermore through Jesus Christ! Amen."

AMEN!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger".

Roger