

## *Dear valued and cherished ones in Jesus Christ our Lord:*

"Home." said Robert Frost, "the place where, when you go there, they have to take you in." "Home is where the heart is," and "there is no place like home," these are phrases we accept and don't even question. Yes we always think of a safe place to go to and be loved and wanted and accepted for what we are and what we do. Through all our life we are looking for a safe "warm" place to return to. A place that is as we remember it. A place where the world cannot get at us and where we are protected by the comfort of someone bigger and stronger than we are who is ready and able to take all the blows of the world for us.

For we all know that no one can stand against the world alone. Even the strongest of man or woman can and will be reduced to dependence on something. For some it is alcohol; for some it is a drug or hospital bed with attending nurses and doctors. For still others it is a dream world of other reality and for some it is their own imagined ability.

Through life all are running. We are either running away from or to something. Life is a race for everyone. It is either a race of terror or a race of joy.

Christians are in the race too, because Christians are in the world. Being a human being means that Christians too must look for a safe and warm spot where all the terrible reality of existence is taken away and there is only comfort, joy and peace.

This is where being Christ's person really comes into play. We spend our lives dying. All of life is on the edge of guilt, fear and pain as we

get older we find that soon, soon because of death and sin there is nowhere to run to and nowhere to hide. The very Son of God who had no place to lay His head - He chose to have no place to run to and hide. He alone looked fear,

pain and all the misery of existence in the face and made it not worth comparing to what He has in store.

For the Christian the words of Jesus are: "Hurry home where you belong." Enjoy your trip to where you know you are going. There is for you a place which is more than safe and "warm" and protected. For you - for me, there is a home that is bought and paid for and everlasting and that is what it is all about.

*<sup>1</sup> "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. John 14: 1-3*

Rejoicing in His days  
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