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Dear Friends,

To every American it is a treasured phrase: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men were created equal." And yet so much mischief has been done in the name of that half truth. The founding fathers meant to say that all men are created equal before the law, but no one ever thought that all men were actually created equal.

No one until more recent years, when a new kind of politics wanted to strive for equal results among men. If, some people thought, we have unequal outcomes, it is because people have been denied equal opportunity. But any serious reader of the Bible should know immediately that the whole idea is wrong - not that men are not to be treated equal before the law, but that men are not, never have been and never will be equal.

Two of the most powerful parables of Jesus, the parable of the talents and the parable of the pound make it abundantly clear. First, they make it clear that all men do not start out equal, then they take us beyond that to tell us that all men are

not given equal gifts. Then they close out the issue by making the point that we cannot expect equality of results no matter what the test or trial.

Life, it seems, is very much like a lottery. The luck of the draw determines who is more intelligent, who is more gifted, who is sick and who is healthy. And then men proceed to perform at very different levels within each set of abilities and gifts they have been given. No matter how hard we try to make it otherwise, the rewards of life are not distributed equally, not even in the most socialist kind of paradise. As English novelist George Orwell put it, all pigs may be equal, but some pigs are more equal than others.

It is hard to overstate the importance of this simple truth, just as it is hard to overstate the harm being done by those who would change it. It is only when we ask why God made it so, that we come closer to some other important truths about the work of God in the world.

God has given us this massively unfair lottery of life for two important tests. First,

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He wants to see what we will do with what He has given us. Second, He wants to see how we treat one another. Hence a third parable that enters into the equation to remind us that entering the Kingdom of God depends very much on how we treat the severe inequalities we find in the world.

This short letter cannot possibly develop this theme, but a recent sermon I delivered did. I would very much like to send you a copy of this message titled, "Unequal Parts." To get a free cassette tape of the message, just check the box on the enclosed card and send it back to us. As usual, the tape is *free*, but we ask for your help to make it possible to send the message freely to others.

Thanks for keeping in touch.

With love in Christ's service,
Ronald L. Dart

Radio Update

Please note the following
new station:

Mount Olive, North Carolina
WDJS 1430 AM
Monday - Friday
at 11:00 a.m.

Don't forget to take a
look at our daily radio
stations listed to the
right. You can hear
Born to Win every day
on over 20 stations!



Tune in for the latest
weekly broadcast.

March 17 - March 23
Christian Holidays 3
March 24 - March 30
Christian Holidays 4
March 31 - April 6
Christian Holidays 5
April 7 - April 13
Christian Holidays 6
April 14 - April 20
Christian Holidays 7

Daily Radio

The *Born to Win* broadcast can
be heard daily on these stations:

Huntsville, Alabama
3:30 p.m. daily - WBXR 1140 AM
Little Rock, Arkansas
5:30 p.m. daily - KAAY 1090 AM
Denver, Colorado
5:00 a.m. Daily - KLT 670 AM
Augusta, Georgia
5:30 p.m. daily - WFAM 1050 AM
Morrow, Georgia
7:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. daily
WSSA 1570 AM
Richmond, Kentucky
12:30 p.m. daily - WCBR 1110 AM
Denton, Maryland
10:00 a.m. daily - WKDI 840 AM
Omaha, Nebraska
3:30 p.m. daily - KLNG 1560 AM
Asheville, North Carolina
4:00 p.m. daily - WSKY 1230 AM
Mount Olive, North Carolina
11:00 a.m. daily - WDJS 1430 AM
Charleston, South Carolina
4:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. daily
WZJY 1480 AM
Greenville, South Carolina
4:30 p.m. daily - WELP 1050 AM
Chattanooga, Tennessee
5:00 p.m. daily - WLMR 1450 AM
Beaumont, Texas
8:30 a.m. daily - KQHN 1510 AM
Dallas, Texas
6:30 a.m. daily - KSKY 660 AM
Ephrata, Washington
6:00 a.m. Monday - Saturday
KTRW 970 AM

The following stations
broadcast daily
at 2:30 p.m.

Northeastern Oregon
KGDN 101.3 FM
Central Washington
KGER 95.9 FM
Moses Lake, Washington
KTAC 93.9 FM
Northwest Washington
KTBI 810 AM
Spokane, Washington
KSPO 106.5 FM
Yakima, Washington
KYAK 930 AM

Calendar of Events

March 31st - Atlanta, Georgia **Meet the Teacher**

The Independent Church of God of Atlanta, Georgia is sponsoring a "Meet the Teacher" with Ronald Dart on Saturday, March 31st at 1:30 in the afternoon. It will be held at the 4 Point Sheraton Hotel-Atlanta Perimeter, 1850 Cotillion Drive, in Atlanta. For more information, or directions, please contact Steve Sanders at (770) 844-8147.

April 6th and April 8th - Tyler, Texas **Passover Services and First Day of Unleavened Bread Services**

Ronald L. Dart will be conducting Passover services at the Tyler Church of God, 6094 Copeland Road, Tyler, Texas on Friday evening, April 6th. He will also be speaking on the First Day of Unleavened Bread services, again at the Tyler Church of God, on Sunday, April 8th at 2:00 in the afternoon. Please call Faye Brown at the CEM office, (903) 509-2999 for more information.

April 14th - Terrell, Texas **Last Day of Unleavened Bread Services**

Ronald L. Dart will be speaking in Terrell, Texas for services on Saturday, April 14th. Services will again be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church, 503 W. College, in Terrell. Services will begin at 1:00 and there will be a potluck meal immediately following services. If you need more information, please contact either Ralph Collins, in Forth Worth, at (817) 246-1874 or Faye Brown at the CEM office at (903) 509-2999.

April 28th - Hopkins, Minnesota **Meet the Teacher**

Ronald L. Dart will be speaking at a special Sabbath service and a "Meet the Teacher" session in Hopkins, Minnesota. The service will be held on Saturday, April 28th at 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon at Hopkins Community Center, 33 14th Ave. N., in Hopkins. For more information, please contact Dona Fehr at (763) 572-8377 or by e-mail at DLFehr@compuserve.com

The Festival Association in Action

For the 2001 Feast of Tabernacles

The survey taken at last year's Feast was overwhelmingly positive, and the input was exactly what we needed. It takes only a single idea, a single action to make a great Feast even better.

Young Adults - Your response to the survey showed that our young adults 20-25, would like to have planned activities. These young people have outgrown our Sabbath School classes and youth activities, but they have needs we must meet.

Adult Dance - From the survey you returned we also learned that you want an adult dance, and we want you to have it.

Volunteers Needed - Teamwork is the fuel that allows the FA to give you an outstanding Feast. We need volunteers to help with the young adult activities and for planning and setting up for the dance. If you're willing to make this commitment to serve, telephone Carl Dillenback at 860-653-4659 or e-mail him at Dutchmen3@aol.com.

YEA Sabbath Schools - Fun activities for kids in every age group are planned. YEA will also introduce our kids to God in five lively and animated Sabbath School classes for five different age groups. Action galore, and more fun than ever before are promised. We're pulling out all of the stops. YEA is where you can park your kids free. We'll keep an eye on them while you're in seminars. And they will love learning God's way.

Housing and Travel - Many may not know that the FA director for housing and travel is Debbie Collins. She has put together an effective team to see to it that you have the best information in these areas. Shirley Hamil is taking care of travel – maps, camping information and a directory. Diane Cacchio is assigned to housing. And

Lavonne Schneel is in charge of travel – airlines and car rentals. They are working hard to get you the best possible rates. The following is information to help you with your reservations:

Hidden Dunes - (800) 824-6335 – Call or visit their website at www.hiddendunes.com. Hidden Dunes' rates are ten percent off *fall rates*.

- 2 Bedrooms - gulfside: \$999 a week or \$1,141.71 plus tax for eight nights
- 3 Bedrooms - gulfside: \$1,269 a week or \$1,450.28 plus tax for eight nights
- 1 Bedroom cottage: \$675.00 a week or \$787.50 plus tax for eight nights
- 2 Bedroom cottage: \$810 a week or \$949.50 plus tax for eight nights
- 3 Bedroom cottage: \$945 a week, or \$1,102.50 plus tax for eight nights
- 3 Bedroom villa: \$1,215 a week or \$1,388.57 plus tax for eight nights
- 4 Bedroom villa: \$1,431 a week or \$1,635.42 plus tax for eight nights

Edgewater - (800) 822-4929, 291 Old Hwy 98, Destin, Fl - *contact Katherine Valdez*. This place is near Hidden Dunes and has three swimming pools, kids pool and hot tub, children's play area, shuffleboard, fitness center, game room, basketball, and washer/dryer. The prices below are with a ten percent discount:

- 1 Bedroom condo: \$616.50 a week, or \$742.50 plus tax for eight nights
- 2 Bedroom condo: \$756 a week, or \$904.50 plus tax for eight nights
- 3 Bedroom condo: \$918 a week, or \$1,102.50 plus tax for eight nights

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Silver Shells - (888) 308-2866, *contact Sherry Shuman*. Price quote should be in writing. Or visit their website at www.silvershells.com. St. Croix Building - it faces the beach, but sits further back.

1 Bedroom: \$756 a week or \$882 plus tax for eight nights

2 Bedrooms/2 baths: \$945 a week or \$1,102.50 plus tax for eight nights

3 Bedrooms/2 baths: \$1,242 a week or \$1,449 plus tax for eight nights

3 Bedrooms/3 baths: \$1,377 a week or \$1,606.50 plus tax for eight nights

St. Maarten Building - sits closer to the beach. Prices vary for a three bedroom unit depending on the view. Prices listed below are an example of possible costs.

1 Bedroom: \$864 a week or \$1,008 plus tax for eight nights

2 Bedrooms/2 baths: \$1,161 a week or \$1,354.50 plus tax for eight nights

2 Bedrooms/3 baths: \$1,215 a week or \$1,417.50 plus tax for eight nights

3 Bedrooms/3 baths: \$1,620 a week or \$1,890 plus tax for eight nights

Bluewater Bay Resort - (800) 874-2128, Niceville

1 Bedroom/1 bath golf villas with kitchenette: \$529 a week or \$605 plus tax for eight nights

1 Bedroom/1 bath golf villas with full kitchen: \$657 a week or \$751 plus tax for eight nights

2 Bedroom/2 baths golf villas: \$782 a week or \$894 plus tax for eight nights

3 Bedrooms 2.5 baths golf villas: \$921 a week or \$1053 plus tax for eight nights

Comfort Inn - (850) 678-8077, Niceville, *contact Carla Adams*. \$55 for one person, \$65 for two people and each additional adult is \$10 – kids stay free and breakfast comes with the room.

Holiday Inn Express - (850) 678-9131, Niceville, *contact Mary Ann*. \$55 for 1-3 people; \$60 for 4 people – kids stay free and breakfast comes with the room.

Ramada Limited - (850) 897-0600, *contact Priti*. \$50 for two people, \$5 for an extra person – kids stay free and breakfast comes with the room.

Other Housing - For houses and other condos, call *Newman Dailey* at (800) 225-7652 or visit their website at www.destinvacation.com. They are giving a *20 percent discount* on all of their properties to those attending the CEM Feast in Niceville. *Abbott Realty* is giving a 10 percent discount. Their phone number is (800) 336-4853, when calling give our group customer number 741146.

Airline Discounts - Delta Airlines is providing favorable discounts to CEM Feast attendees with flights originating within the continental U.S., Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, San Juan, Nassau, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. For the best discounts reservations must be made at least 60 days in advance. Call Delta at 1-800-241-6760. You must give the *Delta File Number 171857A* to get your discount. Watch CEM's website and next month's Network for more information, including Northwest Airlines.

Watch next month's Network for more exciting Feast news. In the meantime, check out our website for updates.

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