

## Some Words To Remember

There are certain words or phrases that my son and your children use that we didn't as a child. Words like "Google" "Facebook" "Alexa" "Uber" "Social Media" and many more. It's always interesting seeing new words created.

So, what words have stuck with you during this last month? There are a number of words which come to mind for me. Words like "Quarantine" "Social Distancing" "Canceled" "Essential" "Virus" "Cure" "Free" and more. While these aren't necessarily new, they will never be forgotten. As I think about these words and how everything has changed as a result of the COVID-19 Coronavirus, I'm reminded about our Savior Jesus! Let us always keep our minds on things above. Remember the words of Paul in Colossians 3:1-3:

*"Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God."*

As I think about Jesus, I also think about some of the words that have been used a lot during our time in quarantine. Consider these words in light of what Jesus has done for us!

### ***CANCELED:***

*"When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having CANCELED out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross."*

Colossians 2:13-14.

**FREE:**

*“But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the FREE gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus.”*

*Romans 6:22-23*

**ESSENTIAL:**

*“Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ – this Jesus whom you crucified. Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do? Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:36-38. While the word “Essential” is not in Acts 2:36-38, make no mistake about it; repentance and baptism are essential when it comes to being saved.*

As we go through this new time of uncertainty, let us hold fast to the things that are certain! Let us remember the words the Holy Spirit has given to us, 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Let us remember our great King Jesus.

1. Jesus came to earth!
2. Jesus lived a sinless life!
3. Jesus died on the cross for our sins!
4. Jesus rose from the grave on the first day of the week!
5. Jesus ascended into heaven and reigns!
6. Jesus will one day return for His people who will meet Him in the clouds in the air, and shall always be with Him in heaven!

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