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To the saints of Christ's church that meets at Fairview Park with the elders and deacons. We send you greetings and joy for our common precious faith and hope in the Lord.

My wife returns to Texas to do a lot of what she had intended on her last trip. A nephew is having knee replacement surgery that was postponed until later this month. She said she would help him get to follow up appointments, etc. for the first couple of weeks when he would be largely incapacitated. I will miss her, but watching her go through her knee replacement recovery, I appreciate her willingness to help him with his. She will also help comfort our daughter who recently suffered a stroke and later began suffering from severe headaches only to learn that she also has two small tumors in the frontal lobes of her brain.

Our brethren are continuing with their health issues. One sister thought she might have a lymphoma. That was determined not to be the case, thankfully. They are still looking for the cause of her current problems.

We have concluded our Romans study. As intended we are now studying millennialism in preparation for revisiting the Revelation. I had previously only studied this subject in a cursory fashion so I am quite busy preparing this study. The subject of Dispensationalism as a subset of Premillennialism was known to me but I did know its specifics. Years ago I watched some folks wax on about the "end times" on TBN during its now passed glory days, Wow! What a convoluted collection of thinking, or rather, non-thinking. I have known for many years that American foreign policy *vis a vis* the Middle East, and specifically the secular state of Israel, was influenced by proponents of Premillennialism. But with Dispensationalism one can see the parallel politics of the U.S. government toward Judaism, as well. Now I see why Evangelical leaders are not only political with respect to Israel but also maintain what I had thought to be a rather odd ecumenism with Judaism. The Two Covenant doctrine explains this. I am appalled at how people can twist scripture so horrifically, yet at the same time am intrigued at the complexity of the doctrine. Calvinism appears childishly simple in comparison (I am *not* minimizing the dangerous error of Calvinism, nor implying that is not also convoluted in design).

Our Wednesday Bible class continues in Job. Many in the class became overwhelmed by the poetic verbiage and were not appreciating the message. We fine tuned that and are now back on track.

I mentioned a woman that began attending with us, but it appeared it would be occasional because of some family circumstances. Happily, those circumstances are favorable as she has attended every Sunday for two months. She appears to be happy meeting with us. We will need to see if she desires to be part of the work in Wilsonville. I hope she does.

Again, thank you so much for your prayers and support. I continue praying to God for His blessings on your members and the work in Little Rock. May you continue being a blessing in good works for the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, the Christ.

In Christ,

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a gospel preacher