Don't remain stiff-necked toward our Lord Jesus!

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Attached you'll find Spot On 17, *Is Your Life Revolving Around A Minimized Understanding Of Jesus?* In many corners of Christianity the fullness of Who our Lord Jesus is and the vital importance of being led by His ever-present indwelling Spirit has been minimized. So many Christians are accustomed to their personal pared-down view of our Lord Jesus that they don't even realize how insulting their perspective is to Him. They are blind to what He would do through them if they only knew and trusted Him fully. It's important that you don't allow yourself to be stiff-necked, refusing to know Jesus in His Lordship <u>and</u> resisting walking in your responsibilities as a beloved brother or sister in Jesus. Change may be in order in your life!

You older folks may remember the change from mono to stereo in the 1950s and 60s. What you may not recall is the resistance which people had to stereo! The primary challenge for selling stereo was consumers' satisfaction with the mono music systems they already owned. Adopting stereo meant you needed to buy a new record player, add speakers to your furniture setup, and acquire a stereo amplifier.

It took monumental marketing effort by record companies to get the public to accept stereo. They used what was called the "stereo demonstration" — a mix of videos, print ads and records designed to showcase the new technology and its vibrant sound. Resistant shoppers could hear trains chugging from left to right, the roar of passing war planes, and children's energetic voices as they dashed across playgrounds. By the late 1960s, stereo dominated sound reproduction.

Human resistance to change and accepting something that counters an already accepted value has been well-documented. We cite this because while we were still in Israel in 1994 we were told that we were returning to the hardest place on earth for the Hebraic foundations to be accepted — the United States. Then in 1997 our Father told us that what He had revealed to us to share about the Hebraic foundations would not bear fruit until the Dark Days of Chastisement came on the United States.

Now it seems that our time is running out, whether because the Dark Days will soon be here or the two of us are called Home. During these past 25 years you've witnessed the devastating calamities and widespread

destruction that we've witnessed. It's been a time of great sadness as we've watched this nation plunge helter-skelter into vile immorality and political/societal chaos. No longer can those who call themselves "Christian" remain stiff-necked to our Lord and what needs to change in their own lives!

Mike: Over the years there've been several men whom our Lord put in my path, but their stubborn resistance made it impossible for me to help them. In one instance a man hugged me in tears as Sue and I were about to relocate to another part of the country. His sorrowful last words to me were, "I outlasted you!" Not long afterwards his wife divorced him.

With so many prophetic voices having been dismissed by clergy over the decades, few Christians have been made aware that our heavenly Father has been warning His people for some time now. In His eyes we collectively just may be personifying, "He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck, will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Proverbs 29:1). It isn't that He hasn't been warning! But Christians just aren't listening because so many lying voices fill Christianity today with things people want to believe but are unscriptural falsehoods (2Timothy 4:3).

When faith communities begin their services on their knees in repentance; when they stay on their knees praying for Putin and other despots to end the evil they do to humanity and come to Christ in repentance; when Christian conservatives offer love, forgiveness and compassion instead of hate and bigotry and arrogant pride; when liberals give up their immorality and baby killing agenda; when clergy repent of the widespread adultery they enjoy — possibly our Father will find a less painful way than chastisement to restore the Hebraic foundations.

Please take to heart the four attributes we share in this Spot On and be sure they're yours before you meet face to face the One Who has called you to walk in them.

Mike & Sue