

Pat's Letters From Heaven

by Leon Bates

Introduction: On November 18, 1996, after 3 years of cancer surgeries and treatments, PAT BATES, my best friend and wife for 43 years... at the age of 62... "GRADUATED" from earth into Heaven and presence of OUR Lord Jesus Christ.



Speaking at her funeral, I told our friends present her witness for Christ was to continue. First was in the lives of those who knew and loved her. Second was a project God laid on my heart. That project was these "*Letters from Heaven*" **WHICH I WROTE...** that I think she would like to have sent back to us.

People who knew us were aware that for 43 years, we went everywhere together. We worked together, played and traveled together. We served on the mission field in Russia together. We knew each other as well as any two humans could. That's why I believe these letters would have come from her heart.



Pat is shown in this photo during one of our summers working in Russia as missionaries. She is giving an elderly Russian man a Bible and Russia Bible Map tract in a small rural village along the Volga River between Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia. She loved people and wanted to do all she could so more people could spend eternity with her in heaven.

I hope these letters are a blessing and encouragement to you and to others you give them to. You're welcome to print copies and share them or forward them as an E-Mail PDF attachment with as many other people as you wish.

All of us will eventually lose loved ones and face eternity ourselves. My prayer is that the information in these letters will help you and others KNOW that their eternal destiny is with the Lord. Not just "hope" but "know." Please study these letters carefully and **think** on what's being said. Look up the Scripture verses. May the Holy Spirit of God illuminate your mind and fill your heart with JOY... as you ponder and **seriously think about** these letters and the Biblical truths in them.

These three letters are "**My First Week in Heaven,**" "**My First Christmas in Heaven**" and "**My First Easter in Heaven.**" They are lovingly dedicated to the memory of PAT and the JOY she brought to me and to all who knew her.

Leon Bates

November 26, 1996

It's been just a week since my wife, Pat... GRADUATED to Heaven to be in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and her loved ones there. IF we could receive communication from her, I think this is PART of what she would tell us, based on the Bible, God's Word.



My First WEEK in Heaven

Hello to all my family and friends back on Earth:

*Leon, you often encouraged me about events I was anxious about, such as my surgeries. You said they would be a "piece of cake." You were right. It was the same with my graduation into Heaven. Suddenly, I felt so FREE... like being let out of a cage. It's wonderful to no longer hurt. It's fantastic to have my strength and energy back. The next moment I remember, someone ushered me into the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. That's what Paul was talking about in 2nd Corinthians 5:6-8... **"to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord"**... INSTANT TRANSPORTATION.*

*I was **AWESTRUCK** seeing the Lord Jesus Christ, just like John saw Him in Revelation 1:12-18. Awestruck to realize I was in the very presence of Jesus Christ... the God of Creation and God of the Universe (John 1:1-14). I saw the nail prints in His hands, as I bowed down and worshipped Him. I thanked Him for dying on the cross to pay for my sins and salvation.*

*Then He hugged me and told me how much He loved me. He said He had been looking forward to my arrival. I could tell by His smile He really meant it too. I didn't fully realize until then, just how **"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints"** (Psalms 116:15).*

*He told me He sent **SPECIAL GRACE** to my saved loved ones on earth to help them with the grief of my separation from them (2nd Corinthians 12:9). I'm just beginning to learn about the magnitude of His GRACE as mentioned in Psalms 86:15... That God is... **full of compassion and GRACIOUS, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness to us.***

*For example, Leon, I remember you always thought you would graduate before me, as many husbands do. But, the Lord said by taking me first, He was sparing **MY GRIEF** had you gone first. That's GRACE! I'm sure I'll learn much more about His marvelous, matchless infinite GRACE up here.*

*What a tremendous **JOY** followed that AWESOME meeting with Christ. There, standing and watching us... was my dad, Jim Moore, my sister... Janice, Leon's dad... Jack Bates and many of my former earth friends. Some I remembered had graduated before me. There were some I hadn't realized were already*

here. On Earth, I simply did not know our reunion was going to be **so wonderful**. Can you imagine all the hugging and crying for **JOY**? Yes, there are tears in heaven... **for a while**. Many are tears of joy... but not all.

I remember the Bible said, "**God shall wipe away all tears** (past tense) **and there shall be more crying** (future tense). That is recorded in Revelation 21:4, **AFTER** the final White Throne Judgment for all unsaved people. And we may regret that we didn't love them enough to warn them about the reality of Eternity and how to prepare for it by trusting Christ 100%. The result for all unsaved people is... they will all have to be separated from God forever (Rev. 20:11-15). **AFTER THAT** is when Revelation 21:4 promises all saved people... "**no more tears, death, pain, or crying every again.**"

Please don't let any person or thing cause you to doubt the Bible being God's written Word. Now that I've personally experienced my graduation into Heaven, it's no longer **by faith**. **I'M HERE** and folks... **IT'S REAL!**

You may wonder, "In heaven are there **EMOTIONAL RESPONSES** about events and people on Earth?" **YES, there are!**

That's why Luke 15:7 said there is **JOY in heaven over one sinner that repents more than the ninety and nine which feel no need of repentance**. There's only **JOY** for those who do **choose** to trust Christ 100% as their personal Savior.

Now, about the BEAUTY of Heaven...

I have not seen much of it yet, having only been here a week. And I've been very occupied with **THE REUNION**. But, I can say this... the beauty of heaven that I've already seen is simply... **UNDESCRIBABLE**.

That's why the Holy Spirit of God directed the Apostle Paul to write **FOR YOU** in 1st Corinthians 2:9, that **Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has entered into the heart of man, the things God has prepared for them that love Him**. Of course, no one can truly "**love Him**" until they know Him personally... by **trusting** Christ 100% as their personal Savior.

Just think about that Scriptural truth... those 4 words... "**EYE has not seen.**"

Reflect on all the beautiful sights you've seen on Earth. The majestic snow capped mountains reflected in a lake of crystal clear water. The giant Redwoods, the Grand Canyon, the fall leaves with their dazzling yellows and fire bright reds mixed with a rainbow of other colors. Just picture all the gorgeous scenes of God's creation you've seen on Earth. "**EYE has not seen**"... What we saw on Earth doesn't even come close... not by a country mile or 10 trillion, trillion miles... to the beauty of Heaven.

Paul could not describe it any other way... "**EYE has not seen.**" Your human eyes and minds cannot possibly conceive or even begin to imagine how spectacular and beautiful Heaven is. It's marvelous, fabulous, gorgeous and absolutely magnificent. I'm sure looking forward to seeing more of it and I've got **FOREVER** to see it and enjoy it all with my loved ones here. **WOW!**

That Scripture also said, "**EAR has not heard.**" Talk about beautiful music. Human ears connected to human brains have physical limitations. They can only process a tiny portion of the total frequency spectrum in the form of sounds. Even that was enjoyable on Earth. However, our hearing in heaven does **NOT** have those physical limitations. Human ears have never heard anything even close to the majesty,

splendor and jubilation of heaven's music. They tell me it gets even **MORE THRILLING** at Christmas and Easter. I'm sure looking forward to my first Christmas and my first Easter in Heaven.

That Scripture also said... **NEITHER HAS ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN the things which God has prepared for them that love Him.**

I have not been here long enough to learn all that portion of the Scripture refers to. However, from what I've experienced so far, my former human mind could not begin to imagine all that God has for us here. It's like Earth was simply a "**DRESS REHEARSAL**"... for heaven.

How **SHORTSIGHED** of Earthlings to focus on the **REHEARSAL** instead of the "**MAIN EVENT!**" I know it was marvelous to see and enjoy God's special works on the Earth and with the people there. Please, think beyond that. Think of **His Universe**, though we could see very little of it from Earth.

Earth is like one tiny grain of sand on the sea shore of His Universe. Earth is like one single drop of water in the oceans of His Universe. That's how enormous His entire Universe is. How much is one grain of sand or one drop of water in His measureless Universe? It's going to be so exciting for me to learn more about all that He has "**prepared for us who love Him.**"

Here's something else... I'm so grateful for all the love I enjoyed on Earth for 62 years from so many people. **PLEASE LIVE NOW and LOVE PEOPLE NOW... so YOU won't have any REGRETS LATER...** in case your departure, or your loved one's departure from Earth is sooner than you think.



In closing, let me urge all of you reading this to make sure your eternal home will be in heaven with me. If you're not **POSITIVE...** beyond the shadow of **ANY** doubt, please contact Leon. Until He joins me here, he will be happy to help you **KNOW** you will be here with me too. When I was with him on Earth, his web page was www.bbea.org If it's still the same, you can click on "Contact Us" and e-mail him a note.

Just say, **Leon, I read "Pat's Letters from Heaven" and I'm not as sure of heaven as I'd like to be. Can you send me some free tracts with Scriptures to help me be sure. My name and mailing address are:**

Love, from heaven, **Pat Bates**

*P.S. To all my saved loved ones and friends,
Please read Colossians 3:16, 17 and
1st Thessalonians 5:18*

December 30, 1996

It's been 6 weeks since **Pat**, my best friend and marriage partner **GRADUATED** from this earth to heaven. Guys... treat your wife **like a queen every day**, so you won't have any regrets if she leaves this earth before you do.



I'm glad Pat and I had such a close relationship and enjoyed going everywhere and doing everything together. I'm also comforted with this thought... **If she had the choice, would she come back to Earth? NO WAY! While we are grieving her absence, she's there... anxious for us Earth bound creatures to be with her.**

>>> **IF...** we could receive her communication with us, I think this is **MORE** of what she would tell us.



My First CHRISTMAS in Heaven

Hello to all my family and friends back on Earth:

*I've had a **GLORIOUS** first six weeks in Heaven. If all of you could just **KNOW** how spectacular it is... you'd want to be here too. I had countless, wonderful, beautiful, enjoyable and fun times during my 62 years on Earth. For those I'm very grateful to God and my loved ones on Earth. I had the most enjoyable marriage with Leon for 43 years that any couple could want. However, not even those cherished memories could entice me to leave the splendor of heaven that I'm enjoying now. Especially knowing many of you will eventually join me here. And to think... **OUR JOY HERE WILL NEVER END!***

*NOW... about my **FIRST CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN.***

*God taking on human form in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ and coming to Earth was not only **the # 1 MAJOR FOCAL POINT** of all human history on Earth... but also the **# 1 MAJOR FOCAL POINT** of all history... **HERE IN HEAVEN TOO.***

*When Adam and Eve chose to disobey God in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-19), they brought sin and death into the human race. **However, God had a plan for rescuing all human beings from their sin and death.** God showed His **GRACE** immediately when He offered Adam and Eve coats of skins (Genesis 3:21). They accepted and He clothed them. This required bloodshed of an innocent animal. It was the first picture, or example pointing forward to Christ. He was the innocent Lamb of God, who shed His blood to pay for all our sins (Isaiah 53:3-7). Again and again, throughout the Old Testament, events pointed forward to the coming of the Messiah, Savior in human form to the Earth.*

OVER 700 YEARS before the birth of Christ, God's Word, the Bible, said He would be born by a miraculous birth, - **"Therefore, the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel"** (Isaiah 7:14).

OVER 700 YEARS in advance, God even foretold the very city... **Bethlehem**, where He was to be born (Micah 5:2).

OVER 700 YEARS the hosts of Heaven anxiously waited, waited and waited... for that predicted **FOCAL EVENT OF ALL HISTORY** to occur. **THEN IT HAPPENED.** Mary was chosen to be the human mother. Joseph was chosen to be her husband, though he was not the human father of Jesus. God sent angelic messengers to Earth to enlighten them (Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-38).

Humble shepherds tending their flocks that night were among the first humans of Earth to know about the birth of Christ. God chose an angelic messenger to go to Earth to tell them. Luke 2:8-12 records that the angel's appearance frightened the shepherds. The angel quickly told them, **"Fear not: I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."** The angel was saying - **I BRING YOU THE BEST NEWS EVER ANNOUNCED ON EARTH.**

That **BEST NEWS** was **"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David (Bethlehem), a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."** Like 2:13, 14 tells you, **"Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."**

Would you all believe **ALL** the angels of Heaven **wanted to go** to Earth to make the proclamation of the **GREATEST EVENT** and **BEST NEWS EVER** to be announced on Earth?

God knew that would have been **TOO FRIGHTENING** for the humans. So He allowed only a small army of angels to go. They tell me, "You should have heard the singing here in Heaven." Those who could not go to Earth got so excited they could **NOT** contain their joy. **They broke into spontaneous singing and praise to the Lord throughout all of Heaven.**

Can you blame them? They knew God was now accomplishing **SALVATION FOR HUMANS.** They knew the long awaited Old Testament prophecies of the coming Messiah, Savior of mankind were coming to pass. They knew **HISTORY** was being made - like never before and - for generations to come. Well guess what? **They broke into spontaneous singing again for an entire WEEK ahead of yours, remembering and celebrating that first Christmas on Earth. WOW!**

I never heard or even imagined anything like it in my life on Earth. The celebration and singing **ECHOED** from one end of Heaven to the other. The number of singers, as foretold in Revelation 5:11, was ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands more. **THAT'S OVER 100 MILLION ALL SINGING TOGETHER. CAN YOU EVEN IMAGINE WHAT THAT SOUNDED LIKE?**

All I could do was join in with them. My Earth dad here with me... Jim Moore, who couldn't carry a tune in a bucket on Earth, was singing His heart out in perfect pitch. And, Leon, did you know your dad, Jack, could sing? Well, you should hear him now.

Leon, remember how we used to enjoy our motorcycle rides on Candy, our 3 wheel Honda Goldwing? Especially on those beautiful full moon nights with that North Texas sky so ablaze with stars. You haven't seen anything yet. That special bright star that guided the wise men to the birth place of Christ (Matthew 2:1-11) was just **ONE** special star under God's sovereign control.

Our heavenly Christmas celebration not only had the most magnificent music echoing throughout heaven. It also had the most spectacular light display I ever saw. I remember the thousands of beautiful Christmas lights we saw in Natchitoches, Louisiana along the Cane River bank running through town. However, they were not even a single drop in the oceans compared to the Christmas light display God gave us.

Within our perspective here in Heaven, God turned up the power and colors of ALL the stars and planets until they were just... **DAZZLING IN SPLENDOR.**

Can you guess the identity of the brightest star? (Revelation 22:16) Did you know the **GLORY and SPLENDOR OF ALL THE STARS DIFFER FROM EACH OTHER?** (1 Corinthians 15:41)

I never saw such a panorama of beauty and brightness. There were so many radiant colors and they made such a glorious visual display. Can you imagine such a massive heavenly event, remembering and celebrating the birth of Christ? It was as though all of God's created Universe was singing and crying out for JOY, even the stars (Job 38:7) and the very stones. (Luke 19:36-40)

My first Christmas here in Heaven helped me understand how important the birth of Christ was. Starting with His birth, **His mission on Earth** was the **ABSOLUTE, SUPREME, UNEQUIVOCAL, TOP PRIORITY, MOST SIGNIFICANT, FOCAL POINT OF ALL HUMAN HISTORY ON EARTH AND IN HEAVEN.**

WHY? Because, the Lord Jesus Christ **IS** the very center of God's Universe!

God's Word, in Colossians 1:16-19, says of Christ – "**For by Him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in Earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers. All things were created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist (adhere, hold together). And, He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him (Christ) should all fullness dwell.**"

Jesus Christ is literally **GOD'S PROVISION FOR MAN'S SALVATION. The Lord Jesus Christ is **GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT TO ALL HUMAN BEINGS ON EARTH.****



I hope my letter to you about my **AWESOME** first Christmas in Heaven adds new perspective to Christmas **AND HEAVEN** for you.

I'm very excited about my new home here in Heaven and I'm looking forward to you all joining me here to enjoy our future Christmas celebrations together **FOREVER.**

Love, from Heaven, **Pat Bates**

*P.S. To all my saved loved ones and friends on Earth, please read Colossians 2:5-7 and 3:1-4. Please remind everyone you love on Earth... to be sure they accept the Ultimate and best **GIFT** ever offered the. Please read Romans 6:23*

March 31, 1997

A little over 4 months ago, my late wife, **PAT** arrived in Heaven. Pat and I wanted to go back to Russia for our 4th summer there to do Christian missionary work. Her cancer prevented it. She would want me to go now and our friends there want me to, which I did.



>>> **IF...** we could receive Pat's communications from Heaven, I believe this is **MORE** of the exciting news she would share with us who are still on Earth.



My First EASTER in Heaven

Greetings again to all my family and friends back on Earth:

*My first four months in Heaven have been incredible, fantastic and **WONDERFUL**. I'm constantly meeting new people and learning about their lives on Earth. It's fascinating to learn how God worked **miracles** in their lives that only now, they are learning about. And to see the people thanking the Lord and thanking the people who led them to faith in Christ. **Talk about gratitude and tears of joy... WOW!***

Many of you know about the ministry God led us to start on Earth... the "Bible Believers' Evangelistic Association, Inc. (BBEA)". That ministry was 26 years old when God called me home. What you don't know about yet is all the people God brought to Himself through the BBEA tracts and ministries. I'm constantly meeting more and more of these people. Can you imagine the fun I'm having meeting them?

*I've also met many people who trusted Christ from the witness of those people. They are fruit into the 2nd and 3rd generations and beyond. I have no idea how many there will be by the time Leon joins me here. What a **JOY** he's in for as he meets these people too. All of you who prayed for us and helped support the BBEA ministries **are going to share in that JOY too... for all eternity.***

*How can you **KNOW** about this aspect of your future joy? Paul said concerning those he had ministered to... that were his **FUTURE JOY AT THE RETURN OF CHRIST** (1st Thessalonians 2:19, 20). **IT WILL BE THE SAME FUTURE JOY FOR ALL OF YOU THAT ARE WORKING IN OTHER CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES TOO.***

*Now, about... **MY FIRST EASTER IN HEAVEN**. Down through the ages, Satan hated God and wanted to rob Him of the glory of saving people. At the crucifixion of Christ, Satan tried to get Christ to come down **OFF** the cross (Matthew 27:39-42). However, Christ was committed and determined to carry out His God ordained mission of paying for our sins by His death on the cross.*

Jesus foretold His crucifixion AND RESURRECTION on the third day (Matthew 20:17-19). Again Satan tried to destroy the outcome of God's redemptive plan. The religious leaders of that day tried to seal Christ in the tomb (Matthew 27:62-66).

All the hosts of Heaven were watching the events happen on Earth. They waited in eager anticipation. Would Christ be victorious? Or would Satan be the winner?

The frail efforts of Satanic and human forces could not contain the King of Glory!

There was a big earthquake and an angel sent from God rolled back the stone, so people could see in. Christ was already gone. He may have walked through the wall of the tomb like He later walked into a room with the doors shut (John 20:19).

The appearance of the angel sitting on the stone at the tomb terrified the guards. Two women had come to the tomb and the angel quickly told them, "Fear not... Christ is risen... Go tell His disciples" (Matthew 28:2-7). Satan tried again... The religious leaders paid the soldiers to lie and say the disciples came at night and stole His body (Matthew 28:11-15). In spite of Satan's lies, the resurrected Christ was seen by Peter, the disciples and more than **500** other people at once (1st Corinthians 15:3-6).

HOW IMPORTANT is the RESURRECTION of CHRIST?

Other people were crucified in those days. It was a method of public execution. **THERE WAS ONLY ONE WHO PROMISED TO COME BACK TO LIFE AFTER 3 DAYS AND WHO DID EXACTLY AS HE PROMISED... OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

HOW IMPORTANT is the RESURRECTION of CHRIST?

The Apostle Paul wrote, "If in this life we have hope only in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (1st Corinthians 15:19). What did Paul mean? It's not enough to just believe **ABOUT** Christ (just as a historical fact). We must make it personal. We must each believe that He died for **OUR** sins **AND ROSE AGAIN for our salvation**. **THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST PROVES THAT THE DEATH OF CHRIST SATISFIED GOD AS THE FULL PAYMENT FOR OUR SINS AND SALVATION.**

My first Easter in Heaven was **a VICTORY CELEBRATION.**

Christ's resurrection and the saved people's future bodily resurrections are the basis for this VICTORY CELEBRATION. Do you remember 1st Corinthians 15:54, 55 and 57?

Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
But, thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We heard many special people tell their experiences about Christ's resurrection. We heard Peter and Mary Magdalene. We heard from those on the road to Emmaus. We even heard doubting Thomas tell his story. Jesus taught us about His resurrection. He used 1st Thessalonians 4:14-17 to teach us about **our future bodily resurrection** at the future event known as the Rapture. We are here now in our spiritual bodies (2nd Corinthians 5:8) and at the Rapture, we will get our new resurrection bodies. It will be like a real resurrection body like Christ had a real resurrection body (Luke 24:39).

Then, came the **DRAMA PRESENTATION**. They reenacted the resurrection morning and events that followed. **WHY NOT?** It was fun... just like being there on that first Easter morning. Leon, do you

remember how our trip to Israel in 1978 helped the Bible come alive to us? This dramatic reenactment here in Heaven did the same for the resurrection truths for us. You could **sense** the feeling and emotions as disappointments of His death, turned to fear with the resurrection earthquake. Then the news of His resurrection turned to **EXCITEMENT... then JUBILATION**. The drama presentation climaxed with His ascension into Heaven and promise of His future return to Earth (Acts 1:9-11).

Another surprise part of the **EASTER CELEBRATION** was the **SPRING FLOWER EXTRAVAGANZA**. Christ, creator of earth and heaven... put on the most magnificent floral display I ever saw. No, let me correct that... the most magnificent floral display like I **NEVER** saw or even imagined. It was like all heaven burst forth into spring blooms. Flowers were everywhere. The blooms were of every shape, color, hue and... just **GORGEOUS**. There was far more variety than I ever saw on Earth. Even the fragrance was a **unique and remarkable** experience. **WHY NOW?** It was like the very flowers of Heaven were celebrating **and applauding** Christ's resurrection.

THEN, THERE WAS THE MUSIC... Like Christmas, the Easter celebration music ringing throughout heaven was **MAJESTIC**. There were many of the old songs we sang on Earth, like "Christ Arose." The highlight, the grand finale... of Heaven's Easter **VICTORY CELEBRATION** was to hear **and feel** the singing of the "**HALLELUJAH CHORUS**" by more than 100 MILLION VOICES. What can I say? It was **AWESOME!**

It was like Heaven's seams would nearly burst with every musical strain getting louder and louder. You could tell how important Christ's resurrection was... when you heard that singing. Easter in Heaven was much different from on Earth. No Easter bunnies or Easter eggs here. **JUST REALITY... CHRIST AROSE and He is ALIVE!** I wish I could convey how CRITICALLY IMPORTANT that is to you on Earth. Let's try this... Please slowly and carefully read this...

IF... the Spirit of Him that raised up Christ from the dead dwell in YOU,
He that raised up Christ from the dead **shall** also quicken (make alive)
Your mortal body by His Spirit that dwelleth in you. (Romans 8:11)

Did you get that? God said **shall**. He **promised** to resurrect YOU by the same Holy Spirit that raised Christ from the dead. However, it is a **CONDIITONAL promise**. He said... **IF... IF the Holy Spirit dwell in you...** That's the **ONLY** term or condition by which we can claim the promise of our future resurrection. **HOW** does the Holy Spirit dwell in us? Only one way... By our **TRUSTING** Christ 100% as our personal Savior. By our **TRUSTING** Christ's shed blood 100% as the only payment for our sins. By our **TRUSTING HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION for our salvation**.



If I could plead with all who read this letter... **PLEASE... BE ABSOLUTLY CERTAIN OF YOUR SALVATION THROUGH CHRIST**. If for any reason you miss that, **you'll MISS IT ALL**.

It **EXCITES** me to think about you all being here with me to experience Easter **VICTORY CELEBRATIONS** and all the other indescribable **JOYS** here too. **Hurry Home**. I'll be watching for you.

Love, from Heaven, **Pat Bates**

P.S. To my saved loved ones and friends,
please read Proverbs 11:30 and Daniel 12:3

A FINAL NOTE FROM LEON BATES...



At the age of 16, Pat heard the Gospel preached and realized her need of Christ. She knelt by her bed and prayed a simple prayer, placing her total trust in Christ ALONE for her salvation. At the age of 18 in our dairy barn in Missouri, I set my milk bucket down and prayed, *"Dear God, I realize I am a sinner and need you to save me. I do believe Jesus died for me and rose again. Right now, the best I know how... I place my total trust in Jesus Christ ALONE as my personal Savior. Thank you for forgiving me of my sins, past, present and future. Thank you for giving me Eternal Life as promised and guaranteed in your written Word, the Bible."*

It was not the prayers that saved us. It was God who saved us by His love and GRACE... through our faith, our TRUST. It was NOT the **AMOUNT** of trust, but the **OBJECT** of our trust. *Did you get that? That's very important.* The **OBJECT** of our trust was the shed blood, the death of Christ ALONE... as the TOTAL PAYMENT (100%) for our sins and salvation.

If you get to Heaven's door and they ask you... "WHY should we let you into God's Holy, spotless, perfect Heaven?" WHAT WILL YOU ANSWER?
(Please check your answer below:)

1. I should go to heaven... *"Because of my human efforts... I've tried to live a good life and tried to do good works to help other people."* YES _____ NO _____
2. **OR...** *"Because of BOTH my human efforts AND CHRIST."* YES _____ NO _____
3. **OR...** *"Because I'm trusting **Christ ALONE (100%)**, His death, His shed blood as **THE ONLY** payment for my sins and salvation."* YES _____ NO _____

Many people are trusting Christ **PARTLY** and their human efforts (good works, etc.) **PARTLY**. **THIS IS TRAGIC!** If people trust their own human efforts even 1%, it means they are **NOT** trusting Christ **100%** and **NOT meeting God's terms for their salvation**.

Please read in your own Bible... John 3:16, 3:36, 14:6, Romans 6:23 and Ephesians 2:8, 9.

If you have not yet done so, will you now TRUST **CHRIST ALONE (100%)**, His death, His shed blood as **the ONLY** payment for your sins and salvation? YES _____ NO _____

(Date) _____ (Signed) _____

If after reading "Pat's Letters from Heaven" God has led you to decide **YES...** and you have now trusted Christ 100% for your salvation, we would appreciate hearing from you. We would like to know that because of God's grace you will be in Heaven with us. My current contact information is:

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