



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

The sun is shining brilliantly today in Whitehall PA. It is warming the earth with the promise of beautiful breezes and lengthening days, truly a biker's delight.

I know those of you who are still riding are looking forward to all of the upcoming rides and events that will soon be in your area. The indoor biking activities and shows were a great way to keep up with fellow riders while the roads were covered with ice and snow. Now it's time to get out and ride. It's great to be able to ride for one's personal enjoyment coupled with the purpose of raising awareness and funds for so many good causes. I truly feel that the most generous people on this planet are found within the biking community.

I cannot help thinking of one particular ride. That is the Annual Miracle Ride in Indianapolis IN. We would ride past the kids outside, and those inside waving to us from their windows at Riley Children's Hospital. We then were led to take one lap around the track at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. That was always a special thrill because you could imagine yourself riding in the Indianapolis 500.

With racing being such an integral part of Indianapolis, I would like us to look at First Corinthians 9:24, which also features racing. "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it." In this letter to the Corinthian church, the Apostle Paul is comparing the Christian life to an athletic competition. It would hit home for his hearers because Corinth was the site of the Isthmian Games similar to the Olympics. In these games several well-trained athletes competed for the prize, but there could only be one winner who would receive a pine wreath crown. However, those who faithfully complete the Christian life will receive an imperishable crown.

The race that Paul, and we too, are preparing for is the calling of God. Paul's spiritual training was the very best available. He continued to discipline himself and to follow his calling from God. We need to continue to discipline ourselves as well. Finally, Paul writes to Timothy (2 Timothy 4:6-8) "I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."

Praise God, there is not just one winner as there was in the Isthmian Games! The crown of righteousness is for all who have loved His appearing! The crown is for all believers in Jesus. Just as the sun is the physical light of the world, Jesus, God's Son, is the spiritual light of the world. He wants to use you to make a difference in the lives of the people in our motorcycle community.

I am, and I believe you are as well, so grateful for the extended daylight hours providing more time to be outside enjoying a full calendar of rallies, charity rides and events.

Confirm the status of all events before making plans to attend. Ride through life in love, hope and patience, trusting in God, and always being faithful in prayer. Please stay healthy and safe. Prayerfully decide where you will be most effective. Don't miss any opportunity to make an impact for Jesus.

If you have not invited Him into your heart and life, today would be an excellent time to do it. "Behold, now is the accepted time: behold now is the day of salvation." 2 Corinthians 6:2

Please pray for each other, our country, our troops, firefighters, law enforcement officers, first responders, all those in the medical field and everyone who is serving to keep us safe!

During the upcoming riding season, remember to shine for Him and reflect His love to all those around you and keep on doing the good stuff.

As always, I look forward to seeing you down the road!

May God smile upon your life so that the smile in your life reflects God's presence in it.

Until next time...I wish you a blessed and safe riding season.

*Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon
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God bless America

To help you keep smiling:

School was cancelled on eclipse day just to protect the pupils!

And one more smile, here is my pretty new roommate ...



Jesus said, "Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all."

Mark 16:15 (The Message)