



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

I can't thank you enough. I must express my appreciation to all you for the love and concern you have extended to me during my surgery and as I recover. Your cards, phone calls, visits and, most of all, your prayers have been such a comfort and blessing to me.

Did you ever have a spot on your shirt or blouse that you just couldn't seem to get out, regardless of how hard you scrubbed and how much soap you used? It's kind of that way with sin. We can try with all of our might to remove the stain, but we are incapable of doing it on our own. As we have come to learn, it requires divine intervention.

Sin is a burden. It can enslave us and even suffocate us, but we do have hope. We can confess our transgressions before the Lord and because of His perfect righteousness, abundant mercy, and infinite grace, we are assured of forgiveness. However, this is only possible because of His atonement on the cross.

*Atonement is defined as reparation for wrongdoing. In other words, making amends for something that we did that harmed someone else. It is appropriate for us to try to reconcile with others we may have offended or hurt, but when it comes to our spiritual life, only Jesus can expunge or expiate what we have done. No amount of penance alone will wipe our sins and cleanse our soul. Romans 5:6-8 says, **"at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."***

*In 2 Cor. 3:17,18 we read, **"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."** Imagine that! We are becoming His glory!*

*Notice it says we are being transformed. We are not totally there yet; not on this side of eternity. A few years ago, do you remember some people were wearing pins that read "Please be patient, God isn't finished with me yet"? I am also reminded of the children's chorus my two girls would sing. **"He's still working on me."***

As we follow Jesus, read His Word, worship and obey Him, we become more like Him with each passing day. We become shaped into His likeness. We are reflectors of His glory when we share our faith in Jesus, when we help a fellow biker in trouble by the side of the road, when we help the host club to set-up and clean-up at a rally, bike show, swap meet, etc. The list goes on. When you look at the reflectors on your bike, think of ways you can let Jesus' love shine through. Oh, you can feel the joy well up inside just to say that I belong to Jesus.

I know this sounds like a pre-Easter message, but it is actually an eternal-Easter theme. Because of Him, we have assurance, peace, and joy every day of our life. Let us rejoice and be glad.

As a reminder, Father's Day is this month on Sunday, June 11. Don't forget to let the men in your life know how much you love them!

As always, I look forward to seeing you down the road! Please pray for our country, our nation's leaders, troops, firefighters, law enforcement officers, first responders, all those in the medical field and everyone who is serving to keep us safe!

Until next time, love Jesus, be thankful and keep doing the good stuff.

Riding with Jesus,

Bob Dillon

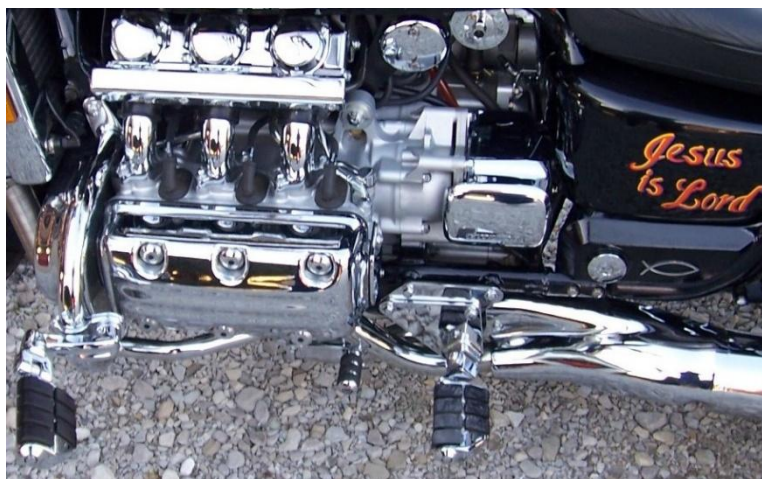
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Below is a picture of Gideon 2:



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)