

## **A Great Day in the Kingdom – September 11, 2020**

Have you ever considered or pondered why words, phrases and culture often accompany one another? Just a short time ago, if we had read an article that referred to “Social Distancing” without any explanation of relative context, it would have made little or no sense. Words and culture not only mesh but influence our behaviors and attitudes.

Language itself is very much organic, while constantly adhering to prevailing cultures. Do you remember the saying, “Don’t go there...”? Do you remember “Groovy, Cool, Sweet”? I remember my Son coming home from school speaking about his “Sick” new friend with a “Sick” bike. He continued to tell me that he had “Mad Skills” because he could perform “Sick Tricks”.

I myself remember using the term “Bad” when referring to my friend’s Dad’s new Corvette. It was a “Bad” car, but it wasn’t a bad car. Not long ago I witnessed my Daughter inviting a friend somewhere...asking if the friend wanted to, “come, go with?”. Are we now omitting grammar from our language? What happened to the “me”? I guess these days it’s implied.

There is a word that I believe will transcend time, culture and society. The word is, “Benefit”. We benefit from our Discipleship with God, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To benefit is to gain something. It is also described as a gift one can receive.

**Psalms 103:2-4, Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy...**

I Pray that you always remember that God forgives, heals and redeems you in His Love, through Christ Our Savior. In other words, may you “forget not all his benefits”.

May The Lord Bless and Keep You All!

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(Matthew 28!!!)