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## In Amish Homes

*“Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: Daran sollt ihr den Geist Gottes erkennen: ein jeglicher Geist, der da bekennt, daß Jesus Christus ist in das Fleisch gekommen, der ist von Gott; Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: Wer da glaubt, daß Jesus sei der Christus, der ist von Gott geboren;” 1John 4:2, 5:1*

In recent weeks I have had the opportunity to visit several of our relatives. I was pleasantly surprised at how welcome my visits were with everyone, considering we’ve been shunned for over forty years. My Dad and Mom have been gone for almost twenty years now. Each has one living sibling and I visited both. Both were so friendly I could hardly leave. We talked about family and how several have passed in recent years including my brother Andy and my step-cousin Mary. I was told that both their spouses have married again recently. My Dad’s sister Mary, who is in her eighties, is still able to care for her husband Roy; he had a stroke 12 years ago and requires a lot of care. My cousin lives on the property and helps as well. All conversations ended up in discussing salvation. With tears, my dad’s sister-in-law Dora told me she is hoping to make it to Heaven. Her mind is sharp for a 94-year-old. As I explained the gospel to them all, they nodded and told me that there are different opinions on that. So, I told them we must reflect on what God says about the matter. One thing is clear; God promised a home in Heaven for those who put their trust in Jesus. I also asked them why God would have sent His Son to die for us if it were possible that we could do something to be saved.

In September I took a bus load of New Order Amish to a “new” community with a very small gathering for church. Upon arrival they invited me to their service. I prayed about it and remembered that every time I did that, I have become engaged in conversations after church. I often give my testimony and share the gospel in such a setting. After church as the men were visiting outside, Eli, a young man in his twenties, asked me who I was. I asked his name, and it was obvious we didn’t know each other. I told him I had cousins in the nearby Amish community in Fredericktown, Ohio and gave him a name. He didn’t know my cousin but talked about his family who moved from Missouri to the same community. “What? Your grandma is Miriam’s cousin,” I told him. Eli told me he was from a very strict Old Order Amish community and visiting New-Order churches to get more “light.” As we were visiting, they told us to come in for lunch. We gathered around a table and sat down. I lost track of Eli as we walked in but guess who sat right across the table from me... Eli, of course! Soon the conversation continued with others listening. They asked me nearly all the questions in the book concerning Amish doctrine, versus what the Bible teaches. When I explained the simple plan of salvation Eli’s comment was, “We cannot know we are saved in the beginning of our life, neither in the middle, but He that endureth to the end shall be saved.” Then I remembered—that was a regular quote (as if it was all a quote from the bible) in sermons we heard growing up. It’s no wonder they must be told the truth often in my experience, because they keep hearing false doctrine. Please keep these dear folks in your prayers.

We trust you are doing well and enjoying family time during Christmas. Have a Merry Christmas and a blessed 2026. Thank you for your prayers, cards, and financial support you have sent. Please also pray for our in-home Bible studies. **Please make support checks payable to and send to Good News Baptist Church, PO Box 49, Smithville, OH 44677.**

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