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Rubin

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Every day Tina and I are in great amazement, that the Lord God has set us free from our sins through His Son Jesus Christ. What an awesome God we serve! We are sure that you find yourself saying with us, "Ohh God, thank you for redeeming my soul and giving me a stance upon this earth to glorify your Name!" **What a privilege it is to be called a child of God.** It is hard to understand why anyone would not desire to have an intimate relationship with his or her Creator. Yet, we do understand and remember the darkness that we were in... in the midst of our depravity, as we recall the words of Jesus, "For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." (John 9:39) All of this gives us such great hope that God's plan will be accomplished on this earth...one soul at a time.

Today before I got upon my pulpit ladder, Tina and I walked into Hyde Park Speaker's Corner and listened to a speaker that we had never seen there before. He held the British flag in his hand and was trying to



persuade people that the United Kingdom was correct in their departure from the European Union. He saw me nodding my head in agreement with him as I listened. After about five minutes I asked a question about his subject matter and he stopped me in mid-sentence and said, "I am not interested in the least about discussing religious matters and I will not entertain any of your questions." A woman that seemed to be supporting him stood next to me and said to me, "Can't you see that the flag he is holding has a cross on it, isn't that good enough for you?" "Yes I do see that," I replied to her, "and that is why he should be thinking more about where it came from, instead of where it's going." We left their discussion in peace and I walked over to an open area and set up my ladder. Right when I stepped up on the ladder a young man, holding hands with his girlfriend stopped to listen. I looked directly at him and asked, "Tell me, what is your name? How old are you?" He smiled and said, "My name is Rubin and I am seventeen years old." "Rubin," I asked, "At seventeen years old, how do you see this world that you live in?" Without hesitation Rubin replied, "I see great uncertainty and unexpected unpredictability." "And how does that make you feel?" I continued. "I am looking forward to it all and can't wait for what is next!" he said with an excitement about him. "You must be prepared for the unexpected then?" I replied. "No," he exclaimed, "I will just go with it!" My heart went out to this young man who had absolutely no idea what he was asserting to be "his plan in life." "What about God?" I asked. "Oh, I don't believe there is a God." He boldly stated. His girlfriend Christine added, "We decided to not believe in God in our lives." "Well then," I replied, "You have revealed quite a lot about your lives and thinking to me



today." Before I could continue Rubin spurted out, "We have not, and you have no idea the way we think!" "OK," I replied, "If I am wrong then you just tell me." "Ohhhh, I will!" he quipped back. Looking around the park and pointing out trees and the sun and birds and then people who stood around to listen I said, "My guess, Rubin, is that you believe that this tree and the wonderful sun we are now feeling the warmth of, (which normally we can't actually see here in London very often" I jokingly added.) "and the birds ...and these beautiful people standing here with us are all the outcome of a progression called evolution." "Ok, Your right on that one!" he said. "Do you know why you believe God doesn't exist and evolution is true?" I asked him. "NO, ...You tell me why," he sarcastically replied. "Because you are comfortable in your life and believe in an evolution, that has no human consequences of conscience. But you also understand that if you believed that there was a God that created all these things, including mankind, you would have to also believe that he is a judge of right and wrong." Without hesitation Rubin replied, "You are exactly right!" I continued to reason with this young couple about the obvious love that they had for one another. "Do you love Rubin, Christine?" I asked her. "Yes I do!" she expressed with a glow toward him. "Do you love Christine, Rubin?" I asked him. Putting his arm around her he replied, "Of coarse I do." "Yes, and it is obvious that you both have great affection toward each other...but what would you do if you didn't have each other anymore?" Rubin replied, "It would be terrible." "Yes, and it is hurtful ...and it has happened before hasn't it?" I asked. "Yes, a few times but we are back together now." Rubin stated. "When you were apart from each other you felt a gut-wrenching ache to be comforted by each other once again, didn't you?" I asked. Both Rubin and Christine replied softly, "Yesss." "Now, just imagine how much God loves you, and wants to comfort you since He created you and knows your own difficulties...yet you say, "We have decided that God doesn't exist." I was so blessed that both Rubin and Christine were not offended about the subjects I spoke to them about and I could not but be encouraged by a scripture that flooded my mind. "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (1 Corinthians 1:18) I continued preaching about the love of God and His kindness toward anyone who calls upon His name through His Son Jesus Christ. "There can be no greater love than this!" I shouted out with joy and added, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." Rubin and Christine spoke up, "We have got to go now, thank you!" These two teenagers had been standing in the crowd considering all they said and heard for nearly an hour. God had kept their attention and showed them His mercy and grace moment by moment. He truly is the **Lover of our souls!**

Thank you for your prayers and sacrifices toward us,

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