

**By Faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain by which he obtained witness that he was righteous...and By it ... he being dead...yet speaks....Hebrews 11:4**

**Greg was a unique and special person who became a “Victim” Of Violent Crime...trying to turn things around for himself and his family...but... fail short of his intentions... NOW we are gather here today to show our last respect and love for him and the support for his 2 sons , his dad and mom, grandmother and their families, his friends. If we will imagine for just a few moments we can hear him speak to us through this situation. Most of all ...May God speak to us all.**

**May we also understand that HOPE is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. Because of HOPE we believe tomorrow will be better and therefore help us bear this hardship today.**

**Reflecting from the past we discover that Greg seemed to S T R U G G L E in so much of his life experiencing some S O R R O W that he couldn't seem to overcome. Specifically, Brandi .. his wife...who graduated this life in 2004. He loved her very much! He also suffered R E J E C T I O N in growing**

**up trying to find acceptance and approval by his peers only to be disappointed time and time again. I suppose a reason for his deep love for Brandi was her acceptance of him.**

**On the positive side, he contributes and leaves a P A I R of S P E C I A L TREASURES....GW and Brandon Jones...His two sons! May they contribute to our society the direction and hope our communities need. Last of all, the most important consideration of this man's life is his H O P E O F S A L V A T I O N that occurred in his young life. Even though he forsook much of God's teaching for his life, due to some unwise decisions, it doesn't change the fact of him acknowledging the need of God in his life while a youth. He made a profession of faith and was baptized by myself in his early years. The comfort I find from this experience has a promise from the Almighty..."I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" I will be with you always..." There are no children of God in Hell...Even though we may forsake God in our everyday living, He WILL NOT forsake us. He truly is a friend that sticks closer than a brother....So with these things in mind, may we consider this....**

**Greg...(Family and Friends)...Everybody must choose their own path in life. Some of us walk down the middle of the path; others go to the right or left. I'm one of those who zig zagged back and forth. I never could seem to find a comfortable place in life to settle me down, even though in these last few days, I tried to turn things around. Going forth to face my destiny has been so hard. No doubt I have many regrets as I have always felt so fragile...so alone...Life has been like a puzzle without all the pieces, like a broken mirror with so many images glaring at me ... like voices in the wind telling me things that weren't true...but through it all I managed to do some good things. Getting married was wonderful and having GW and Brandon to come along was good. But meeting God in my early years was the most important thing I could have done. When you're young you don't think of God that much but realizing the brevity of life, and how fast death can come, I'm grateful to Almighty God for not forsaking me. Many have forsaken me and I have forsaken others as well, but God truly is everything the Bible says HE is! "He is the Savior of all men, especially to those who believe."**

**If we believe not, yet HE abideth faithful: he cannot deny HIMSELF. Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure,**

**having this seal, The Lord Knoweth them that are his...” 2**

**Tim.2:13,19 Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and thy**

**faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Psalm 36:5 The**

**mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed: but my**

**kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant**

**of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on**

**thee...Isaiah 54:9.10**