

December 27, 2005

Abby,

Good day young lady and almost a happy new year - 2005 is nearly behind us and 2006 will bring new and exciting developments and occurrences...which we cannot altogether predict or foresee but never the less realize that the *uncertain is certain* and that

*We do not know what tomorrow holds, but we know who holds tomorrow.*

Yes indeed, God is sovereign - he knew us before we were born, while we were *still in that dark place*, and knows us...even *every hair on our head*. He knows you Abby; your feelings and thoughts, your hurts and pains, your interests and affections...everything about you both now and tomorrow...

Not knowing if you (yourself and your brothers) ever receive these letters, my heart tells me to press-on none-the-less; and regardless of the circumstances that have befallen us as a family and have been instituted and carried out with less than your interest and concern in mind. A daughter needs a father, just as boys do, to affirm her and to establish a good model for men, a man, and a potential husband and life-mate for you some day...in that *tomorrow* so to speak. Sadness and regret have haunted me at times regarding this need in your life for which I have been prevented to represent or fulfill - a condition that hurts and affects you more than me.

Thus, I say again that I am sorry for this condition and, much more, that I have failed you as a father - one who should be there for you as you need encouragement, direction, support, love. You (and your brothers) remain the routine part of my prayers that God, who is a *father to the fatherless*, will be there is Spirit where I am not in person...or in any way other than a faint memory and the image(s) which have been formed through information fed to you in these many years.

On this day and tomorrow, may the Lord hold you in his arms as the dear child that you are to Him.