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YOU ARE ETERNAL

You are more valuable than you realize. You are not merely flesh and bone, a moment in time, or a collection of passing thoughts... you are an eternal soul. Scripture describes mankind as formed by God's own hands and given life by His breath, and throughout the Bible we see that death is not the end of the story. You will exist beyond the physical death of your body. Nothing in creation is more valuable than you. Your life has meaning, your choices matter, and your destiny reaches beyond this present age.

Scriptures:

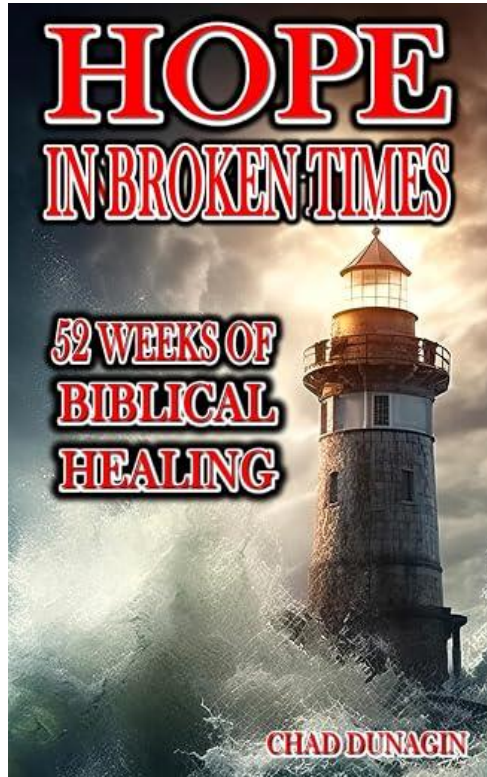
“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” — **Genesis 2:7**

“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul...” —
Matthew 10:28

“And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.” — **Luke 23:43**

“We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” — **2 Corinthians 5:8**

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The Problem

Humanity has an unsolvable problem. A problem highlighted by death. And death doesn't stop at the grave. But why do we die? The bible tells us death entered through sin. In another passage it says "the wages of sin is death". This sin issue has spread to all mankind through our bloodline. Our problem is deeper than our thoughts and behavior. It reaches into our very nature. Scripture says sin is of the flesh and the life of the flesh is in the blood.

Many people don't understand the contrast between our original design and our current condition. What really happened to humanity when sin entered our race? Here is the short version:

- Originally, we were clothed in the glory of God. Untouchable. Unable to be hurt. Free of mental, physical, and spiritual weakness. We could not be harmed or die.
- Sin separated us from the protection and life force of God's glory. When Adam and Eve's "eyes were opened and they knew they were naked" (Gen 3:7), the bible is not speaking of natural clothing. The impenetrable, sealing glory that protected had been removed and they were now naked and totally vulnerable. They were filled with fear and hid from God. They spiritually died that very day. After many years the body died also.

- This weakness, this plague, this belittling, this sickness of sin passed to every one of us born afterwards. All of humanity. Because it is of the flesh and of the blood. This Sin sickness is in our blood. We see clearly that everyone is infected, because everyone dies.
- All of creation is impacted. The bible says the whole of creation groans for deliverance (Rom 8:22).

Scriptures:

“And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked;” – **Genesis 3:7a**

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” – **Romans 3:23**

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” – **Romans 5:12**

“For the wages of sin is death;” –
Romans 6:23a

“For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

And not only they, but ourselves also,
which have the firstfruits of the Spirit,
even we ourselves groan within
ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to
wit, the redemption of our body.” –

Romans 8:19-23

Why Jesus

Jesus had no sin. Jesus brought in the only way to cleanse and restore the bloodline of humanity. Jesus Christ is not the only way of salvation simply because He claimed to be (John 14:6). He is the only way because He alone solved the problem. He alone had the ability, because of his pure nature (his pure blood), to live a life without sin. His Father is not a natural man, but the one true holy and righteous God. He is not just a prophet or a good teacher. He is the holy son of God. He is God in the flesh (1 Tim 3:16).

His blood was untainted. His blood was pure. His blood was without sin. No other blood could fix our problem.

He offered Himself willingly and gave what no one else could give. In the great exchange, He who knew no sin became sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God (2 Cor 5:21). Salvation is not found in trying harder, but in receiving what only Christ could accomplish. Jesus paid the price none of us could ever pay, and he did this because of Love.

Scriptures:

“For the life of the flesh is in the blood:”
and I have given it to you upon the altar
to make an atonement for your souls...”

— **Leviticus 17:11**

“The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” — **Luke 1:35**

“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows... he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.” — **Isaiah 53:4–5**

“Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him... when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin...” — **Isaiah 53:10**

“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” — **John 14:6**

“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.” — **1**

Corinthians 15:22

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

— **2 Corinthians 5:21**

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins...” —

Ephesians 1:7

“Who was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” — **Hebrews**

4:15

“By his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.” — **Hebrews**

9:12

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things... But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” — **1 Peter 1:18–19**

“And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.” — **1 John 3:5**

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” — **Acts 4:12**

Salvation

I want to encourage you, to pause for a moment and ask yourself: **Has there ever been a time where you asked the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive**

you of your sins and save your eternal soul?

If you have never specifically and intentionally had a time where you asked Christ to save you, I urge you to do that right now. Clear your mind of everything else, all points of debate, the current challenges of your life, anything else that anyone has ever said, and just take a moment and realize that **God loves you so much that he came and died on the cross**, to offer you salvation, and it is available to you right now. If you've never asked him to save you, say this prayer out loud with me:

“Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. I believe you came and died on a cross to pay for my sins. I believe

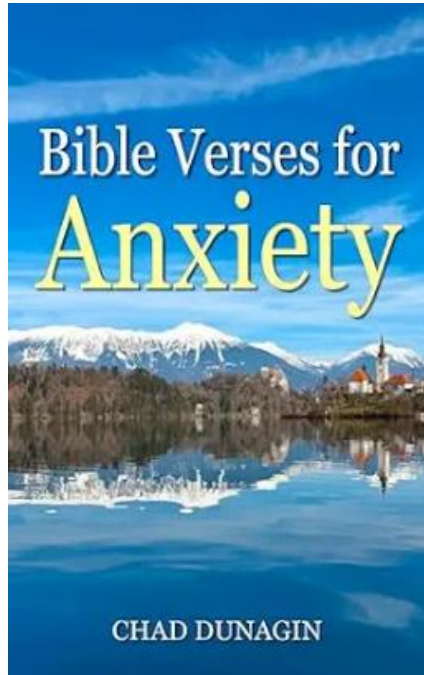
you rose again on the third day and conquered sin, death and hell. I ask you right now to please forgive me for all of my sins, for all of my shortcomings. I ask you to come into my heart, be my Savior and my Lord. I ask you to fill me with your Holy Spirit and lead me all the rest of my days. I ask it all in your holy name, Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for writing my name in the lamb's book of life. Thank you for saving my soul. Amen.”

If you sincerely prayed that prayer just now. God bless you and welcome to the everlasting family of God. I encourage you to start reading your Bible daily and set time aside to spend in prayer and reflection with the Lord. Amen.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have **everlasting life.**” —
John 3:16

*“**Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**” – Acts 2:21*

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The Christian Way

Maybe you've just received Christ as your savior and are wondering what is next. Or maybe you've been a Christian for some time, and it's never really been clear what that should mean for your life. I want to share with you from the word of God, a couple of instructions that we are given as Christians and then I also want to share with you a couple of warnings because religion can lead us astray.

Christianity is not a religion. Religion is man's attempt to reach God. Christianity is God reaching down to us. Christianity is a gift from God and a relationship with him by faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

What does the Bible teach?

Be a Witness:

We are all called to be a witness. Being a witness for Christ Jesus simply means confessing him before others and sharing the good news of the gospel with others. This can be as simple as sharing our testimony. Just sharing how Jesus saved us, and we don't have to force this. When the times are right, the Holy Spirit will make it clear. We should be sensitive to his leading and look for opportunity, but it doesn't need to be forced.

Love:

Secondly, we are called to love. Jesus said all the law hangs on two main Commandments. Loving God and loving others. And we're not going to be perfect in this, but it should be our

attitude and our mindset. As much as people will allow us to do so, we should show them love and kindness. That does not mean that we allow them to manipulate or abuse us. Unfortunately, some seek opportunity to exploit kindness as a weakness. Pray for guidance and as much as possible forgive and be kind. But in some cases, people will not let you associate with them through kindness. Some relationships need to be walked away from and that is ok. God can give the wisdom and the leading in these situations. But the attitude of the Christian is to do our best to love God, to seek him, to listen to him, and follow his leading. And to purpose to love others as ourselves.

Holiness and Righteousness (*this is not legalism, be careful*):

As Christians, we are also called to holiness and righteousness and here's where a lot of people get it wrong. Some interpret this as memorizing Levitical law and carefully following every precept through scrutinizing human efforts. No, actually the Lord has made this easy. We don't have to memorize the law, although it is good to study and understand it. We don't have to try and follow everything that is written and become legalistic and religious. No one has ever been able to do this, its one of the highlights that prove we need a savior.

God has a better way. We just do one thing. **Listen and be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.** If we're living in the spirit and following after the spirit, we will not break the natural Law. Romans even says this makes us free from it and its judgements.

Prayer:

Christians should also dedicate a time for prayer. This helps us stay sensitive to the Lord's leading. And it helps us by allowing and requesting God to move in our lives. Prayer helps us to grow in our spiritual walk with the Lord.

It can help to set a specific time, like first thing in the morning. But this

can also be anytime... all the time.
Everywhere we are, we can pray to the
Lord.

Read the Bible:

And of course, Christians should read their Bible, but through the mindset and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Always pray that the Lord will show you how he wants his word interpreted. The Bible is alive, full of life and insight. Packed with wisdom and power. Reading the Bible is exciting!

The right way to read the word of God is always with the Holy Spirit. Allowing him to interpret for us. Simply pray before reading and ask the Lord to

open the word up to you and help you understand it his way.

Gather with others:

And it's also good practice for Christians to gather together with other believers. Again this doesn't have to be religious. And shouldn't be. Some teach and believe that we have to go to church every time the doors are open and participate in every single activity that's going on at the church. Now, if you feel led to do this and you're getting fulfillment out of it, that is wonderful. By all means do it.

But if it feels like legalism (taxing rules), abrasive religious practice, and drudgery, then you're probably not being led by God. There are also different ways of gathering together. Some

people have small groups or “home church”. Even lunch meetings that include prayer and scripture discussion. Others find a ministry where believers gather together online. And of course there is traditional church assembly. The key is to find a place where other believers join with you, worshiping the Lord and getting in his presence. Where sound biblical teaching and bible study takes place. The purpose is not to check a box or to do our duty or to complete the law. The purpose for all of these “Christian Duty’s” is for edification and growth in your spiritual walk and life with the Lord. And for helping others in the body of Christ to become stronger in the Lord.

So when looking for a home church or a way to gather with others use discernment. As with everything else, pray and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Scriptures:

“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” –

Matthew 22:37-40

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” – **Mark 16:15**

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.” – **Romans 8:1-2**

“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.” – **Galatians 5:16**

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;” – **Ephesians 6:18**

“But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.” – **1 Timothy 6:11**

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[Hope In Broken Times: 52 Weeks of Biblical Healing](#)

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[Bible Verses for Anxiety](#)

[The Firmament: According to the Bible](#)

[When They Arrive: And Deceive the Nations](#)

[What the Bible Says About Cremation](#)

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APPENDIX:

CHRISTIAN CREED: PRIMARY TRUTHS

The Strength of Christianity is in the totality of the body. When we as the body of Jesus Christ move and pray together as a unit, it is much more powerful and impacting than what can be accomplished as individuals, or smaller divisions. The Church divided struggles to find the strength and ability needed to war against the onslaught of evil that is and will be present in the world until the Day of Judgment.

The purpose of the Christian Creed of Primary Truths is to promote unity in the body of Christ by strengthening the focus and support of Primary Truths that all Christendom should agree upon. These Truths encourage every member to have the maturity to accept that others in the body may have different interpretations of scripture, but are unified in these Primary Truths, in the overall effort to strengthen the body of Christ as a whole for the impact of the King and kingdom of Christ in our world.

“For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.” - 1Co 12:12, 25

“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” - Ep 4:15, 16

As a Christian I believe in these Primary Truths:

GOD

There is only One supreme God in all of creation and no other. He is the creator of all of the Heavens and the Earth. This God exists and manifests as the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit and has created humanity in his image. The Godhead is Trinity but

One, for there is one Person of the Father; another of the Son; and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one; the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is; such is the Son; and such is the Holy Ghost. The Father is made of none; neither created, nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created; but begotten. The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son; neither made, nor created, nor begotten; but proceeding. So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts. And in this Trinity none is before, or after another; none is greater, or less than another. But the whole three Persons are coeternal, and coequal. So that in all things, as aforesaid; the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity, is to be worshiped. There is no God before him and none after. He is Alpha and Omega; the beginning, the end, and the eternal. (Gen 1:1-3,26; 26:24; De 6:4; 33:27; Is 40:28; 45:5-7,18,21,22; 46:9; Mt 12:28; 28:18,19; Jn 1:1-4; 4:24; 8:56-58; 10:30; 14:9,10,26; 15:26; 17:3,5; Ro 14:11; 2Co 13:14; Ph 2:10,11; 2Ti 1:9; He 1:6-8; 1Jn 5:7; Re 1:8; 21:6; 22:13)

PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ came from heaven and is God in the flesh. He is the Only Begotten Son of the Father. The judgment of the world was placed on him and He is the pre-existing, foreordained savior of every soul who will receive him. He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a perfect, sinless life and his Holy Blood is the only atonement for the sin of humanity. For this reason he is the only doorway into heaven, the only way to be joined with God. He is the Truth, the Life, and the Way. He is the judge of all, the light of the world, and the brightness of God's glory. He was beaten, abused, crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell, and on the third day he was physically and spiritually resurrected from the dead. Conquering death, hell, and the grave. He ascended into heaven, rejoined with God the Father, seated at his right hand, and is the coming judge of the living and the dead. In the Day of Judgment he will separate spirits (angels / demons) and the souls of all mankind based on the lambs book of life. He is the only salvation of God almighty. (Is 7:14; 9:6; Mt 1:23; 13:37-43; 25:31-46; Jn 1:1,34; 3:16-18; 5:21-23; 8:12,56-58; 10:7,9,11,30; 11:25; 14:6,7,9,20; 16:15; 17:5,22-23; 20:31; Ac 2:22-27,31; 4:12,33; 10:42; 17:31; Ro 1:4; 2:16; 5:6,8-10; 1Co 3:11; 15:55-57; 2Co

5:21; Ga 1:3-4; Ep 4:10; Ph 2:10,11; Col 1:15; 2:9; 1Ti 3:16; 6:13-16; He 1:2,3; 4:14,15; 5:9; 7:27; 1Pe 1:2,3,19; 2:21-24; 2Pe 1:1; 1Jn 2:23; Re 1:5,8,18; 17:14; 19:16)

PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the proceeding moving force and power of God almighty. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God and Christ. He is of the Father and of the Son; neither made, nor created, nor begotten; but proceeding. The Holy Spirit spoke through the Law, Prophets, and the Gospels. God as the Holy Spirit came upon and overshadowed the Virgin Mary and Fathered the Lord Jesus Christ. He descended from Heaven and engulfed Christ at his baptism and is the power and leader of every true ministry of God. He is the guide, comforter, healer, deliverer, and teacher of the saints. He is the Spirit of Truth. His presence and manifestations testify of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the evidence that believers are truly saved. He reproves the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. He is the guide into all truth, and the giver of gifts for the working of Ministry. He cultivates his fruit in the lives of Christians. He fills and indwells Christians by way of the cleansing blood of Christ,

first at Pentecost, and now forevermore. The Holy Spirit seals the Christian believer until the day of redemption. (Ge 1:2; Is 32:15; 59:21; Eze 39:29; Joel 2:28; Zec 4:6; Mt 3:11; 12:28; Lu 4:1; 11:13; Jn 4:24; 14:17,26; 15:26; 16:7-15; Ac 1:8; 2:4,38; 4:8,31; 13:52; Ro 8:9,11, 23,26; Ep 4:30; 5:18; 1Co 3:16;12:3-13; 2Co 3:6; 1Pe 3:18; 2Pe 1:21; 1Jn 2:27; 3:24)

THE GOSPEL

The word Gospel means to “announce and declare the good news”. The Good News that the Gospel announces is the Love of God for every soul. God showed his Love for humanity by coming into the world as Jesus Christ to pay for the sins of everyone who will receive him. The wages of sin is death everlasting, the absence of God’s goodness, presence, and glory throughout eternity. But Praise God, the Gospel declares that Christ has removed these wages. He has paid for all sin with his own blood, and all may freely receive God’s gift of salvation. The magnificence of the Gospel is its equal availability for all mankind. Anyone, anywhere, may freely come and partake of the gift of Christ’s salvation, be forgiven of their sins forevermore, and receive eternal life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the

absolute greatest news humanity has ever received, could ever receive, and will ever receive. The Gospel is the everlasting message from God to all of humanity that Jesus Christ was crucified, dead, buried, and resurrected on the third day, and that no other payment will ever be required to receive absolute pardon, forgiveness, and fellowship with God Almighty. God has extended this free gift of eternal life instead of damnation to anyone who will simply receive it. The Gospel is the greatest of all messages and the epitome of eternal hope, life, love, and promise. Every soul must choose to receive or reject this gospel. Have you believed? (Mt 20:28; 24:14; Mk 10:29,30; 13:10; **16:15,16**; Lu 19:10; 24:47; Jn 1:12,13; 3:3,15-18; 6:35,40; 10:10,11,28-30; 11:25,26; 17:3; 20:31; Ac 2:21; 10:43; 16:31; 20:24; Ro 1:16; 5:1,2,8,21; 6:23; 10:9-13,15; Ga 1:4; Ep 2:4-9; 5:2; 1Ti 1:15,16; Tit 1:2; 2:14; 3:7; 1 Jn 2:25; 3:16; 5:1-5,11-13; Re 1:5; 3:20; 14:6)

SALVATION

The term salvation means deliverance, preservation from evil, and redemption. This term is mentioned many times in the word of God and tells us that we have a fundamental need for a savior.

In the beginning God created a perfect and holy heaven and earth (yet with free will). In the garden of Eden God explained the consequences of sin were death. There was war in heaven when Lucifer and his alliance rebelled. They were thrown down to earth, deceived mankind, and ultimately await everlasting destruction. The Bible tells us that we are created in the image of God. God is trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Humanity was created in the image of God so likewise we are trinity: Soul, body, and spirit. On the day that Humanity (Adam) sinned, death entered into the human race. Spiritual death occurred immediately when man's spirit was separated from God's Spirit. As a result of this separation, the soul (mind, will, emotions or individualism) was left vulnerable and became flooded with fear and evil. Ultimately the body eventually died also. From that day forward all of Adam's descendants (humanity) were born in this weakened, fallen state. This is why we die. (Ro 5:12) Salvation is Gods perfect plan to redeem mankind from this fallen state. Jesus said "except a person be born again, they cannot even see the kingdom of God" (Jn 3:3). When an individual is "born again" the separation from God is removed and the individual is again joined to the Spirit of God. Because sin occurred in the body or fleshly realm,

this is where God had to mend the breach. Only Christ conquered this Realm by living a perfect and sinless life. God displayed his acceptance of Christ Sacrifice when he was raised from the dead (Rom 1:4). The Bible explains that Christ was made to be sin for us (judged on our behalf) so we could be made the righteousness of God. This is referred to as “The Great Exchange”, (2 Cor 5:21). This is why the perfect blood of Jesus Christ is the only solution. An individual must accept the blood of Christ, in order for the Holy Spirit of God to again fellowship with the temple of our body. His blood alone makes us clean and available for the Spirit of God. There is no other way than the holy, perfect, Blood of Jesus Christ, because only his blood could satisfy the judgement.

When we are born again our spirit is saved, our mind, will, and emotions are being saved by the renewal of his presence and comforting word. Our body will be saved in the day of resurrection (Rom 8). It is total salvation; spirit, soul, and body. When all is completed, the Bible tells us that there will be a new heaven, and a new earth, where King Jesus will rule from the New Jerusalem. This is not the earthly Jerusalem that we know today. This “new Jerusalem” comes down from God out of heaven. And all of Gods children will live with him forever and ever. And the

glory of God will cover the earth. There will be no more dying, no more sickness and no more pain of any kind for those in his Kingdom (Re. 21:1-4). God is restoring his creation and all who want to be restored with it. Amen!

The Bible tells us that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. If you have never asked the Lord Jesus to save you from your sin, do that today. Simply say a prayer of faith like the example below, with a true and open heart, and you will be **SAVED**. God Bless you.

Prayer of Salvation “Lord Jesus, I believe that you are the son of God. I believe that you died on the cross and paid the price for my sins. Lord, I ask you to save me right now, fill me with your Holy Spirit, and walk with me through the rest of my life and bring me to eternity. Thank you Jesus, I now confess you as the Lord and Savior of my life. Amen.” (Ge 1:26,27; 2:17; 3:10,24; Ps 37:39,40; Is 14:12-15; 40:5; Hab 2:14; Mt 13:41-43; 19:29; Mk 16:16; Lu 1:77; 10:19,20; Jn 1:12,13; 3:3,16,36; 4:10; 8:36; 10:9,11; 17:3; Ac 2:21,24; **4:12**; 15:11; **16:30,31**; Ro 1:16; **3:22-26**; 5:8,9,12,18; 6:9,23; 8:23; 10:8-10,13; 2Co 5:21; Ep 2:4-10; Col 2:14; 1Th 5:9,10; Tit 2:11-14; 3:4-7; He 9:27,28; 1Pe 3:18; 2Pe 3:9; **1Jn 5:11-13**; Jude 1:6; Re

3:20; 21:1-7)

THE CHRISTIAN

Christians are those who have accepted the sacrifice and atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ. They(we) are the Disciples of Christ. The atonement of Christ's Blood gives Christians the power. to become the sons and daughters of God and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. Christians are the heirs of God through Christ, joint-heirs with Christ, and the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ through his blood. Through the blood of Christ, Christians receive forgiveness, salvation and eternal life. Christians have access to the authority and benefits of the Kingdom of Heaven through faith in Christ, the power of his name, and the power of prayer.

The characteristics of the Christian are not condemning, yet not apologetic for the truth of Christ, the righteousness of God, and the natural order of God's creation. To honor creation is to recognize and oppose uncleanness, perversions, and manipulations of God's natural order. Christian's purpose to Love God and serve him in the opportunities and callings he makes available for the advancement of the Kingdom. Christians are to Love

one another, Love “thy neighbor as thy self”, encourage their brothers and sisters in Christ, and share the good news of the gospel of Christ with the world. Christians are the children of light and must shine as lights of hope, help, love, and righteousness, in the world. Any person can become a Christian through true faith in Jesus Christ. It is the unearned, gracious gift of God. True and mature Christians will have evidence of the Holy Spirit working in their lives, through the fruits and gifts of the spirit and a renewed desire to do the will of God and bring honor to his name, with evidence of good and holy works. (Ps 91:14,15; Mt 5:14; 16:19; Mk 9:23; 11:24; 12:30,31; 16:15-18; Lu 11:9, 17:6; Jn 1:12; 3:14-18; 6:35,68; 12:46; 14:12,20; 15:7; 17:23; Ac 1:8; 4:12; 13:47; Ro 1:16,20-32; 6:23; 8:14,15,17,28,29; 12:1; 1Co 3:11; 6:19; **12:1-13**; 2Co 6:16-18; Ga 2:20; 3:29; 4:4-7; **5:14,22,23**; Ep 2:8,9,19; 3:17-19; 5:8; Ph 2:15; Col 1:27; 1Th 5:5; 2Ti 1:14; Tit 3:7; He 2:11; 1Pe 4:10; 1Jn 2:27; 3:1-3)

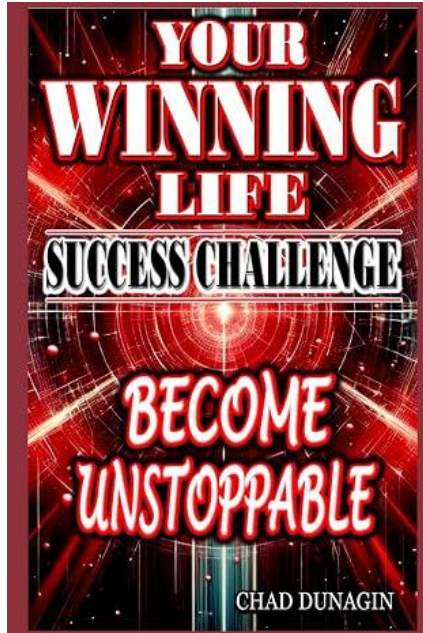
THE CHURCH

There is only one true Church. The Church does not exist apart from the Lord Jesus Christ. The Church is not a building, denomination, or any particular

division of Christianity. The Church is the body of Christ, the bride of Christ, the collection of every individual who is washed in the blood of Jesus Christ and born of the Holy Spirit. The Church ignites and illuminates as believers join, agree, and/or gather together. The primary ordinances of the Church are: Corporate Prayer, Holy Communion, Baptism, Praise, Worship; and the Ministry of Salvation, Hope, Healing, Righteousness, and Love through Jesus Christ the Lord. The Church proclaims the Kingdom of God, and the Gospel of Christ. The purposes of the Church are: World Evangelism, Contending with Evil, the Perfecting and Edification of the Saints, the Work of the Ministry, helping those with needs, and impacting the world for the Glory of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and Unity. A fundamental focus of the Church is the healing, deliverance, evangelization of the world, and the protection of the innocent by the power of God through the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ. (De 19:10; Ps 47:1; 63:4; 82:3,4; 134:2; Pr 31:8,9; Is 61:1,2; Mt 10:8; 16:18,19; 18:5,6; 21:13; 25:31-36,40; Mk 10:43-45; 16:15; Lu 4:18,19; 9:2; 10:9,19,29-37; 17:2; 24:49; Jn 4:23,24; Ac 1:8; 2:38-47; 4:10-12; 5:42; 10:42; 12:5; 14:23; 17:3; 20:28,35; 7:4; 1Co 1:2,3,23; 2:1,2; 10:16,17; 12:27,28; 2Co 13:4; Ga 1:3-8; Ep 1:17-23;

3:9-21; 4:3-13; 5:23,27,29,30,32; 6:10-18; Col 1:12-20,24; 1Th 1:1,5; 5:15; 1Ti 2:8; 3:15,16; He 2:12; Ja 5:14; 1Pe 4:10; Re 21:2,9)

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