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WELCOME

Thank you for taking a few moments to read this booklet. Whether you found it by chance or someone placed it in your hands, I'm genuinely glad you're here. Life has a way of leaving us weary. It can be confusing, overwhelming, and at times deeply painful. Every person carries burdens that others cannot see. If that's where you find yourself today, I want you to know that you are not alone.

The God who created you knows your name, sees every struggle, and understands every hurt. The very fact that you are reading these words today is a reminder that your story is not over. I believe the Lord is reaching out to you with love, grace, and hope. My prayer is that as you read these pages, you'll discover the peace that only He can give, the truth that sets people free, and the unshakable hope found in Jesus Christ.

Thank you again for investing these few minutes. May the God of heaven bless you and fill your heart with the peace that surpasses all understanding. May Jesus, the Prince of Peace, meet you exactly where you are and gently lead you into His love and truth. May the words in this booklet encourage your heart, strengthen your faith, and remind you that your life has great purpose. And may today be remembered as the day your journey began to change for the better as you turned your heart toward the Lord.

God bless you.

– Minister Dunagin

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**

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 believe the key to your peace. The key to your success. The key to finding your destiny starts in Christ.

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

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, it's 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**

YOUR NEXT STEP!

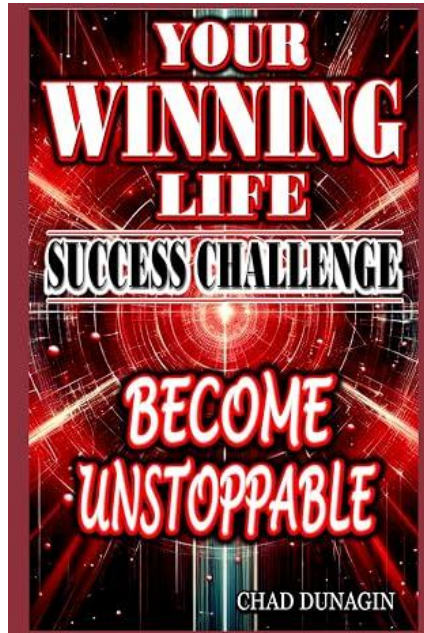
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