THE GOOD LIFE

**TIME TO BE DIFFERENT**

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**THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON JESUS CAME IS TO SAVE US FROM SIN AND GIVE US ETERNAL LIFE**

**John 3:16 (NKJV)** “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

**THERE IS NOTHING EVEN REMOTELY CLOSE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING SAVED FROM YOUR SINS … BORN AGAIN … AND ON YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN**

**THIS HAPPENS WHEN A PERSON REPENTS OF THEIR SIN, RENOUNCES THAT LIFESTYLE, AND SINCERELY COMMITS TO MAKE JESUS LORD (MASTER)**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE THAT … I IMPLORE YOU … DO IT BEFORE IT’S TOO LATE**

**AND THERE ARE MANY WHO CALL THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS AND YET DO NOT LIVE AS BELIEVERS … DON’T BE DECEIVED…**

**1 Corinthians 6:9–10 (NKJV)** Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, **10** nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

**John 8:31–32 (NKJV)** Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. **32** And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

**ONCE YOU’VE SINCERELY MADE JESUS THE LORD OF YOUR LIFE, YOU NEED TO LEARN THAT YOU ARE NOW IN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT CATEGORY … YOUR WHOLE WORLD HAS CHANGED**

**Ephesians 5:5–10 (NKJV)** For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. **6** Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. **7** Therefore do not be partakers with them. **8** For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light **9** (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), **10** **finding out** what is acceptable to the Lord.

**ONCE YOU’VE REPENTED OF YOUR SINS, AND TRULY COMMITTED YOURSELF TO FOLLOW HIM, IT’S TIME TO “FIND OUT” WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO DO**

**WE ARE LIVING IN PRECARIOUS DAYS … AND IT WOULD BE EASY TO SIMPLY WATCH THE NEWS … OR FOLLOW SOCIAL MEDIA TO SEE WHAT’S GOING ON … BUT YOU WON’T GET THE REAL STORY … THE REAL STORY IS PLAYING OUT IN THE SPIRIT REALM**

**2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT)** Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don’t understand this message about the glory of Christ…

**DO NOT LET THAT BE YOU … YOU DO UNDERSTAND … IT’S VERY SIMPLE…**

1. **The human race was created by a loving and sinless God**
2. **He gave them a wonderful life … literally in the Garden of Eden**
3. **Though there was only one thing they were forbidden by God to do, after a few deceptive words from the devil, they sinned against God**
4. **That sin contaminated their soul and spirit, and separated them from God. They had no power to resolve their incompatibility with their holy Creator, and they were still subject to death, the punishment God warned them would ensue if they sinned**
5. **Seeing them completely helpless, God loved them and wanted to save them. The Son of God expressed His willingness to become a human being––one of the created beings––and then to take the punishment for each and every human who would ever live. And with an abundance of love, the Father expressed His willingness to give His only Son as a sacrifice for them.**
6. **Jesus became a man through a virgin so that He would not inherit sin, and then He remained completely obedient to every one of the commandments required by God so that He would not be guilty of His own sin, and therefore be qualified to take the punishment of sin off of every other human being … so that IF THEY WERE WILLING TO EXCHANGE THEIR LIFE FOR HIS … GOD WOULD CONSIDER THAT HE DIED IN THEIR PLACE … SO NOW THEY WILL LIVE IN HIS PLACE … AS AN OBEDIENT CHILD OF GOD.**

**NOW … ARE YOU A PERSON WHO UNDERSTANDS THAT … THE GOOD NEWS … AND ACCEPTS JESUS’ SACRIFICE FOR YOUR SINS BY COMMITTING TO LIVE AS GOD’S CHILD IN OBEDIENCE TO HIM … OR ARE YOU A PERSON WHO DOES NOT UNDERSTAND … AND WHO WILL UNNECESSARILY SPEND ETERNITY PAYING FOR YOUR OWN SIN?**

**IF YOU ARE COMMITTED TO EXCHANGE YOUR SINFUL LIFE FOR JESUS’ RIGHTEOUS LIFE, THEN YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR NEW LIFE MUST BE DIFFERENT … BECAUSE IT IS DIFFERENT**

**1 John 5:19 (NLT)** We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.

**John 15:18–19 (NIV)** “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. **19** If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.”

**1 John 2:15–17 (GW)** Don’t love the world and what it offers. Those who love the world don’t have the Father’s love in them. **16** Not everything that the world offers––physical gratification, greed, and extravagant lifestyles––comes from the Father. It comes from the world, and **17** the world and its evil desires are passing away. But the person who does what God wants lives forever.

**NOW … LET’S GET BACK TO WHAT JESUS SAID…**

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**HE CAME THAT YOU MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE … THAT’S THE MOST IMPORTANT … BUT HE ALSO PAID FOR US TO LIVE AS CHILDREN OF GOD HERE ON EARTH**

**Matthew 6:33 (NKJV) “**But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

**Matthew 6:33 (NLT)** “Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”

**HERE’S A LITTLE TASTE OF WHAT WE’LL LEARN IN THE COMING WEEKS**

**Deuteronomy 30:19 (NKJV)** I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;