

Truths From God's Word



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The Good Person

One may say, if I do my best to live a good life, and always try to do that which is right; I believe God would allow me into heaven when my time ends here on this earth. Because you see, I feel am actually a good person.

Well it's sad when you hear someone say something like that above. But there are actually people believing if they live their life in a way that seems good to them, that some how their so-call righteousness will outweigh their bad, and God is going to welcome them in heaven with open arms when they die. But we that know the truth from God's word, knows that ones own righteousness, and so-call good works, will not get them into heaven, anymore then a zebra can change its own strips.

Because the Bible says there is none righteous, no, not one. And it says our so-call righteousness in nothing more then filthy rags.

Romans 3:10-11 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

But it's because of ones own ignorance, that one goes about trying to establish their own righteousness, instead of righteousness that only comes by God's grace, through faith, in believing on His Son Jesus Christ and what He done for us.

Romans 10:3-4 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Now one can see, it's not by one's own righteousness, and so-call good works that a person can be saved from their sins and be able to go to heaven. But it's by God's grace, that a person can be saved from their sins, and would be able to enter into heaven. So it's by God's grace, that one can have the faith to be able to believe on His only begotten Son Jesus Christ, to be saved. And it's a gift from God: Not by works.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Romans 3:22-26 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3:36

Does not this one verse say alot. It speaks of the saved, and the lost person.

First the saved person is the one who believeth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. So because we do believe, we now have peace with God, and our sins has been forgiven, and we are now called God's sons and daughters, and we will forever be with him, and He with us. Praise God! And all of this was made possible, by God's grace, through faith in believing on His Son Jesus Christ.

Then you have the lost person that believth not, that Jesus is the Son of God. So because of that, they are dead toward God, and the wrath of God abideth on them. Because they haven't had their sins washed away; by that precious blood of Jesus Christ.

John 3:16 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 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Romans 5:1-2 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

If you're not saved; I pray by God's grace, and by the power of His Holy Spirit, that you would though faith, believe on His Son Jesus Christ, and what He done for you, so that you can be saved.

Before one can truly be thankful to God, they have to know God. But before one can know or be known of God, they must know the way to God. And that way is only through His Son Jesus Christ.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Ephesians 2:17-18 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him (Jesus Christ) we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Thankful for God's Holy word

I thank God for His Holy word. I can remember around 17 years ago how God saved me there in that hospital room, by His grace. And how afterward I became hungry for God's word and wanted to hear, and read His word, so I could grow thereby as a Christian.

1 Peter 2:2-3 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

I can remember before God saved me through His Son Jesus Christ, and by the power of His Holy Spirit, that there was times that I would pick up the Bible and try to read it, or make some sense of it. But I couldn't get hold of what it was talking about, or make any sense of it. But it was because a lost person truly can't receive, or know the things of the Spirit of God, because they have not God's Holy Spirit living within them.

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man (un-saved person) receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

John 8:47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

But after being saved, God's word came alive, and it made sense to me. And I was able to read, and hear what God had to say to me. And since then, I have been able to grow as a Christian, because of His Word.

Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Do You know Him?

Do you know the One who knew no sin, but became sin for you? And loved you so much that He laid down His life for you, and suffered like no other man has ever suffered before. Do you know Him? Who allowed sinful men to beat Him, scourged Him with a whip, crown with thorns that pierced His head, mocked Him, was spit on, and allowed them to crucify Him.

John 18:22: And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so?

John 19:1: Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. (Scourged means: of inflicting severe suffering, or punishment. A whip used to inflict punishment.)

Matthew 27:29: And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

Matthew 27:30: And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

Matthew 27:31: And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him. (Crucify means: to execute someone by nailing them to a cross with metal spikes. Their hands are stretched out on the crossbeam and with spikes driven through their wrists or hands. Their feet or ankles are attached to a cross with a metal spike. Crucify also means: kill, persecute, torment, torture, afflict, and agonize.)

Do you know Him? Not just His name, which everyone knows it's Jesus, that the Holy Bible scriptures is speaking of. What am asking, do you know Him personally, as your Lord and Saviour? Have you believed in Him who was without sin, but became sin for you. For God allowed our sins to be placed on Him, and He suffered by shedding His blood, and dying for those sins which was ours, so we could be made righteous in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:21 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.

So the price has been paid for your sins. And it was at a great price of God's only begotten Son who shed His blood, and died in our place. And was buried and God raised Him up on the third day. So because of that, you can now be saved by God's grace, through faith in believing on His Son Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

The Greatest Gift

Had a birthday yesterday, it was my 41st. birthday. Am thankful for all of the birthday wishes I received, and the gifts that I had gotten. But you know I was thinking last night about the greatest gift that I had ever received, and it came from God. It has been over 16 years now since I had received that gift from God, and I can say that gift just keeps getting better and better as time goes by. And even in death it's going to keep on giving. Praise God. And this free gift was given to me by God's grace, and by faith in believing on His Son Jesus Christ. But even know it was free for me to receive, it came at a great cost, and that was the shed blood, and death of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who died for me.

So I do thank God for His grace, and my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for taking upon Himself my sins, and suffering and dying in my place, so I was able to be saved. So it was God's Son Jesus Christ, that took my and your place. He was our representative. All the punishment we deserved because of our sins - He suffered. Someone had to pay the penalty for divine justice to be satisfied. Jesus paid it for us, so we could receive the free gift of salvation.

Now if you're not saved, you can receive that same gift, by believing by faith that God sent His Son into this world; to suffer and die for our sins, and on the third day God raised Him from the dead. So because Jesus Christ has paid for our sin debt in full, and had victory over death, hell, and the grave. So we that believe and are saved, has that same victory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Praise God.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law (ten commandments). But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 3:23-26 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Lord God; help us that are Christians, not to be worldly motivated, but spiritually motivated---Daily being lead by thou Holy Spirit.

The Baby Leopard

A baby leopard was washing himself over and over again. The mother leopard seen the baby leopard washing itself over and over again, using its tongue, front legs and paws. So she asked, why is it that you keep on washing yourself over and over again. The baby leopard replied by saying: am trying to wash off all of these spots from my fur. (haha)

Well that may sound funny about the baby leopard, but there are alot of people who are trying to wash themselves from all of the spots of sins that covers them. Many may think if they try to be good, and do good works, or be baptized, or by joining a church, or praying ten times a day, or etc..., that their sins could be washed away, and their sins be forgiven. But let me tell you something; just as it's impossible for a leopard to wash the spots off it's fur. It's just as impossible for a person to be able to cleanse themselves from their sins. Well you may be asking yourself; how then can I have all my sins washed away? Here is a short answer to your question ---Nothing but the blood of Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Revelation 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.

Romans 3:22-26 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

A smile and a kind word -- can make someone's day.

Colossians 3:12-14 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

A word you don't hear to much about these days is the word "Fornication".

Even know it's happening all around us, from young kids up to the elderly. For some reason these days people don't seem to have a problem with having a Sexual relationship with one another, being not married to each other. (Fornication: Sexual intercourse between a man and a woman who are not married to each other).

Many people may think it's alright to live in that type of lifestyle. But just because the world approves of it, and promotes it, as being alright; through tv, radio, magazines, at some schools, and etc... By no means make it right. Let God be true, and every man a liar. Other words if God's word says it's not good and that it's a sin, that is what it is. It doesn't matter who may think it's alright to commit such a thing as fornication, because we should obey God, and not what this world may say is alright to do, and not to do.

I guess I can see how a lost person can commit fornication, and it really not bother him or her that is doing such a thing. For a lost person, it's their sinful nature, that leads them to do such things as that. And at the same time they don't have God's Holy Spirit within them constantly convicting them, that it's not good to be living in that type of lifestyle.

But if there is one going around confessing to be a Christian, and is committing fornication, that is not good. Because God warns Christians that they shouldn't do such a thing.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour.

1 Corinthians 6:17-20 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

So if one is claiming to be a Christian and is committing fornication; and if they don't feel God is disciplining them, or if they don't feel God's Holy Spirit within them constantly convicting them. Maybe they should examine themselves to be sure they are truly saved.

2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

I believe in god

Some may say; I know am not perfect, but I do believe in god. Am not like them atheist who disbelieves there is a god. So I believe with me just believing in god, that He accepts me as I am. I believe I have a personal relationship with him; and when I die I will forever be with him in heaven. Because I believe in him and I love him, and he loves me.

You may have notice that I used lowercase letters on the (g) for god instead of using capital letters. The reason is the god that they are speaking of is not the God of the Bible, it's an imaginary god that they have created, that will accept them as they are. So they have created an idol that replaces the one true God; which the Bible calls committing idolatry. Now if they would just take the time and read what God's word says, they would realize that their god is nothing more then an imaginary god, that they have made that suits them and will accept their lifestyle no matter what it may be.

Lets take a look at God's word, and see how a person can have a personal relationship with the true God of the Bible.

John 14:6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

1 Peter Chapter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

So now by having read what God's word says; one can see that the only way that a person can have a personal relationship with the true God is through His Son Jesus Christ. And it's only through Jesus Christ that a person can have their sins forgiven and be made worthy to be called a son or daughter of the one and only true God.

1 Corinthians 1:30-31 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his (Jesus) blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Funerals

Am sure most of us has attended a funeral to pay our last respects to that person that has passed on, or to just have one last chance of seeing that person's body here on this earth. And as you may have attended that person's funeral, you may have seen the deceased body in the casket and people viewing him or her.

And after the viewing of the body maybe a pastor or others may have been standing up above the casket speaking good and comforting words about that person to their family and friends. And afterwards you may have seen or may have even been one of the pallbearers carrying the casket out to the hearse, so it could be taken to the grave site. And then there at the grave site a few more words may have been spoken of the deceased before being lowered down into the ground where the deceased will be seen no more here on this earth.

I sometimes think maybe it's good for us to attend a funeral. So it will remind us on how short and temporal our lives are here on this earth. And to remind us before we know it, that same funeral we may have attended to see a love one or just someone we knew for the last time-- will be us one day.

So one day we all will be lowered down into a grave and seen no more here on this earth. But the most important thing is where is your soul going---- the real you, not the body that is going to be placed in a grave one day. The soul is the real you. The body is just being used as a temporal place for your soul to dwell in. And once your soul leaves your body (it) that is your body, is not good for nothing, but for the grave. But your soul the real you will either go to heaven or hell. There is no in-between, one or the other. In God's Word it says in:

2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether you be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know you not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except you be reprobates?

Does Christ dwell in you or are you a reprobate? Other words are you saved or lost? Am not asking are you a Christian. Because most people probably think they are. Because you got some believing their a Christian because they was baptized when they where a baby, or one being older in age got baptized without being saved first. For them water baptism did nothing for them, just coming up out of the water a wet lost sinner instead of a dry one.

Or some may believe they are a Christian because they try to live a good life and do good works thinking they can please God and earn their way into heaven. But in God's Word it says in:

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags.

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So it's not by self-righteousness, or so called good works that a person becomes a Christian. It's only by God's grace through faith in his Son Jesus Christ, and is a gift from God, (not by works). So no one can boast about what they done to be saved, because it's by God's grace.

Ephesians 2:8,9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:Not of works, lest any man should boast.

So my prayer and hope is, that you will examine yourself to see if you're truly saved or not. If not; I would plea with you that you would humble yourself before God, and ask Him to send His Holy Spirit down to convince and show you that you are a sinner and need forgiveness, and that it's only by God's grace, through faith in His Son Christ Jesus, that you can be saved.

Are you ashamed to confess Jesus Christ before men? Or do you just deny Him altogether. If you're one of these people, then here is what God's word, says about you.

Mark 8:38 Whosoever therefore shall be (ashamed) of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be (ashamed), when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Luke12:8-9 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall (confess) me before men, him shall the Son of man also (confess) before the angels of God: (But he that (denieth) me before men shall be denied before the angels of God).

1 John 2:22-23 Who is a liar but he that (denieth) that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that (denieth) the Father and the Son. Whosoever (denieth) the Son, the same hath not the Father...

So if you're ashamed of Jesus Christ, and deny Him. You shouldn't be surprised if you die in your sins being not saved, that Christ is going to be ashamed of you, and deny you.

Romans 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him (Jesus Christ) shall not be (ashamed).

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth...

A Man Named John

There was a man named John, that had everything the world had to offer him. Anything he seen or thought of could and would be his. He had money, gold, silver, and all types of jewels. He had a large mansion with men and women servants, as well as all types of luxury automobiles. He knew people that could get him anything that he wanted or desired. He had the best doctors that the world had to offer, but he had never needed them being 35 years of age, he had always been in good health. And his doctor had told him that he was as healthy as an 18 year old.

So he felt that he had it good and knowing he had everything he wanted or needed, and thinking he had many years ahead of him where he could just pretty much eat, drink, and be merry, and just enjoy all of the pleasures that this would had to offer him.

Now there came a day where John was driving down the road heading back home, when all of sudden his tire blew out on his car. So he pulled over on side of the road and he started to call someone on his cell phone, but all of sudden there was someone knocking on his car window door. It was a man asking him if he needed help changing his car tire. But he told him he would just call and get someone to come there and fix it. But the man insisted he would change the tire for him. So John went ahead and let him.

So after the man changed John's tire for him, John offered to pay him money, but the man would not take it. But the man did ask John if he was saved. John replied by saying saved from what? So the man explained to him about Jesus the Righteous One who became sin who knew no sin. How He suffered for our sins by shedding His blood and hanging on that old rugged cross. And how He died for our sins, and on the third day God raised Him up from the dead, so that we can be justified through Him (Christ Jesus). And that it's only through Jesus Christ that one can be saved from their sins, and be saved from being condemned to hell.

So after the man got finished sharing with John the good news of Jesus Christ. John said I don't need your Jesus, I got everything I need and more. I am rich and in good health and my doctor tells me I should be able to live to be 80 or more, before I die. You come see me when I get 79 years old, then maybe I will see about getting saved. But until then am going to keep enjoying all of the pleasures that this would has to offer, and live the way I feel is right.

So the man wish John a good day and left. So John went on home and laid down in bed, but all of sudden a sharp pain run up his arm and his chest, then everything turned black, and John died at the age of 35, being not saved.

The moral of this story is, that people shouldn't put their trust and hope in the things of this world, which can do nothing for them once death comes. Which could happen at any time. No matter how young or healthy one may seem to be, death can come when one may least expect it. And all of the money, material things, and pleasures of this world, will be no more. The only thing a lost person will receive after death, will be hell, because they died in their sins being not saved.

One's Outward Appearance

No one should ever think they are better than someone else because their skin color may be lighter or darker than someone else's. Because a person's skin color doesn't determine who that person is, or that person's character ----> (Aspects of a person's behavior and attitudes, that make up that person's personality. Everyone has character traits, both good and bad).

So we should never judge a person by their skin color, but by their character. And everyone should know that the only thing that determines if a person's skin is going to be light or dark, is the amount of Melanin that is in their skin. (Melanin: The pigment that gives human skin, hair, and eyes their color. Dark-skinned people have more melanin in their skin, than light-skinned people have). So if we all could just get pass on how someone looks on the outside, and get to know that person's character which makes that person who he or she is, this world would be a much better place to live in.

And guess what. We all have the same blood running through our veins which came from our first parents, Adam and Eve. Acts 17:26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth...

If God is not a respecter of persons and doesn't look on the outer appearance, but the heart. Shouldn't we do the same.

Romans 2:11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

1 Samuel 16:7 But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

So I believe unlike us, God only sees two type of people, those that are His and those that are not. For one to become His, they must be saved by His mercy and grace and faith in His Son Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

So people should be more concerned about if they are truly saved or not. Instead of given place to Satan's lies of one thinking they are superior than others, because of ones outer appearance. None of us are any better than anyone else, because we all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

Only thing that can make a person better; is by one being saved, then yes, they are better, because they have had their sins forgiven, and have made peace with God. Which was not of ourselves, but it was a gift from God, and by faith in believing on His Son Jesus Christ.

*Either you have been made righteous in Jesus Christ.
Or you have no righteousness at all.*

Romans 3: 10-12 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

2 Corinthians 5:21 - 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.

Romans 5:21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:30-31 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Romans 3:22-26 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Which road are you traveling on? The broad way which will lead to destruction, and hell. Or the narrow which leads to everlasting life in heaven.

I will make it easy for you. If Jesus Christ is not your Lord and Savior, you're on that broad road headed straight for destruction and hell.

But If you're traveling down that narrow way; you have been saved by God's grace and by faith in believing on His Son Jesus Christ. And the end thereof will be everlasting life in heaven; where there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.

Revelation 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Believing unto Salvation

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

John 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him (Christ Jesus) should not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3:16 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 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me (Jesus Christ) hath everlasting life.

John 11:25-26 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Romans 3:22-26 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Romans 10:9-11 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.

Fulfillment and Contentment

There are a lot of people that are going about seeking fulfillment and contentment in the things that this world has to offer them. But many have found out that the things of this world can't bring them the fulfillment or contentment, that they have been seeking for.

Many have sought for them in money, fame, in work, religion, other people, as well in other things that this world has offered them. Which for a short time these things may have given them a sense of fulfillment and contentment, but before long they found out those things to be nothing more than an illusion, that only last for a short time, then fades away to nothing. But unfortunately many will just keep seeking after the things of this world; hoping one day that they may find that true fulfillment and contentment that they have been seeking for.

But thank God; for the people who God has opened their eyes, and showed them that true fulfillment and contentment will never come being apart from His Son Jesus Christ. It's only through Jesus Christ that one will ever find that fulfillment and contentment that they have been seeking for. So for you all that are still seeking for those things; I would ask that you would cry out to God, and ask Him to open your eyes, heart, and mind, to the truth, that is in His Son Jesus Christ, so that you can be saved. And then you will be able to have that true fulfillment and contentment which only comes by God's grace and faith in His Son Jesus Christ.

Fulfillment - When one becomes saved that true fulfillment comes in by knowing we now are at peace with God, and His Holy Spirit now dwells within us. And also knowing that true fulfillment doesn't come from ourselves or other things, but only in the things that come from God. Which is love, peace, comfort, joy, everlasting life, and of course contentment - because we know that God our Father will never leave us, nor forsake us.

Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

What we Christians have and are in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

(J)ustified

(E)ternal life

(S)ins forgiven

(U)nderstanding in God's word

(S)alvation

(C)leansed from sins by His blood

(H)oly spirit

(R)edeemed

(I)nnocent

(S)anctified

(T)estimony

Your best life now?

Does God's word teach us (we that are Christians) that our best life is now living here on this earth? I don't think so, but the opposite. We shouldn't go by what man or some book written by a man says about when a person will have their best life. We should always believe the truth of God's word over a person who would and does pervert the truth of the Bible, for their own gain.

What do you think Apostle Paul of the bible would had said if someone would had told him that he could have his best life now. Think about after Paul had been stoned by the Jews and carried out of the city being unconscious. Then after Paul had regained consciousness someone came to him and said: you can have your best life now.

Acts 14:19-20 And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead. Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up...

Or when Paul was in prison being held for doing nothing more then speaking the truth of Jesus Christ and teaching the only way a person could be saved is through Him (Christ Jesus). What if a person came to Paul while he was locked up in that prison and handed him a book through the prison bars, that said "Your best life now", I could only imagine what he would had said to that person who had handed him a book like that. Maybe he would had told that person:

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he (God) hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Hebrews 13:5

Or maybe he would had told him: (But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death. Philippians 3:7-10)

Or last he may had said: (But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced

-----> themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. 1 Tim- othy 6:6-12)

So we that are Christians shouldn't believe our best life is now, because God's word doesn't teach that.

1 John 2:15-16 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

John 16:33 - These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Romans 8:18 - For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time [are] not worthy [to be compared] with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

1 Peter 4:12-13 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Now there is one way a person can have their best life now, and that is by one dying in their sins being not saved---Then yes, this is their best life now, because hell will be the life to come for the lost person who dies in their sins, being not saved. I pray that will not be you.

But we that are saved. Our best life is the life to come where there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain. And we will forever be with God our Father, Jesus Christ our savior, and others who died being saved.

Revelation 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Offended by God's Ten Commandments

Why is it that some people are so offended by God's Ten Commandments? I believe they are offended by God's Ten Commandments, because it shows them that we have all sinned, and do come short of His glory and standards.

Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: (for by the law is the knowledge of sin).

Now when one compares themselves by other people standards, they may have thought of themselves as a so-called good person, but when a person compares themselves to God's standards, they can see then that they are truly guilty of sinning against Him, because they have broken His Commandments. So because of this, they do get offended after having read the Ten Commandments, because they now can see, that, they are not such a good person after all, and that they are sinners. Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Here is just five of the Ten Commandments, just to show how we all truly fall short of God's glory, and standards.

1. "You shall have no other gods before Me."

Have any of us always loved God with "all of your heart, mind, soul, and strength," and love his neighbour as much as he has loved himself.

3. "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."

Have you ever taken God's name in vain -instead of using a four letter word to express disgust, you've used His name? Hitler's name wasn't despised enough to use as a curse word. If you have used His holy name in that manner, you are a blasphemer and will not enter the Kingdom of God.

7. "You shall not commit adultery."

Who of us can say that we are pure of heart? Jesus warned, "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust after her has committed adultery already with her in his heart."

Remember that God has seen every thought you have had and every sin you have ever committed. The day will come when you have to face His Law, and we are told that the impure, fornicators (those who have sex before marriage) and adulterers will not enter the Kingdom of God.

8. "You shall not steal."

Have you ever taken something that belonged to someone else (irrespective of its value)? Then you are a thief you cannot enter God's Kingdom.

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-----> 9. "You shall not bear false witness."

Have you ever told a lie? Then you are a liar. How many lies do you have to tell to be a liar? Just one. The Bible warns that all liars will have their part in the Lake of Fire (Revelation 21:8). You may not think deceitfulness is a serious sin. God does!

Who of us can say we are not guilty of breaking just these Five of the Ten Commandments? All of us have sinned, and just as with civil law, you don't have to break ten laws to be a lawbreaker, so the Bible warns, In (James 2:10) "For whoever shall keep the whole Law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all."

Romans 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Romans 3:10-12 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

The good news is; we that have been saved, will not be judged by His law, because we are no longer under the law of God, but under His grace, and we have been forgiven from all sins.

But if you're one that has not been saved, then you're still under the Commandments of God (the laws of God), and you will be judged, and condemned, by the law of God on judgment day, if you die being not saved.

So maybe you're asking yourself, how can I be forgiven for sinning against God, and no longer be under the law of God, but under grace. The answer is: That you should humble yourself before God, and ask Him to send His Holy Spirit down, to show, and convince you, that you are a sinner, and need forgiveness. And it's only by God's grace, through faith in believing on His Son Christ Jesus, that you can be saved.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

The Burning Building

There were two men who were working late in their office building and as they were working; one of them notice smoke coming from out under the door. So he tells the other man that was with him in the office, that he believes that there may be a fire outside of the door. But the other man said if there was a fire the alarms would be going off.

But they both decided to go and open the door to see what was going on. As one of the men opened the door, they was then able to see that there were smoke all over the place and they could see fire in every direction they looked. So they went back in the office and closed the door and called 911 to get some help.

So as they waited they went to the window to see if there was any way they could get out from there, but they were to high up in the building to jump, and there was no fire escape outside of the window. But they did start hearing sirens from a fire truck. So as they was waiting to get rescued, they went ahead and went to the door and opened it, hoping to see someone coming up there to rescue them.

So as they did their best to look through the smoke to see if they could see someone coming for them. Then all of the sudden there appeared a firefighter out of the smoke. The firefighter came to the two men and said to them: am going to have to make my way on up to the other floors of this building to make sure there is no more people that are trapped by this fire.

But before the firefighter left them he told them to listen to him, that he would tell them how to get out of that burning building alive. So he told them to go over to the back stairs and make their way down to the 6th floor, and once they got there, they would have to cross over the hall way to the front stairs, then make their way all the way to the 1st floor, and then there will be a straight shot to the door that leads outdoors.

So after the firefighter had got finish speaking with them, he left them and headed up to the other floors in the building, and the two men went to the back stairs as the firefighter had told them, and they started down the stairs and had gotten to the 6th floor where the fireman had told them to go. And one of the men told the other, now we have to cross the hall way to the front stairs, that will take us to the 1st floor, but he said am not going to listen to what that firefighter told me, am going my way, and get out of this burning building. But the other man told him that he should do as the fireman had told them to do, because he knew the way, because he came up that same way, so he knows the way for us to get out of this building alive.

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----> But the man would not hear it, so he just kept going down the back stairs instead of going across the hall and going down the front stairs to the 1st floor. So as he had gotten down to the 4th floor level; he notice smoke coming from under the stairs, but he just kept going, and all of sudden the stairs gave way and he fell to his death. But the other man made it out of the burning building safely.

So who should be blamed for this man's death? Should it be the fireman who told him the way to get out of the building alive, or the other man who tried to tell him to go the way that the fireman told them to go? "Neither one" is to be blamed for that man's death, because it was his own fault for not listening to the firefighter; who knew the way out of that burning building.

The reason I wanted to tell this story is to show just as with the foolish man dying, because he wouldn't believe the truth, but had to do it his way, by going the wrong way, instead of the only way that would've saved his life, just as it did with the other man who listen and believed what the fire fighter told them.

So just as it was with that foolish man who wouldn't believe, and had to do it his way, so it is with many people about God's word. Many people will not believe the truth from God's word, because they had rather do it their way, and hoping all will be good. But as so many who have already died doing it their way, and not God's way are now in a place that is much worse then one being burned alive in a building, because they are now in a place called hell.

Now for the ones who has already gone to hell or for the ones that may go there; who is to be blamed for those who are there and the ones who may end up there? Is it God's fault or a pastor's fault, or others who may had shared with them the truth from God's word? "No", it's that person's fault for not believing the truth from God's word, that says the only way that could've and can save a person is only through His (God's) only begotten Son Jesus Christ.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Acts 4:12 - Neither is there salvation in any other (Jesus Christ): for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Romans 10:9-11 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

How much does God love us?

Answers:

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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

God loved us so much, that He did give His only begotten Son; who suffered and died for our sins. And God raised Him from the dead, so we through Jesus Christ can have our sins forgiven and receive God's love, that only comes through His Son.

But there are many people who doesn't believe that God did love them so much, that He did give His only begotten Son to die in their place, so that they could have their sins forgiven and be at peace with God, instead of being under His wrath and condemnation.

So for the ones who believe not and is not saved, they are under condemnation and the wrath of God does abideth on them, because they refuse to believe the truth from His word, that He did give His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Romans 1:18-32 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light (Jesus Christ) is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

But upon us who believeth and are saved by God's grace and through faith in His Son Jesus Christ, we are no longer under condemnation, by under grace, and God's wrath abideth not on us, but His love abideth on us forever more, because we are now His children and He is our Father which is in heaven. Praise God!

By Grace through Faith

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

1. *(For by grace are ye saved) By God's grace we are saved.*

2. *(Through faith) How does faith come?*

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. So faith comes by hearing God's word

3. *(And that not of yourselves) If not of us. Who?*

"It's by God's grace". By us hearing God's word, and by the power of His Holy Spirit. And (it's not of ourselves), but (it is the gift of God).

4. *(Not of works, lest any man should boast). 'So it's not by works, that is to say, it's not what we were able to do, to get saved, but it was by hearing of God's word, by the power of His Holy Spirit, that we were able to have the faith; to believe on His Son Jesus Christ, to be saved.*

So it was all by God's grace, that we are saved, or for someone to be saved. So anyone that is saved can't go around boasting about being saved by something that they may have done. Because it's a gift from God, through faith that came from Him. And it's by that faith; that we was able to believe on His Son Jesus Christ and what He done for us.

And by us coming to believe on His Son Jesus Christ; we were able to realize what sinners we truly were, and repentance came, because it was revealed to us, that it was Jesus who took our place, and suffered, and died for our sins. So because of that, we could be saved through Him.

2 Corinthians 5:21 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.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

Romans 3:22-26 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

The Line Of No Return

There is a line drawn, and when a person crosses it, there is no return. Because pass this line is death. There are some that are so close in reaching this line that it may only be hours or just days away. But for others it maybe much farther away, say years or even decades before reaching that line of death.

But the thing is none of us truly know the day or hour that we will depart from this earth, that many calls home. It doesn't matter how young, or how good of health we may be in. Because death can come just as easy to the young and healthy person as it can an older person in bad health.

So no one should think that they have got plenty of time here on this earth. Because there are some traveling at a faster speed toward that line then others, because of the abundance of sins that they have, and are committing every day. Because it says in: Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death...

So because of sin people are getting ever closer to crossing that line of death. And once this line is crossed, there are only two destinations where a person can go. And they are either heaven or hell.

Heaven-- Because that person sins was forgiven by God's grace and by faith in believing on His son Jesus Christ unto salvation.

Hell-- Because that person believe not and died in their sins, being not saved.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 3:22-26 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

John 3:15-18 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 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. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

All are God's children?

I sometimes hear people say "we are all God's children". When I hear someone say that; am thinking they are not saved and don't know any better. Or maybe they are saved, and they just don't read or understand God's word (the Bible).

In God's word it says in: Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:14-16 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God

Galatians 4:6,7 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Now after reading God's word; you may now see that you are not a child of God, because now you can see it's only by one being saved and having the Spirit of Christ living with-in them, before one can be a son or daughter of God.

So if you're not saved; call out to God and ask Him if He would by His mercy and grace, give you faith enough to believe on His Son Jesus Christ, and what He done for you, so that you can become a child of God.

God's Love...

John 3:16 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.

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 4:9-10 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Romans 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

Which Foundation are you on?

If you're not going through a storm right now-- just wait they will come. But during these storms of life, which type of foundation are you on? Is it a foundation of sinking sand or a solid rock foundation?

Matthew 7:24-25 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

Matthew 7:26-27 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

So are you built upon the rock or a sand foundation in which the foolish man (lost person) built his house upon. The sand foundation is a foundation in which a person puts their hope, faith, and trust in themselves, and things of this world to save them when the storms floods and winds blow in their lives. But soon find out their hope in themselves and things of this world was nothing more than just sinking sand of destruction, that will and has already come into many people lives.

But the rock that a Christian is founded upon is a rock in which it doesn't matter how deep the floods may get or how hard the winds may blow in our lives. Because we know we are founded on a rock, that will never leave us or forsake us. Because our foundation is in Christ Jesus which stands sure all through our lives. And will stand sure even in death, when we will get to be with the one who saved us by His grace.

Psalms 27:5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Psalms 31:3 For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

Psalms 95:1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

1 Corinthians 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

2 Samuel 22:2-4 And David said, The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence. I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Hope

What are you putting your hope in. Is it in yourself, other people, government, money, or other things of this world. Well I must tell you if your hope is in anything besides God and His Son Jesus Christ, then your hope is going to equal up to nothing more than an temporary, false, and disappointing hope. Because the Bible says in:

2 Corinthians 4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

So one shouldn't put their hope on things seen. Because it's only a temporary hope that will soon fade away and be no more. But things which are not seen: like our soul, God and His Son Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, and heaven ---these things are eternal and faded not away. So don't put your hope or trust in people, and things of this world, more than the true hope that only comes by God's grace and faith in His Son Jesus Christ.

So my hope is that all people would put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ, the One who can give them not just hope in this life, but knowing after this life of ours has ended here on this earth, we that are saved will be going to a much better place called heaven. Because our true hope and faith was not in this world, but was in Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for our sins, and was buried, and God rose Him up on the third day, according to the scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

Proverbs 14:32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death.

Proverbs 10:28 The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

2 Thessalonians 2:16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Drinking Alcohol

Some may ask is it alright me being a Christian to drink alcohol? Well seeing that we that are saved has that true peace, love, and joy within us, that only comes from God, not what the world can give, and we have that true comfort that only comes from God's Holy Spirit. I think a better question would be why would a Christian want to drink alcohol, seeing that we are filled with God's love, peace, joy, and comfort. So why would we seek these things from an alcohol bottle that can never give us these things that only comes from God.

My question is why would we want to take part in something that has destroyed millions of lives already, and is destroying lives daily. Do you not know that alcohol is one of the leading causes of broken up marriages, domestic abuse, driving fatalities and injuries, and not to mention underage drinking which kills more youth than all other illicit drugs combined. And they usually start drinking because they see their dad, mom, or other family members doing the same.

Here is just a few Alcohol Statistics

More than one-half of American adults have a close family member who has or has had alcohol addiction.

Alcoholism and alcohol abuse are the third leading cause of the preventable deaths in the United States.

More than 100,000 U.S. deaths are caused by excessive alcohol consumption each year. Direct and indirect causes of death include drunk driving, cirrhosis of the liver, falls, cancer, and stroke.

Approximately 14 million people in the United States are addicted to alcohol or abuse alcohol.

Traffic crashes are the greatest single cause of death for persons aged 6-33. About 45% of these fatalities are in alcohol-related crashes

Between 48% and 64% of the people who die in fires have blood alcohol levels indicating intoxication.

Underage drinking costs the United States more than \$58 billion every year - enough to buy every public school student a state-of-the-art computer.

Youth who drink alcohol are 50 times more likely to use cocaine than those who never drink alcohol.

Alcohol kills 6½ times more youth than all other illicit drugs combined.

----> (1) The Bible does teach total abstinence from alcohol. Both the main Hebrew word for wine and the Greek word for wine can mean either fermented grape juice or intoxicating wine. The English word wine originally had two meanings also - Non-fermented juice or alcoholic drink.

(2) In the Bible, verses to show God approves of wine are speaking about non-fermented juice. Verses that expose the evils of wine are speaking about intoxicating wine.

(3) The Bible says alcoholic drink is evil. It is not just the amount one drinks that makes drinking a sin. God condemns the drink itself. (Prov 20:1) Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

(4) God does not lead us into evil; He delivers us from it. He does not teach us to practice evil in moderation. Jesus did not make, use, approve, commend, or tell us to use intoxicating wine.

(5) God made man to have fellowship with Him. Alcohol goes directly to the brain, the communication center of the body. It interferes with God's purpose for mankind.

Proverbs 23:29-30 - Drinking causes woe, sorrow, fighting, babbling, wounds without cause and red eyes.

Proverbs 23:31 - God instructs not to look at intoxicating drinks.

Proverbs 23:32 - Alcoholic drinks bite like a serpent, sting like an adder.

Proverbs 23:33 - Alcohol causes the drinker to have strange and adulterous thoughts.

Proverbs 23:29-33 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

Galatians 4:9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Non-Christian -vs- Christian

Here are some Bible verses that speaks about a lost person-- one who believeth not-- a non-Christian. And one that believeth and is saved---which is a Christian.

--Non-Christian--

1 John 5:10 ...he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

Romans 8:9 ...Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

John 8:24 Jesus said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he (the Son of God), ye shall die in your sins.

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin [is] death;

Colossians 3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

John 3:36 ...and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 3:18 ...but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

--Christian--

John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned:

Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

1 John 5:10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself:

1 John 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Romans 4:7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Ephesians 1:7-8 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

1 Thessalonians 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life:

Romans 6:23 ...but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Murmuring and Complaining

Murmuring means: To complain in low mumbling tones; grumble. A mumbled or private expression of discontent.

Complaining means: Expressing dissatisfaction of resentment; find fault. (Sign of Being Ungrateful)

What the Bible says about murmuring and complaining.

Philippians 2:14-16 Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

1 Corinthians 10:10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

John 6:43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

For a Non-Christian murmuring and complaining comes natural. But for us who are saved these things should always be un-natural. I know there are times where we all may complain, and not be content with things in our life. But if we would just always keep our eyes on our Lord and Savior, and God's word, instead of things of this world. We would then become more and more thankful and content with things in our life.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Philippians 4:11-13 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Believing the Lie

It's funny how some people will believe just about anything one may tell them or believe the things the tv media, magazines, schools, colleges, and etc. says, but will not believe the truth from God's word. They rather put their trust in a corruptible human, then in the incorruptible God which made the heavens and earth. And it's because of Him, that they have their being and exist here on this earth.

But some rather believe the lie of the so call big bang theory or evolution. Well first of all, anytime you get an explosion it doesn't create things it destroys them. And for evolution; one truly got to have faith to believe that one day so-call billion of years ago, something crawled out of the ocean, and from that all the animals, birds, insects, and even human beings descended down from it. Wow someone truly got to have some type of faith to believe such a thing as that, but some do.

Now for myself even before I had gotten saved, common sense told me if there is creation all around me like trees, animals, insects, and even myself and other people, that there had to be a creator, and I knew it was God. And after I became saved, it only confirmed it even more, by God's Word (Holy Bible), and by His Holy Spirit that dwelleth within me.

So if some people prefer to keep believing in man's theories, instead of the truth, they can have at it. But for me and others that knows the truth, we know: In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth and all things in them. Genesis 1:1-31

Isaiah 42:5 Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein..

Isaiah 45:18 For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Romans 1:18-20 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse..

Now if you're not saved I pray by God's grace and by faith in His Son Jesus Christ, that you may be saved, and then you will know the truth.

God's Instruction Manual

Hey you know how sometimes when we may go out and buy something: say like one of those smart cell phones, smart tvs, pc tablets, or say a bicycle, or children swing set, and etc... Now we know these things comes with some type of instruction manual, so that it will make it easier to learn how to use those certain devices, or make it easier to put something together.

But for me and am sure a lot of other people, that instead of taking time to read over the instruction manuals, we just dive right into it, and hope for the best. We know if we would just take time to read over the instruction manuals, that we would learn quicker about that certain device, and be able to put something together faster and not having to worry so much that it may fall apart after having put it together. But that is just how we are alot of times wanting to figure it out ourselves, not wanting to take instructions from anyone or anything.

But there is an instruction manual that we Christians should be reading daily, and that is God's instruction manual (Holy Bible). It's an instruction manual that God has given us, so that we can grow as Christians. And in His instruction manual we know it's Holy and true. And it will answer any question that we may ever have, no matter what it may be, and it teaches and shows us how we should be living as Christians. So am thankful for God's inspired Word (Holy Bible), and God's Holy Spirit, that is within us. So that we can know God's will in our life, and enables us to live in a way which is pleasing to Him.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

1 Peter 2:2-3 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Can One earn Salvation?

Can one earn salvation by being a so-called good person or for doing something for it, say good works? The answer is No---Salvation is only by God's grace and through His Son Jesus Christ---there is no other way. But don't take my word for it. Lets see what God's word says.

Being Good?

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. Isaiah 64:6

Romans 3:10-12 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God...

Romans 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing...

So you see there is nothing good in a person-- being apart from Christ. Because we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. And all of the so-call good works that one could ever do, will never save them from being condemned. Because it's only by God's grace and faith in His Son Jesus Christ, that one can be saved from being condemned. And it's a gift from God: not by works, lest any man should boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:16-17 And not as it was by Adam that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's (Adam) offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

So no one is good enough or can do anything good enough to be saved. It's only by God's grace and by the power of His Holy Spirit, that gives a person faith enough to believe on His Son Jesus Christ, so that they can be saved, and not be condemned.

John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Horrible place called Hell

We went fishing for awhile yesterday. It was so hot out there with the sun shining right down on me, and with the sun reflecting off the lake. And I can remember after we got back home from fishing, I started thinking on how horrible hell is and going to be for the person that dies without being saved. Because that 90 degrees that it was yesterday when I was out there fishing, is nothing when you read in God's Word, that hell is like a furnace of fire, that is never quenched.

I can't imagine how horrible hell is going to be like where the fire will never be quenched 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and where there is going to be constant wailing and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 13:42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth).

I know these days churches and Christians doesn't speak about hell as much as we should. But Jesus spoke of hell and warned people about it, so should we. But in the right way, not going up to a person and say, if you don't come to believe on God's only begotten Son Jesus Christ and be saved, your going to hell. Which is true. But we need to explain to a lost person (how) to be saved by sharing with them the gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ.

By showing them in God's Word how we have (all sinned and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23) And what Jesus did for us: (1 Corinthians 15:3-4 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures).

And to show that it's only through Jesus Christ that a person can be saved. Acts 13:38-39 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man (Jesus) is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things...

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

So we should speak of hell to them that are not saved. And let them know if they die being not saved, that they will go to that horrible place called hell.

Matthew 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. Revelation 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Declaring someone Saved

Can someone be saved by just having someone share with them a few bible verses and then repeating a sinners prayer.

Yes-- One can be saved by hearing God's word and then repeating a sinners prayer, but it's by God's grace and by the power of His Holy Spirit that a person can have that Godly sorrow that leads them to repentance of their sins, and give them enough faith to believe on His Son Jesus Christ to be saved.

But what am concerned about is when we that are Christians share the good news of Jesus Christ with someone, and then ask them if they would like to repeat or say a prayer to ask God to forgive them of their sins, and ask Jesus Christ to save them and come into their life. And say after they had agreed and had said or repeated the prayer, we that are Christians many times will declare that person saved by telling him or her that they are now saved.

Now am thinking maybe this is a mistake on our part to declare a person saved so soon before that person had time to examine themselves to be sure that they had truly gotten saved or not. 2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

I think maybe we should hold off before declaring someone is saved, and wait and see if that person will start showing some type of signs of actually having been saved, by God's grace, and not just a false conversion by the works of the flesh. So I believe we should hold off trying to get that person baptized and joining the church so soon before seeing some evidence of a genuine salvation--- like turning away from the ungodly things and turning toward Godly things, and like reading God's word, praying daily, attending church regularly, and start hating their sins, and start seeking and doing things that which is good.

But am afraid we get in such a rush to declare that a person have gotten saved so that we can maybe take some credit in having lead a person to the Lord, or a church maybe being more concerned about the number of baptisms that they can perform then actually being more concerned on if who they are baptizing is truly saved, or are they nothing more then a lost hypocrite getting wet.

I know for myself I have seen people and known people close to me, that had someone tell them that they were saved after they had someone lead them in repeating or saying a prayer to be saved. But I can say these same people who was declared to be saved are living just the same as they was before or worst, with no turning from their sins, and had not seeked after things which is of God. And this has been years after someone had told them that they were saved.

So I believe we should hold off declaring someone has gotten saved so soon until there is some true Godly evidence in their lives--- Like love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance, which are signs of someone having received the Holy Spirit, by having been saved. And giving them time to examine themselves to see if they are truly in the faith, that is saved. Because I believe there are only two that truly knows rather if they truly had gotten saved or not, and that is themselves and God.

Miracles

Am sure most people hear the word miracle they may think of such things as someone surviving a natural disaster, survival of an illness diagnosed as terminal, escaping a life-threatening situation, or etc... But for me the greatest miracle of all is salvation, in which myself and others that are saved has been washed from all of our sins, by that precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which He had shed for us. And because of that miracle of salvation, we are now justified from all things, and have become sons and daughters of God. And that miracle came about by God's grace and by faith in His Son Jesus Christ.

Now if you have not received this Miracle of salvation. I would ask you to cry out to God and ask Him to give you faith enough to believe on His Son Jesus Christ. So that you may receive the greatest miracle of all, which is salvation.

Romans 3:22-26 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Jesus spoke this parable to the scribes and Pharisees, because they wouldn't admit to themselves that they were just as sick (sin sick) as the publicans and sinners were.

So because the scribes and Pharisees felt that they were so self-righteous and didn't won't to admit to themselves that they were no better then the publicans and sinners. They rejected Jesus Christ the great physician who could've healed them of their sin sickness.

But it's no different today. People going around pointing fingers and speaking down to others as if they are some how better then they are. But I will tell you apart from Jesus Christ there is no good in any of us. It is only through Jesus Christ that a person can have their sins forgiven, and can be made righteous in God's sight.

Romans 5:21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1 29-31 That no flesh should glory in God's presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Philippians 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith...

Romans 3:22 - Even the righteousness of God [which is] by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference.

Death is coming

Something we all have in common with each other is that we all will die one day. Even know most people doesn't like to think or talk about it, it's going to happen. Maybe it will be years down the road or it could happen today. It has happen to the young so called invincible, and to the old and feeble. We all know death is coming one day for each and everyone. But the big question is, will you be ready when that day and hour comes?

If you're not saved, I can answer that question for you. You're not prepared or ready for what awakes you on that day. Because how could you and others that are not saved ever be prepared or ready to be condemned in hell; a place of outer darkness where there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Don't be deceived in thinking that just because you think you're a good person, that your not going to end up in hell or thinking God would not send you to a place like that.

Well first of all the Bible says there is none that doeth good. And for the second God will not be sending you to hell. You will be sending yourself to hell, because you wouldn't receive the love of God which is in His Son Jesus Christ.

God made a way for a person to be saved, and that way is only through His only begotten Son Jesus Christ. So if one ends up in that horrible place called hell, it will be because they refused to believe what God said in His word. Because in the Bible it says in:

John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

1 John 5:10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 3:16 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.

So God has made it clear in His word that one must believe on His Son Jesus Christ and then they can be saved. The Bible says it's by God's grace that one can believe through faith in His Son Jesus Christ to be saved, and not be condemned in hell, but have everlasting life.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Where does True Peace come From?

1 Corinthians 1:3-- will answer that question

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

So one receives peace, by God's mercy and grace, through faith, in believing on His Son Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1-2 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

John 14:27 Peace I (Jesus Christ) leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Ephesians 2:13-17 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

Romans 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Romans 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Psalms 29:11 The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Legalizing Marijuana

More and more am hearing on the news about states legalizing marijuana. Two states Colorado, and Washington, has already legalized it for recreational use, and Oregon will be able to vote in November for recreational use as well.

Maybe it's just me, but how is it if a drug dealer on the streets is selling marijuana and gets caught, they end up in jail and having to pay a high fine, or they end up in prison. But the state governments can place it on the voting ballot to legalize marijuana, and if people vote and it passes, it's all of sudden becomes legal for the government to allow select shops to sell it, so they can collect taxes on it.

Does it make it any more right that people can go into a pot shop, that the government has approved of by giving the shop owners licenses to sell marijuana to people. Then say a drug dealer selling it on the streets? No. It doesn't make it right rather the government or anyone else says it's ok to sell or use marijuana.

I have heard people say:

Marijuana is an herb and it grows naturally, so it's ok to smoke it. Just because someone calls it an herb and it grows naturally doesn't make it right to roll it up and smoke it. There are many herbs that grows naturally in the woods that are poisonous. I don't see people going around trying to smoke them, because if they did it would kill them. So people shouldn't try to think just because it's an herb, that it's ok to use it to get high.

Why do people buy and use it?

Is it not to get high, or get stoned as some people like to say, or just try to forget their problems, or some kind of guilt that may be eating away at them.

Well I think alot of it has to do with them trying to fill a void up in their life which only Jesus Christ can fill. It wouldn't matter if a person tried using marijuana 16 hours a day 7 days a week, it would never bring that person true peace, forgiveness, comfort, and the love that only comes from God grace, and faith in His Son Jesus Christ (period)

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 1:3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort...

1 John 4:9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

The Lost Person

We that are saved by God's grace should always keep in mind that a lost person, one that is not saved, is going to behave as a lost person does. Just as we did before we had gotten saved. So we shouldn't be to surprised if lost people are: fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, thieves, drunkards, extortioners, and etc... Because they are in bondage under the elements of this world, by the god of this world (Satan) influencing them to do things which are not good, and he has blinded their minds from the truth.

2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not...

So let me put it this way; say one day you're walking on the sidewalk and all of the sudden you see a man who is physically blind, who has lost his way and is in the road headed straight for a uncovered manhole. Would you say; well if he falls down into that manhole and gets hurt or is killed, it will be his fault for being blind. Or would you run to the blind man and warn him, that if he keeps heading in that same direction to where that open manhole is, that he will fall down into it, and be severely hurt or killed.

I would think we would all warn the blind man of the danger that is just ahead of him. Well if that is so, should we not also warn the lost person who is spiritually blinded by Satan, and is in bondage under the elements of this world. By being lead by the lust of their flesh. Yes, we should warn them that they too are headed for danger; because of them being on that broad road that does lead to destruction, and the end thereof will be hell.

But besides just warning the lost person of the dangers of them not being saved. We that are Christians should always show them the love of God, which is in us, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. By sharing with them the gospel of Jesus Christ (the Good News), so they by God's grace may become saved, and be set free from the bondage of sin, and no longer be captive by Satan or blinded from the truth, by his deceptions and lies.

2 Corinthians 4:3-7 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

----> So we that are saved should always realize that we fight not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Ephesians 6:12

So because of that we shouldn't strive with the lost person, but be gentle and with meekness sharing with them the truth, which is in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and pray for them daily, so they by God's grace may be saved, and be set free from the bondage of Satan and sin.

2 Timothy 2:24-26 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Ephesians 2:1-10 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Titus 3:2-7 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Pointing Fingers at others

There are so many people that doesn't have God in their life, that is going around pointing fingers at others, and saying things like: am glad am not like that drunkard, wife beater, prostitute, homosexual, fornicator, liar, or etc... For people who are going around and doing this, they should know that they are no better then the ones they are speaking bad about, because they themselves are under the same condemnation as those same people that they are pointing fingers at.

So let me tell you something, the only thing that can make a person better or that is better off then another, is by one coming to the knowledge of the truth, which is in God's only begotten Son Jesus Christ, and believes on Him, and is saved, then yes, they then become better, because they are no longer under condemnation, but under grace.

John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

But at the same time;, we that are under grace shouldn't go around boasting in a way that may make it seem that we by our own power, or own goodness, is what lead us to be saved, because it was all about God's grace and mercy, and by the power of His Holy Spirit that draw us to His Son Jesus Christ, so that we were able to be saved.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

So no one is better then another, being apart from Jesus Christ. Because the Bible says: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

Now if you're a person that knows deep inside that you're not saved, and now realize that you do come short of the glory of God, there is good news for you. Because I believe God's Holy Spirit has already started working His Holy Spirit conviction with-in you. And am believing and praying, that by God's grace, that you will be able to come to know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Romans 3:22-26 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Satan's Influences

This world here that we are living in seems to be getting crazier and crazier each day. But we that are Christian shouldn't be to surprised in the things that are happening here on this earth.

Because in God's word it shows us that it's because of sin and Satan's influence on the ideals, opinions, goals, hopes and views of the majority of people. His influence also encompasses the world's philosophies, education, and commerce. The thoughts, ideas, speculations and false religions of the world are under his control and have sprung from his lies and deceptions.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the (god of this world)--->(Satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Ephesians 2:2 ...according to the prince of the (power of the air)--->(Satan), the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.

So because of that we that are saved shouldn't love or be conformed to this world that we are living in. But we should daily be transformed by the renewing of our mind doing that which is pleasing to God our Father.

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Now if you need it a little more clearer then that. Here you are:

1 John 2:15-17 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

So my prayer is that we that are truly saved by God's grace and faith in His Son Jesus Christ, that we would always have on the whole armour of God. So we can stand against the wiles of the devil. Wiles means: Deceitful, cunning; trickery. Trick intended to deceive or ensnare. To fool, trap, or entice.

Ephesians 6:10-18 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

Titus 2:12-14 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

If we that are Christians ever have someone tell us that we are self-righteous. We that are Christians should tell them that they got it half right. Because we have been made righteous, but it had nothing to do with what we had done. But it was by God's grace, through faith, believing on His Son Jesus Christ, and what He done for us, that we have been made righteous before God ---which is now God our Father which is in heaven. ----Praise God!

Romans 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:21 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.

Romans 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference...

Romans 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

1 Corinthians 1:30-31 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Philippians 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith...

Who should be most Thankful?

Who should be the most thankful people on the earth? That is easy, it's we that are Christians, that should be the most thankful, then any other group of people on this earth. Why?

Here are six reasons why.

(1). Because God chosen us as His own before the foundation of the world.

Ephesians 1:3-6 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

(2). Because God first loved us.

1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

1 John 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Ephesians 2:4-7 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

(3). Because our sins has been forgiven.

Romans 4:7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace...

(4). Because we have peace within and with God.

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Romans 5:1-2 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

(5). Because we don't have to fear death, because we now have everlasting life.

1 Corinthians 15:53-57 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

1 John 2:25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

Romans 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

(6). Because heaven awaits us when we leave this world.

Revelation 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

YES. We Christians are not perfect by no means, but we are forgiven. And that is because of God's grace and faith in His Son Jesus Christ. And it was not of ourselves, but is a gift from God.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me (Jesus Christ).

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

Romans 3:24-26 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Why do I need to be Saved?

One may say why do I need to be saved, and saved from what?

Answer: Your sins.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God...

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned...

How have I sinned?

Answer: Just look at these five of the Ten Commandments, and you will see how you have sinned.

1. "You shall have no other gods before Me."

Have any of us always loved God with "all of your heart, mind, soul, and strength," and love his neighbour as much as he has loved himself.

3. "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."

Have you ever taken God's name in vain -instead of using a four letter word to express disgust, you've used His name? Hitler's name wasn't despised enough to use as a curse word. If you have used His holy name in that manner, you are a blasphemer and will not enter the Kingdom of God.

7. "You shall not commit adultery."

Who of us can say that we are pure of heart? Jesus warned, "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust after her has committed adultery already with her in his heart."

Remember that God has seen every thought you have had and every sin you have ever committed. The day will come when you have to face His Law, and we are told that the impure, fornicators (those who have sex before marriage) and adulterers will not enter the Kingdom of God.

8. "You shall not steal."

Have you ever taken something that belonged to someone else (irrespective of its value)? Then you are a thief you cannot enter God's Kingdom.

9. "You shall not bear false witness."

Have you ever told a lie? Then you are a liar. How many lies do you have to tell to be a liar? Just one. The Bible warns that all liars will have their part in the Lake of Fire (Revelation 21:8). You may not think deceitfulness is a serious sin. God does!

Who of us can say we are not guilty of breaking just these Five of the Ten Commandments? All of us have sinned, and just as with civil law, you don't have to break ten laws to be a lawbreaker, so the Bible warns, In (James 2:10) "For

----> whoever shall keep the whole Law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all."

How is it with me being a sinner and not being saved going to affect me?

Answer: God's wrath, death, hell, lake of fire.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death...

James 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

John 3:36 ...and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; (but the wrath of God abideth on him).

Revelation 20:14-15 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

So how can I have my sins forgiven and have my name in the book of life?

Answer: Believe on God's only begotten Son Jesus Christ and what He done for you.

John 3:16 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 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Romans 3:26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Romans 10:9-11 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

Live-Obey-Serve

If we that are saved would live, obey, and serve Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ just as much as we had lived, obeyed, and served Satan, before we got saved. We could truly make a difference in this temporal sin sick world that we are living in.

Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:24

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Hebrews 9:14

But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. Romans 17:18

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. Romans 14:7-8

And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. 2 Corinthians 5:15

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. John 12:26

Unforgiveness

I heard someone say that if someone has unforgiveness or some type of bitterness against someone. It's like a person taking a bottle of poison and drinking it themselves, and then hoping it would harm the person that they have the unforgiveness and bitterness against.

So other words, by a person going around with bitterness and unforgiveness in their heart toward someone they know. It is truly hurting that person with the unforgiveness more then the person that they are mad at.

Just think every time that person thinks about, sees, or even hears that name that he/she has the bitterness against. How that same bitterness will more and more start eating away at that person as if it was a poison. And before you know it that person will start hating that person he/she is bitter against.

So I pray we all, especially us that are Christians would always humble ourselves and forgive one another, just as God for Christ sake have forgiven us. Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

The Books

There are so many people concerned and worried about how the government has and is collecting all kind of data from all of us. From collecting it through our phone calls, the internet, credit cards, and etc... With all of this information they have collected on us, and have stored on those super computers; am sure the governments probably knows more about many of us, then we know about ourselves. It's somewhat scary, to think how much information they actually do have on each, and everyone of us.

But I can tell you something that should be more concerning and worrisome to a person who is not saved. It has nothing to do with the government, or anyone, or anything here on this earth. What am talking about are the books that are in heaven, which has more information on you, then any super computer could ever have.

These books that are in heaven will have everything; you had ever said or done, and every evil thought that you have ever had. Just think every time you may had blasphemed God's Holy name, or His Son's name, or lied, stole, committed fornication or adultery, will all be written in those books.

Matthew 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

And it will be them same books, that a person who dies in their sins, being not saved, will be judged by, and condemned; by being cast into the lake of fire, on judgment day at the great white throne Of God.

You may be asking yourself, how do I get all that I have ever done out of them books that are in heaven. The answer is: by God's mercy and grace, a person is able to come by faith in believing on His Son Jesus Christ, and what He done for us. It's by His precious blood, that He shed for us, that will wash away all of your sins, and you will no longer be in the books, but in the one book, which is the Lamb's (Jesus Christ) book of life.

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the (books were opened): and another book was opened, which is the (book of life): and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the (books), according to their works.

Revelation 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the (book of life) was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it (heaven) any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the (Lamb's book of life).

So my prayer is: If you're not saved, that God by His mercy and grace would open your heart, mind, and eyes, and show you what a sinner you truly are, and show you that it's only through His Son Jesus Christ, that you can be saved from your sins, and not be cast into the lake of fire. So I do hope by God's grace; you will be given enough faith to believe on His Son Jesus Christ, and be saved. And have your name written in the Lamb's book of life.

Is it biblical to ask someone if they would like to accept Jesus Christ into their heart, or into their life?

No. I don't believe it's biblical. Because it's by the power of God, that a person can have faith enough to believe the gospel of Jesus Christ to be saved. And that salvation was not of ourselves, but it's a gift from God, that was given to us by His grace. So it was not us accepting Him, but it was by God's grace accepting us, by given us faith enough to believe on His Son Jesus Christ, to be saved.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Romans 4:16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace...

Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) Ephesians 2:9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Romans 15:7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

2 Timothy 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Romans 3:24-26 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

So salvation doesn't come by accepting, but it comes by a person being able to believe the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is by God's grace, His word, and by the power of His Holy Spirit. So I pray if you're not saved that you would call out to God and ask Him to give you faith enough to believe on His Son Jesus Christ. So that you can have your sins forgiven and not be condemned, but have everlasting life.

Love In Order 1-2-3

(1). God our Father - Because He first Loved us.

1 John 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

(2). Others - Love others as God loves us.

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

(3). Self - In a selfless way.

Philippians 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.