

## **A MESSAGE FOR LIFE**

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We have left you this message for one purpose only. We are deeply and sincerely hopeful that you will give some serious thought about your future, and about what your relationship is with Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and Savior of every person who will believe in Him.

Today, so many people have lost sight of what they are doing here on earth, and what they are facing when they die. Because of that, people often pay no attention at all to what awaits them. We hope you will read this message and it will lead you to understand what your spiritual condition is, and what you most certainly need to do to change it if you are not prepared for eternity. Please think about these facts, and read the bible verses that are referenced:

1. You are going to leave this life some day (Hebrews 9:27)
2. You will not cease to think and understand, but rather, you are immortal. That is, you will be conscious and aware of your surroundings forever (John 3:16; John 5:24; Matthew 25:46; Luke 16:22-23; Mark 9:43-48)
3. You will spend forever in one of two places. One place is eternal torment. The other is eternal enjoyment and peace. (John 14:1-3; Matthew 25:32-46; Revelation 20:15)
4. Where you spend forever depends totally on what you do with the knowledge you will have after today about Jesus Christ, the Son of God who was sent to earth by God the Father and Creator of humans. This is the information you need, so that you can understand what to do with God the Father, and Jesus Christ the Savior:
  - a. This God we are writing about is the only true God, and is the Creator of all things (Acts 17:23-24).
  - b. This God is known by His message to us in the written word we call the Holy Bible.
  - c. This God is known more perfectly by studying the Holy Bible about Jesus Christ the Savior of humans, because Jesus Christ came to earth to show us what God the Father is like (Matthew 11:27; John 14:6-9).
  - d. The written word of God teaches us that Adam and Eve, our first earthly parents were given one commandment by God when He placed them on earth (Genesis 2:17). He told them that if they disobeyed that commandment, they would die. They disobeyed and died spiritually that day, and died physically, later. They

passed on to all their offspring the inheritance of both spiritual and physical death (Ephesians 2:1; 1Corinthians 15:22).

e. They also gave to all humanity a depraved nature. That is, we all are born with the same nature Adam and Eve had, and that nature was twisted by sin. Having the nature of parents is typical of all creatures. Baby bears have the nature of bears, baby birds have the nature of birds, etc. We, as humans have a nature like Adam, and this nature, being twisted by sin, naturally follows a path of rebellion against God. This rebellion may not be a conscious act by people, but the proof that it is there is that all humans can and do disobey God without consciously trying. Further proof is that people choose evil over good many times because they love darkness (that which is not of God) more than they love light (that which is of God) (John 3:19). This sinful nature also leads people to reject the message of God when they become mature enough to think about such things. In the bible, this condition is called a “carnal (fleshly) mind” (Romans 8:7) and is at enmity with God.

f. This natural human mind is not subject to the law of God, and it cannot be, simply because it knows no spiritual reality, nor does it desire to be submissive to any spiritual rules. This is the condition that all people are in if they have not been born again (Titus 3:3-7).

g. If a person dies in this “lost” condition, they will face God as a sinner and will be judged by Him as worthy of eternal condemnation. They will spend eternity in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:15).

h. To save people from having to enter into eternity in this condemned condition, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ to earth to do three things:

- Live a perfect life for everyone who believes in Him (be their righteousness).
- Die for the sins of everyone who believes in Him (pay for their sins).
- Rise from the grave by His own power, to show that He had conquered sin, death, and the grave (overcome death for them).

Jesus Christ did these three things (1Corinthians 15:3-4), which proves Him to be a complete Redeemer for mankind. After His resurrection, He spent some time with His followers and then ascended back into heaven (Acts 1:9). He now sits on the right hand of God, waiting until it is time to end this age of man and begin an eternal age (Acts 1:10-11; 1Thessalonians 4:15-16; 2Timothy 4:1).

5. The only thing that people must do to be accepted of God and inherit eternal life is to trust that Jesus Christ did indeed die for them personally. What this means is that anyone who “trusts Christ” actually believes that He paid

their sin debt to God with His own blood and life (Galatians 1:4). To “trust Christ” means to accept as our substitute, Him who received our punishment for sin (2Corinthians 5:21). It also means we have absolute confidence that we are washed clean of our sins by the blood of Christ (Revelation 1:5). Then, again, it means that we are trusting Christ to keep us saved, because it is He who is doing the work (John 10:28-29; 1Peter 1:3-5).

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