

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

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Welcome To BARAH MINISTRIES

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Good Morning!

Welcome to Barah Ministries...an intimate, local Christian Church with a worldwide impact. My name is Pastor Rory Clark. Thanks for listening to this Bible lesson!

OPENING AGENDA

It must be the beginning of a new month, because as promised, we're always happy to begin each month, reminding you of the answers to a few crucial questions...

Who is the God we worship?
What is our source of truth?
Who is our enemy?

Who is the God We Worship at Barah Ministries?

We worship a Triune Godhead...also known as the Holy Trinity. There is One God who reveals Himself to mankind as three beings who are ONE! They are separate...distinct...co-equal...co-infinite...and co-eternal Persons...God the Father...God the Son...and God the Holy Spirit.

GOD THE FATHER is the author of the Triune Godhead's plan for all creatures. As believers in Christ, when we want a great spiritual life we begin by taking the apostle's suggestion in James, Chapter 4, Verse 7...

JAMES 4:7a

Submit therefore to God the Father...

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When God the Father's will for us becomes our will for us, knowing that Father knows best, we'll have an amazing spiritual life.

GOD THE SON (the Lord) volunteered to execute God the Father's plan...taking on human form as Jesus...the Christ...the promised Messiah.

Jesus Christ is God.

If we want a great spiritual life, our relationship with ourselves needs to move higher on our priority list as we come to realize concern for self is not selfish. What the Lord wants for us, within ourselves, is His peace...Philippians, Chapter 4, Verse 7...

PHILIPPIANS 4:7

...and the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds...for those of you in union with Christ Jesus.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT is our Mentor and Teacher, a guide who is the rudder of a Christian's life. He is fully God, equal in every way to God the Father and God the Son. He is a Person. He is not a "ghost" as some like to call Him. God the Holy Spirit provides His enabling power so we can thrive in the Christian Way of Living. Ephesians, Chapter 5, Verse 18 says...

EPHESIANS 5:18

...do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation...but keep on being filled with the Spirit...

When you do these three things...submitting to God, staying peaceful within yourself, and continuing to be filled with God the Holy Spirit's enabling power, you'll live the life God designed for you. What others will see from this life is the fruit of God the Holy Spirit...Galatians, Chapter 5, Verses 22 and 23...

GALATIANS 5:22

...the FRUIT OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT is unconditional love, joy, and peace in yourselves...patience, kindness, and goodness toward others...

GALATIANS 5:23

...faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in your relationship with God...against such virtues there is no law.

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God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are a believer in Christ's power team, and they specialize in providing supernatural help in times of trouble.

What is Our Source of Truth at Barah Ministries?

The Bible is the Word of God, the exact thinking of Christ. As such, it is our source of absolute truth. Second Timothy, Chapter 3, Verses 16 and 17...

SECOND TIMOTHY 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness...

SECOND TIMOTHY 3:17

...so that the man of God may be mature, thoroughly furnished for every good work.

The Bible does not come from the source of man. It is a supernatural work breathed into its human writers by God. The Bible provides the only source of absolute truth about eternal things.

As Christians, we develop a deep, intimate, and personal relationship with the Godhead and get to know them as Persons through studying the Word of God.

At Barah Ministries, we teach the Bible from God's perspective...not from man's perspective...because we refuse to teach the precepts of men as doctrinal truth.

Who is Our Enemy at Barah Ministries?

GOD HAS AN ENEMY...Satan...whom God made 'the ruler of this world' for a finite period. He is the enemy of believers in Christ as well. He is the great deceiver. His strategy against humanity is religion, and he passes off the deception and darkness of religion as a lifestyle of light...Second Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verse 14 warns us about him...

SECOND CORINTHIANS 11:14

...Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

The biggest enemy of believers in Christ is IGNORANCE OF THE ENEMY.

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Don't be ignorant.

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LESSON INTRODUCTION

How does the Lord Jesus Christ want His believers to act? In today's lesson, we'll begin studying the second half of Paul's letter to the Ephesians, where he teaches us the standards of right Christian conduct.

OPENING SONG INTRODUCTION

Let's hear some music! In John, Chapter 14, Verse 23...

JOHN 14:23

Jesus answered and said to Judas (not Iscariot), "If (3) anyone loves Me (maybe he will and maybe he won't...he has a choice) ... he will obey My teaching...and My Father will love him unconditionally...and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.

Bria Jean asks for the Lord's help...help the Lord is very willing to give...in her song TEACH ME TO OBEY.

MUSIC

OPENING SONG

Let's Sing the Lord's Praises

TEACH ME TO OBEY

Bria Jean

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...

We're grateful, Heavenly Father, for the privilege of studying Your absolute truth...the Word of God...

Thank you for waking us up this morning...thank you for giving us life...thank

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you for giving us the air we breathe...thank you for being the Source of a series of gracious blessings...You provide everything we need well before we need it because You know EXACTLY what we need...

...as we study this lesson today, enlighten the eyes of our hearts so we can see and hear the spiritual wisdom that informs our Christian walk...and help us to develop from the inside out, as we study Your Word...

...we ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit...in Christ's name...Amen.

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LESSON PART ONE

We continue our study of the apostle Paul's prison epistle to the Ephesians in Chapter 4. It is one of the four letters the apostle wrote from a jail cell in Rome. Our move to Ephesians, Chapter 4, is a transition to different subject matter.

Biblical scholars describe Ephesians, Chapters 1 to 3, as doctrinal. The apostle Paul always starts his letters this way, by telling Christians what to think. He answers the question, "What is right thinking for Christians?"

In the first half of Ephesians, Paul wants us to know that RIGHT THINKING means knowing and experiencing that we believers in Christ have a special position given to us by God at the moment of our salvation, called IN CHRIST. The Lord places believers into union with Christ.

Biblical scholars describe Ephesians, Chapters 4 to 6 as the RIGHT ACTIONS portion of the letter. Paul answers the question, "What lifestyle is pleasing to God?" RIGHT THINKING always leads to RIGHT ACTIONS, and the Bible is the best source of information concerning both. So on we go to learn the actions with which God is pleased when they are practiced by those who are IN CHRIST.

As we have learned, the Christian Way of Living begins with rest.

In his book SIT-WALK-STAND, Watchman Nee, a Chinese Christian Bible Teacher, calls the first portion of the Christian Way of Living the SIT portion of the Christian experience.

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When Christians SIT, we rest in confidence, knowing the Lord Jesus Christ has accomplished everything required for our salvation. Sitting describes the position into which we are placed by the Lord, the position called IN CHRIST.

The Lord described His enemy, Satan, as “the anointed cherub who covers” and He said of Satan, “I placed you there.” The Lord was describing a position into which Satan was placed.

If the Lord were talking to Church Age believers He would say, “You are IN CHRIST...in union with Me...and I placed you there.” He would be describing a position into which we are placed.

So, where are Christians resting? Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verse 6 says...

EPHESIANS 2:6

...God the Father raised up believers with the Lord Jesus Christ, and He seated us with Christ in the heavenly places...

We believers in Christ are resting in heaven, and we SIT on the throne of the Lord Jesus Christ in a crowded spot...right next to Him!

As we SIT securely in the heavenlies, simultaneously the Lord makes us WALK here on earth. Ephesians, Chapter 5, Verse 8 says...

EPHESIANS 5:8

...you believers in Christ...who were formerly children of darkness...now are Light in the Lord...so WALK as children of Light...

The Christian WALK is a lifestyle here on earth that makes the fallen angels and unbelievers sit up and take notice. As we move into the next part of our study of Ephesians, we learn about our Christian WALK.

Let's begin with the first passage of Ephesians, Chapter 4...Verses 1 to 6. We'll listen to the NEW AMERICAN STANDARD TRANSLATION of the passage...

EPHESIANS 4:1

Therefore I (Paul) ...the prisoner of the Lord...implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called...

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EPHESIANS 4:2

...with all humility...and gentleness...and patience...showing tolerance for one another in love...

EPHESIANS 4:3

...being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

EPHESIANS 4:4

There is one body...and one Spirit...just as also you were called in one hope of your calling...

EPHESIANS 4:5

...there is one Lord...one faith...one baptism...

EPHESIANS 4:6

...one God and Father of all...who is over all...and who is through all...and who is in all.

The structure of this short and power-packed passage divides very simply...

STRUCTURE OF EPHESIANS 4:1-6

Verse 1 is a suggestion...

Walk in a Manner Worthy

STRUCTURE OF EPHESIANS 4:1-6

Verses 2 and 3

What Does Walking Worthy Look Like?

STRUCTURE OF EPHESIANS 4:1-6

Verses 4 to 6

What Realities Indicate Christians are Walking Worthy?

So let's begin our verse-by-verse study of the passage. Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 1...

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EPHESIANS 4:1

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I (Paul) implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called...

As Christians, how do we create a lifestyle pleasing to God? WE DON'T! How can we, who did nothing to be worthy of salvation, suddenly create a lifestyle that is worthy of the Lord after salvation? WE CAN'T! Before salvation, we could do nothing to please the Lord. After salvation, we can do nothing to please the Lord. The Lord doesn't need our help to execute His plan! He does everything for us, and that is impossible for most people to believe, because it is seldom that anyone has been loved this way.

The Lord is saying to His believers, "I don't want you to do anything to earn salvation or sanctification. Just receive everything as a gift from Me." Second Corinthians, Chapter 9, Verse 15 says it well...

SECOND CORINTHIANS 9:15

Thanks be to God the Father for the Lord Jesus Christ...an indescribable gift!

It's not even imaginable that the Lord would give indescribable spiritual wealth and wisdom to people as lowly and as absent of credentials as us. Yet He did! Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 1...

EPHESIANS 4:1

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I (Paul) implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called...

When Paul implores us, he is saying he comes alongside us to encourage us...to strengthen us...to urge us to do the right things. God the Holy Spirit is described as a "helper" in John, Chapter 16, Verse 7. Helper is the Greek word *parakletos*. It describes someone who comes to your assistance with power. The same Greek word is used that is translated in this verse as "implore." Paul is coming powerfully to our assistance to describe the Christian lifestyle...he calls it a walk. He encourages us to walk in a manner worthy.

What does it mean to walk in a manner worthy?

WALK describes a lifestyle. As believers in Christ, we are invited into the Christian Way of Life, and when we accept it, becoming believers in Christ

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through faith in Christ alone. Next, we are invited into the Christian Way of Living. That's our Christian WALK. It is a lifestyle. And Paul recommends this lifestyle be worthy of the Lord.

What does it mean to be worthy? As Christians, can we be worthy of anything?

Well, if we are helpless and hopeless in the matter of salvation, we must be equally helpless and hopeless in the sanctification portion of the Christian Way of Living. So how can we walk worthy? We are worthy when we are...

WORTHY

Demonstrating qualities or abilities that merit recognition.

We are not worthy by being self-reliant. Second Thessalonians, Chapter 1, Verses 11 and 12 say...

SECOND THESSALONIANS 1:11

...we pray for you believers in Christ always...that God the Father WILL MAKE YOU WORTHY of your calling...and will fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with divine power...

SECOND THESSALONIANS 1:12

...so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you...and you glorified in Him...according to the grace of our God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are worthy when we do what God wants for us. We are worthy when our lifestyle is a right reflection of the Lord...when we are living the standards God wants for us.

<EXAMPLE: The Detroit Lions are a reflection of their coach, Dan Campbell>

Philippians, Chapter 2, Verse 13 says...

PHILIPPIANS 2:13

...it is God the Father who is at work in you believers in Christ, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Lest you think that God requiring nothing of us means we sit around and do

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nothing, God provides the works that make us worthy. Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verse 10...

EPHESIANS 2:10

For we believers in Christ are God the Father's workmanship...created to be in union with Christ Jesus...and designed for good works...which good works God the Father prepared beforehand (in eternity past) so that we would walk in them.

When we walk in a manner worthy, as a child of the Light, we display the fruit of the Spirit through God the Holy Spirit's enabling power to everyone who meet us here on earth. The Light produces the fruit.

When we walk in a manner worthy, we follow the Lord out of darkness into His marvelous light...out of spiritual death into spiritual life...taking advantage of the gift of His calling. We show that a walk with the Lord is worth it.

What is "the calling to which we have been called?" The Lord is calling everyone on the phone to come to His "so great" salvation. Will you take the call, or when He calls you, does He get a busy signal? Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 1...

EPHESIANS 4:1

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I (Paul) implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called...

Let your lives reflect to others the power the Lord has given to you. It is then that you are walking worthy.

When we return from the break we'll take the offering, and then we'll continue our study of the first passage of Ephesians, Chapter 4.

FIVE-MINUTE BREAK

NOBODY

Casting Crowns

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Acts, Chapter 20, Verse 35 says...

ACTS 20:35b

"...remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, who Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Let's welcome up Deacon Denny Goodall with powerful food for thought on the matter of giving.

THE OFFERING

Deacon Denny Goodall

OFFERING VERSE

ROMANS 12:10

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love...give preference to one another in honor...

OFFERING SONG

THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU

Instrumental Version

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LESSON PART TWO

Welcome back!

We finished our look at Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 1...

EPHESIANS 4:1

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I (Paul) implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called...

We continue our study of the first passage of Ephesians, Chapter 4 at Verses 2 and 3...what does walking worthy look like?

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EPHESIANS 4:2

...with all humility...and gentleness...and patience...showing tolerance for one another in unconditional love...

EPHESIANS 4:3

...always being diligent to preserve the unity provided by God the Holy Spirit in the bond of peace.

According to God, a life lived in a manner worthy of Him is an “others focused” life. Others focus is an attitude, and God knows we don’t have it. So He announces the ingredients of such a life and then through the enabling power of God the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us the ingredients of this life.

HUMILITY is an attitude.

When we display humility, we are not puffed up with pride. When we know ourselves, we believe what Paul says in Romans, Chapter 7...nothing good dwells in us. Then we accept ourselves as we are rather than taking the legalism path, assuming we are more special than others. Knowing ourselves and accepting ourselves makes us free to BE ourselves, both whom we are and whom we are not. Who we are is IN CHRIST.

GENTLENESS...also known as meekness...is power under control. Galatians, Chapter 6, Verse 3 describes it...

GALATIANS 6:3

For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

God doesn’t want us to think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think. Nor does He want us to think less highly of ourselves than we ought to think.

PATIENCE is the willingness to accept things as they are without feeling the need to get upset. It is a mental serenity on display in circumstances that rattle most people. Again, Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 2...

EPHESIANS 4:2

...with all humility...and gentleness...and patience...showing tolerance for one another in unconditional love...

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When we display TOLERANCE, we experience discomfort and mistreatment without feeling the need to fight back. Galatians, Chapter 5, Verse 16 describes it...

GALATIANS 5:16

But I (Paul) say to you Galatian believers in Christ and to all believers in Christ...walk by means of the filling of God the Holy Spirit, and you will not (no way...not no how) carry out the desires of the flesh.

When we are not displaying tolerance, we want justice for ourselves in every circumstance...an expectation that is seldom fulfilled. We've heard our parents say life isn't fair. It isn't. Life requires tolerance, especially when things are unfair. What propels tolerance is unconditional love for others. Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 3...

EPHESIANS 4:3

...always being diligent to preserve the unity provided by God the Holy Spirit in the bond of peace.

DILIGENCE displays an eagerness to guard something precious. The thing most precious to believers in Christ is unity. At the moment of salvation, God the Holy Spirit places all believers in Christ into a PERMANENT state of unity. Permanent means we can't get out. As believers in Christ, we are family.

Satan is the sponsor of disunity.

Through Satan's influence and instigation, Christians splinter. Some try to break away from the unity, even though it can't be done. These people are uncomfortable with vulnerability, both their own and the vulnerability of others. Vulnerability is seen as weakness.

When Christians splinter from the unity of the Spirit, they attempt to create their own version of unity. Inevitably this pseudo-unity is so unsatisfactory, they splinter again. They go off to another new place. Inevitably, they will splinter again as soon as vulnerability is required...as soon as they are offended by someone. It's a never-ending cycle. So the essence of disunity is splintering...an attempt to disrupt a God-given unity believers in Christ have no power to change.

PEACE occurs when we decide to get along with God, knowing He has nothing

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against us. We accept our relationship with God. It finally becomes a spiritual reality that we are one IN CHRIST...we are in union with Christ...a place of safety and calm. We are dependent on God and feel no need to do anything in our own power.

What are the realities that indicate Christians are in unity? Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verses 4 to 6...

EPHESIANS 4:4

There is one body...and one God the Holy Spirit...just as you believers in Christ were called in one hope of your calling...

EPHESIANS 4:5

...there is one Lord...there is one faith...there is one baptism...

EPHESIANS 4:6

...and there is one God and Father of all...who is over all...and who is through all...and who is indwelling all.

The unity into which believers in Christ are placed is a SUPERNATURAL UNITY. God works in ones.

There is ONE BODY...the Church...Jews and Gentiles united into one family by God. Jesus Christ is the Head and believers in Christ are the body. We have a connection with God. We walk worthy when we gather ourselves together and use our spiritual gifts to help each other grow.

There is ONE SPIRIT...God the Holy Spirit. He is a Person and He is the mastermind of supernatural unity.

There is ONE HOPE...the absolute confidence of a prosperous future because we anticipate an absolute and certain fact...the second coming of Christ. God the Holy Spirit's sealing ministry is our signature guarantee of this coming reality.

There is ONE LORD...Jesus. He is the Christ...the Messiah. Jesus Christ is God, and Acts, Chapter 4, Verse 12 says...

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ACTS 4:12

“...there is salvation in no one else...for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved (except the name of the Lord Jesus Christ).”

There is ONE FAITH...a response to one gospel through investing faith in Christ alone for our salvation. Jude, Chapter 1, Verse 3...

JUDE 1:3

Beloved...while I (Jude) was making every effort to write to you about our common salvation...I felt the necessity to appeal to you that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once and for all time handed down by God to the saints.

Faith is a gift from God.

There is ONE BAPTISM...the baptism of God the Holy Spirit. At the moment of our salvation He places us into union with Christ, a union we can never get out of.

There is ONE GOD AND FATHER...He is the planner of our salvation...He is The Boss!

In Christianity there is a supernatural oneness...a supernatural unity...an important fact and an important reality that escapes us. How often do you say to yourself in the midst of trials, “I am ONE with the Sovereign God of the Universe. He loves me unconditionally and He has given me all the power and all else that I need to have a magnificent life.” Get in touch with that reality when you are at your worst!

Here's the NEW LIVING TRANSLATION of the passage...Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verse 1 to 6...

EPHESIANS 4:1

Therefore I (Paul), a prisoner serving the Lord, beg you believers in Christ to lead a life worthy of your calling, for God has called you.

EPHESIANS 4:2

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your unconditional love.

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EPHESIANS 4:3

Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

EPHESIANS 4:4

For there is one body...and one Spirit...just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

EPHESIANS 4:5

There is one Lord...one faith...one baptism...

EPHESIANS 4:6

...one God and Father of all...who is over all...who is indwelling all...and who is living through all.

Walking worthy of the calling to which we have been called is a response of gratitude for the gift of life we have been given. Grow...mature...and reflect the Lord in everything you do.

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

The Good News of Jesus Christ's Salvation Offer to the Human Race

The next ten minutes could be the ten most important minutes of your life. You'll be introduced to the good news concerning how you can spend all eternity in heaven when you close your eyes in this life. We want you to know that...

GOD WANTS YOU!

He Wants You Make the Most Important Decision of Your Life

...and what He wants for you is that you make the most important decision of your life.

The Lord Jesus Christ created you! He loves you unconditionally. He forgives you for every sin you'll ever commit. He offers you His grace when you make mistakes. He has always had you in His mind for all eternity. He knows you by name. The Lord wants the best for you. Have you ever had a human being love you this way?

Well, if you don't yet have a relationship with the Lord and Jesus Christ, He

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considers you to be a SPIRITUALLY DEAD sinner who needs a Savior. Romans, Chapter 3, Verse 23 says...

ROMANS 3:23

...all creatures have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans, Chapter 3, Verse 10 says...

ROMANS 3:10

...it is written, "There is no creature who is righteous...not even one..."

Your condition at physical birth IS NOT YOUR FAULT, but it is your circumstance.

SPIRITUAL DEATH, caused by sin, is a barrier between us and God. Spiritual death is the first death. Eternity in the Lake of Fire is the second death, and it's your eternal fate if you close your eyes in this life as an unbeliever. You do not want the second death!

God wants you to have a SPIRITUAL LIFE. First Corinthians, Chapter 15, Verse 22 says...

FIRST CORINTHIANS 15:22

...all in union with Adam at physical birth (and that is every human being) are set to die the second death in the Lake of Fire...but all who are in union with Christ will be made spiritually alive by God.

The Lord provides you with the Bible to illuminate the SPIRITUAL LIFE, which is your path to heaven. John, Chapter 20, Verse 31 says...

JOHN 20:31

...these things written in the Bible have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ...(the Messiah...the Son of God...the Lord...who took on human form) ... and that by believing in Him you may have the resurrection life (eternal life) in His name.

The Bible contains the Lord's exact thinking. It is your "owner's manual" for life. The good news is the Lord Jesus Christ did something about your sin

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problem. He has a plan for your salvation because He doesn't want anyone to go to the Lake of Fire...Second Peter, Chapter 3, Verse 9 says...

SECOND PETER 3:9

The Lord is not slow about His promise of salvation, as some accuse Him of...instead, He is patient toward unbelievers...not wishing for any to perish (in the Lake of Fire) but for all to come to repentance (a voluntary change of mind about having a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ).

By your own choice, you can be SPIRITUALLY ALIVE, making you special in God's sight...Psalm 116, Verse 15 says...

PSALM 116:15

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones (His saints...His spiritually alive believers in Christ).

The fact that GOD WANTS YOU and has made a way for you to be SPIRITUALLY ALIVE is a great thing to know, especially as you get older, because everyone dies. What's going to happen to you when you close your eyes in this life? Will you go to heaven or will you go to hell?

It's your choice. How can you get to heaven? RIGHT WHERE YOU SIT, RIGHT NOW, you can tell God the Father that you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that is the moment of eternal life for you. Acts, Chapter 16, Verse 31...

ACTS 16:31

"Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved by God, you and everyone in your household who also believes."

The ONE WAY...the ONLY WAY to get to heaven is through believing in the Lord Jesus Christ as He says in John, Chapter 14, Verse 6...

JOHN 14:6

Jesus said to the doubting apostle, Thomas, "I am the way (to salvation) ... and I am the truth (through believing the gospel message in the Word of God)...and I am the resurrection life...and no one comes to God the Father in heaven but through believing in Me."

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Who is this God who saves you? The apostle Paul describes the Lord Jesus Christ in First Corinthians, Chapter 15, Verses 3 and 4...

FIRST CORINTHIANS 15:3

For I (Paul) delivered to all of you as of primary importance the gospel message I also received from God...that it was Jesus Christ who died for our sins according to the Old Testament Scriptures...

FIRST CORINTHIANS 15:4

...and that He was buried...and that He was raised from the dead on the third day...according to the Old Testament Scriptures...

Believing in Jesus Christ is the acknowledgment that you can't do a thing to get to heaven on your own. You confirm that being "a good person" does not get you to heaven. It's wiser to let God save you because once God does something, He never changes His mind! In John, Chapter 10, Verses 28 and 29, the Lord says...

JOHN 10:28

"...I (the Lord Jesus Christ) give eternal life to believers in Christ, and they will never perish...and no one will snatch them out of My hand."

JOHN 10:29

"And My Father, who has given believers in Christ to me, is greater than all...and no one can snatch believers in Christ out of my Father's hand either."

You can't lose your salvation. If ANYONE tells you that you can lose your salvation, they are lying to you.

God has an enemy, Satan, the ruler of this world. He creates counterfeit lifestyles to blind your mind. His strategy against the human race is RELIGION, and the religions of the world mislead you into thinking you're saved when you may not be. Satan wants you to believe you can work your way to heaven, earning your own salvation.

What happens if you reject a relationship with Christ? In Matthew, Chapter 25, Verse 30, the Lord shares the consequences...

MATTHEW 25:30

"Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness (the Lake of Fire)...and in

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that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

So, heed the warning and accept the Lord's invitation in John, Chapter 3, Verse 36...

JOHN 3:36

“He who believes in the Son of God has the resurrection life right at that moment...but he who does not obey the command to believe in the Son will not see the resurrection life...instead the wrath of God (the Lake of Fire) abides on him.”

You can join me and a host of your believer friends in heaven when you close your eyes in this life! Reject SPIRITUAL DEATH. Choose SPIRITUAL LIFE right now!

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

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CLOSING SONG INTRODUCTION

Let's close with music! First Corinthians, Chapter 14, Verse 33 says...

FIRST CORINTHIANS 14:33a

...God is not a God of confusion...

Instead, He is a God of focus. And to make everything easy for us, He works in ones! Here is June Murphy to sing about oneness in her song THERE'S JUST ONE HOPE.

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CLOSING SONG

Let's Sing the Lord's Praises

THERE'S JUST ONE HOPE

June Murphy

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray...

Almighty God and Father...

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...we are speechless when we reflect on Your graciousness toward us who believe...we are stunned when we think of how much You love us...we are in awe of the gifts You have given us so we can thrive in this life...

...thank you for creating a life for us and for powering that life with a supernatural ability to live exactly as You want us to...help us to keep on seeing the wisdom of obeying You and trusting You with every decision we make...

...we ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit...in Christ's name...Amen.

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