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WORLD WAR III? Are You Ready?

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The drums of nuclear war are beating louder and louder!

Russian President Vladimir Putin has threatened to use nuclear weapons in their “military operation” against Ukraine. The chances of the war in Ukraine spiraling out of control are very high, especially since the Russian military has made such a poor showing in their effort to defeat the Ukrainians. In fact, Putin is feeling increasing pressure as his forces are experiencing defeat after defeat.

Meanwhile, the Baltic states and Europe are preparing for a future conflict with Russia because it is becoming increasingly obvious that Russia wants to

expand their borders to include all the territories of the previous Soviet Union. Russia’s next venture would undoubtedly be Poland and the Baltics.

President Joe Biden warned that we are closer to nuclear Armageddon than we were during the Cuban Missile crisis of 1962.

Then there is the growing threat of war with North Korea, Iran, and even China.

WHO IS BLUFFING? Or more importantly: what does the Bible say about Russia and nuclear war? (Page 2)

CHINA: ANOTHER THREAT TO WORLD PEACE!

The Old Testament prophet Daniel declared that three end-time nations will be “*plucked up by the roots.*” (*Daniel 7:8*) Who are those nations that will be totally destroyed? None of us knows for certain, but the Bible tells us that one of them is Russia plus an unnamed nation beyond the sea. (*Ezekiel 39:6*)

Even more shocking than this is what we read in the Book of Revelation as it declares that a huge army will come out of the East (China?) with 200 million soldiers. (*Revelation 9:15-16*) They will be responsible for slaying 1/3 of the population of planet earth during the Tribulation . . . that equates to the killing of over 2 billion people!



One of the greatest threats to world peace is China’s plan to attack and reclaim Taiwan.

The Bible . . . Russia . . . and Nuclear War (continued from page 1)

Ezekiel 39:1, 6 - "Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meschech and Tubal . . . And I will send a fire on Magog (Russia), and among those who dwell securely in the coastlands; and they shall know that I am the LORD."

Following WW2, Americans were very aware of the dangers of nuclear war. People built bomb shelters in their back yards and children in our public schools practiced air-raid drills.



In the 1950's and 60's, air-raid and fallout shelters were clearly identified in cities throughout the country. In recent years, however, Americans have felt much more at ease because of the belief that a nuclear holocaust could and must never happen. **So, we Americans have NO SHELTERS!**

Meanwhile, Russia has built thousands of bomb shelters in all of their major cities. They estimate that 90% of their city populations would be protected from a nuclear attack. We live under the assumption that nuclear conflict is unwinnable and no one would dare to initiate the unthinkable war. Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD) is the national security policy of the United States which supposedly guarantees that no nation will ever use nuclear weapons knowing that their own country would also be annihilated.



According to the Bible, Russia will one day attempt to invade Israel!

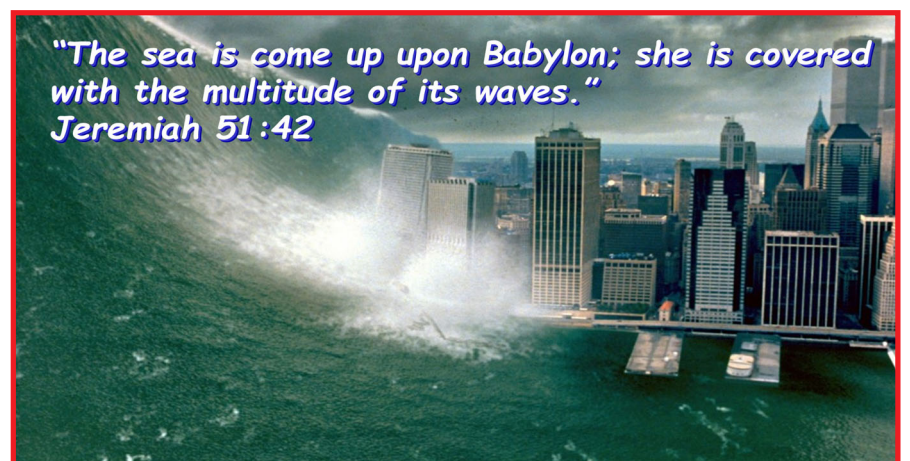
God warned Russia when He said - *"And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army . . . and thou shalt come up against My people of Israel, like a cloud to cover the land; and it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against My land . . ."* (Ezekiel 38:4, 16) Ezekiel also declared that the LORD would destroy 5 out of every 6 of the invading Russian and Islamic soldiers when they attempt to cross the Jordan River. (Ezekiel 38:18 - 39:6)

Like the judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah, God will rain burning hailstones down upon the Russian and Arab armies. "I will rain down on him (Gog of Magog), on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire and brimstone." (Ezekiel 38:22)



Jesus went on to declare - *"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."* (Luke 21:26)

On May 3, 2017, FBI Director James Comey gave this testimony before a U.S. Senate hearing: *"Russia is the greatest threat of any nation on earth."* **On the same day a number of news agencies reported that Russia is quietly planting "mole" nuclear weapons deep in the oceans off the coasts of the United States . . . weapons that would create super-tsunamis that could destroy American coastal cities and harbors.**



THE BIBLE IS FILLED WITH MANY WARNINGS ABOUT AN END-TIMES NUCLEAR WAR!

Isaiah the Prophet spoke of a future holocaust which sounds exactly like nuclear war. (Isaiah 13:5-20)



At the same time that the Russian Army is destroyed at the border of Israel, the Russian homeland will also come under the severe judgment of God. According to *Ezekiel 39:6*, God will send fire upon the Russian homeland . . . and upon another unnamed, end-time nation. **No one knows when such a terrible holocaust will occur, but we would be foolish to ignore God's warnings!**

WHO IS THE END-TIME NATION FACING DESTRUCTION ALONG WITH RUSSIA?



No one knows for sure who end-time Babylon is, but God's warning to *"those that dwell safely in the coastlands"* (*Jeremiah 39:6*) should get our attention . . . especially due to the fact that *"coastlands"* is described as *"beyond the sea"* (*Jeremiah 25:22*) and *"afar off"* (*Isaiah 66:19*). Most Bible scholars insist that the United States is NOT found anywhere in the Bible. It is true that the name *"America"* and *"United States"* cannot be found anywhere on the pages of the Scriptures. However . . .

There is a mysterious end-time nation that is described in the Bible as "Babylon" and the "Daughter of Babylon."



Revelation chapter 18 and Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51 describe a powerful end-time city and the nation it represents as *"Babylon"* and the *"Daughter of Babylon."* Babylon will be the YOUNGEST of the great nations, BORN FROM A MOTHERLAND, composed of a mixed multitude, a literal melting pot of all nationalities. Babylon is depicted as the MOST-WEALTHY of all nations, the world center of manufacturing, commerce, and agricultural production. Her location is to the west of Jerusalem and Africa (*"beyond the rivers of Ethiopia"* *Isaiah 18:1-2*). This end-time society will also be a great CONSUMER of the world's products with merchant ships filling her MANY HARBORS (*Revelation 18:17-19*).



Babylon: a land of many IMPORTS & SEAPORTS

The many harbors of end-time Babylon tell us that this cannot be a future rebuilt Babylon in the desert sands of Iraq which is completely land-locked.

Babylon and her people, who were once recognized as the *"lady of kingdoms"* (*Isaiah 47:5*), will become preoccupied with pleasures, luxuries, and higher education. She will also become arrogant in her attitude toward the Lord of Heaven. Perversion will become her accepted lifestyle. She will give herself to drugs, occultic practices, and great immorality.



Babylon: DRUG CAPITAL of the WORLD

" . . . for by her sorceries (Gk: pharmakeia) were all nations deceived." (*Revelation 18:23b*) The Greek word *"pharmakeia"* is the root-word from which we get our English word *pharmacy*. It can be translated as both drugs and poison! Without doubt, our pharmaceuticals (including the recent Covid Vax) have poisoned the world.



Babylon: a land of great IMMORALITY, VIOLENCE, and HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The rumor of nuclear war and terrorism will cause multitudes to flee from her cities and seek shelter in their own homelands (*Jeremiah 50:16 & 51:46*). The once *"glory of kingdoms"* will come under the chastening hand of the Lord and become like Sodom and Gomorrah!

IS THERE ANY HOPE?

The answer to that question is **ABSOLUTELY YES!**

Despite all the sorrows that we see in our world, threats of war, famines, devastating diseases, and even death, there is hope! But that hope is not found in possessions, health, scientists, or even in political leaders who think they have all the answers. Real hope is found in a Person . . . Jesus Christ, the Son of God Who created the world and died on a cross to pay the penalty for all our sins. Despite anything that we have done, He wants to forgive us, give us eternal life and real hope for now and the future!

“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them who are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also who sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede them who are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall ever be with the Lord. Wherefore, COMFORT ONE ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS.”
(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Jesus Is Coming Again! What Does That Mean?

THE RAPTURE:



The word “Rapture” is not found in the Bible but refers to the sudden removal of born-again believers from earth.

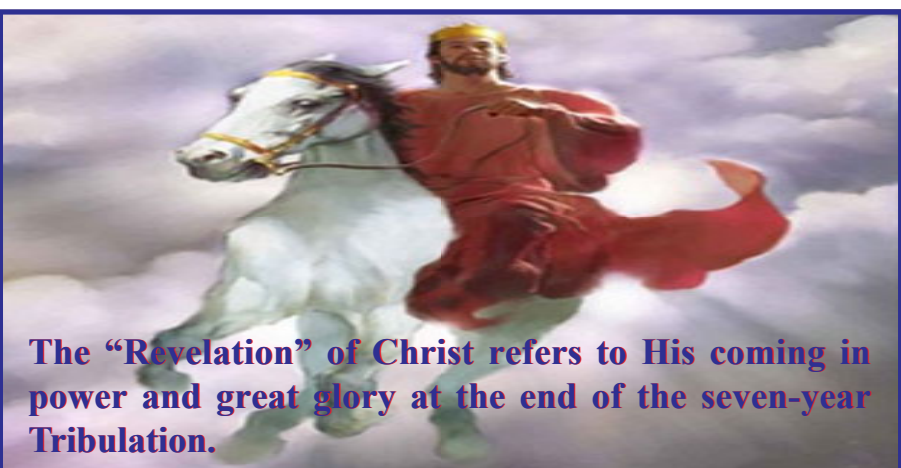
The “Rapture” is often referred to as the “Blessed Hope.” Jesus promised His disciples that He was going away to prepare a place for them and that He would one day return for them. (John 14:1-3)

Scripture is crystal clear that “no man knows the day nor the hour” of Jesus’ return, but that we are to “watch and be ready” because Jesus will come unexpectedly as a “thief in the night” when the “dead in Christ,” and then the living believers, will suddenly be “taken up.” Many believers anticipate His coming for His “Bride” at any moment. This is referred to as the “Pre-Tribulation” Rapture Theory. Others believe that

Jesus will come at the middle of the seven-year Tribulation period. This is referred to as the “Pre-Wrath” Rapture Theory. The editor personally believes that the “Blessed Hope” will occur before the onslaught of the terrible days of judgment and Tribulation because 2 Thessalonians chapter 2 teaches that the “anti-Christ” cannot be revealed and begin to deceive the people of Israel until after the “restrainer of sin” (the Holy Spirit Who is abiding in believers) is removed. This same chapter tells God’s people that they “are not appointed unto wrath” and that believers can “comfort one another” with this great hope. Regardless of which view one holds, **no one wants to be left behind to endure the terrible days of wrath coming upon the earth.**



THE REVELATION:



The “Revelation” of Christ refers to His coming in power and great glory at the end of the seven-year Tribulation.

There will be nothing secretive about the coming of Christ at the end of the Tribulation. Jesus said -- “For as the lightning comes out of the east, and shines even unto the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be . . . And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and **they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**” (Matthew 24:27, 30)

When Christ physically returns to earth He will destroy His enemies that hate Him at the Battle of Armageddon, judge the nations, and establish His one-thousand-year Kingdom.

IF GOD IS GOOD, WHY IS THE WORLD SO BAD?

What kind of God would make such a terrible world?"

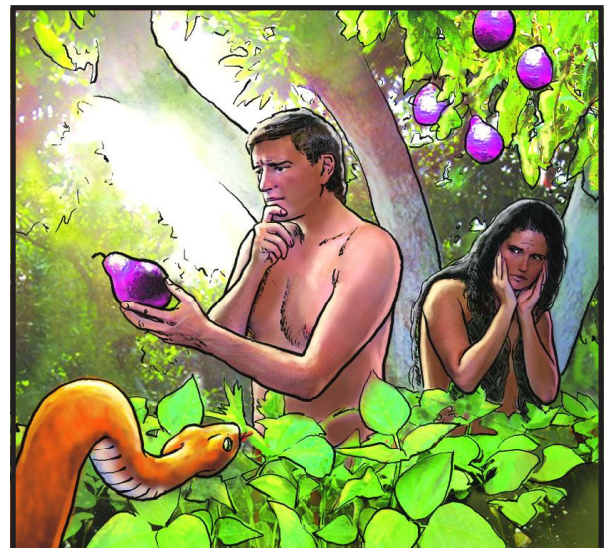
The world that we live in is filled with war, violent storms, suffering, sorrow, and death. BUT IT DIDN'T START OUT THAT WAY!



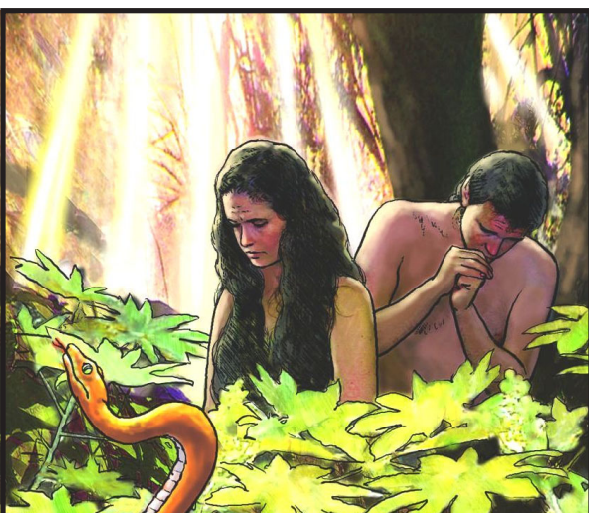
God created man in His own image and likeness and placed him into a beautiful garden. There was no sickness, no pain, no suffering, and no death because there was no sin.



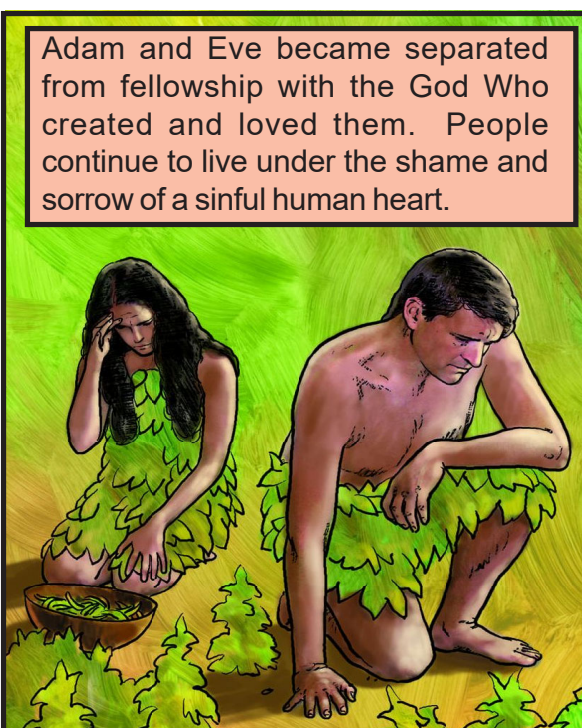
God told man that he could eat anything in the Garden of Eden except the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The devil, who is called Satan, came to the woman in the body of a beautiful serpent and tempted her to eat of the forbidden fruit.



Adam's wife, Eve, ate of the fruit and gave it to her husband. When man disobeyed God, something very tragic happened to them and to us.



God had warned man that if he disobeyed, he would die. Adam ate and brought the terrible curse of death upon all mankind and even upon the animal kingdom.



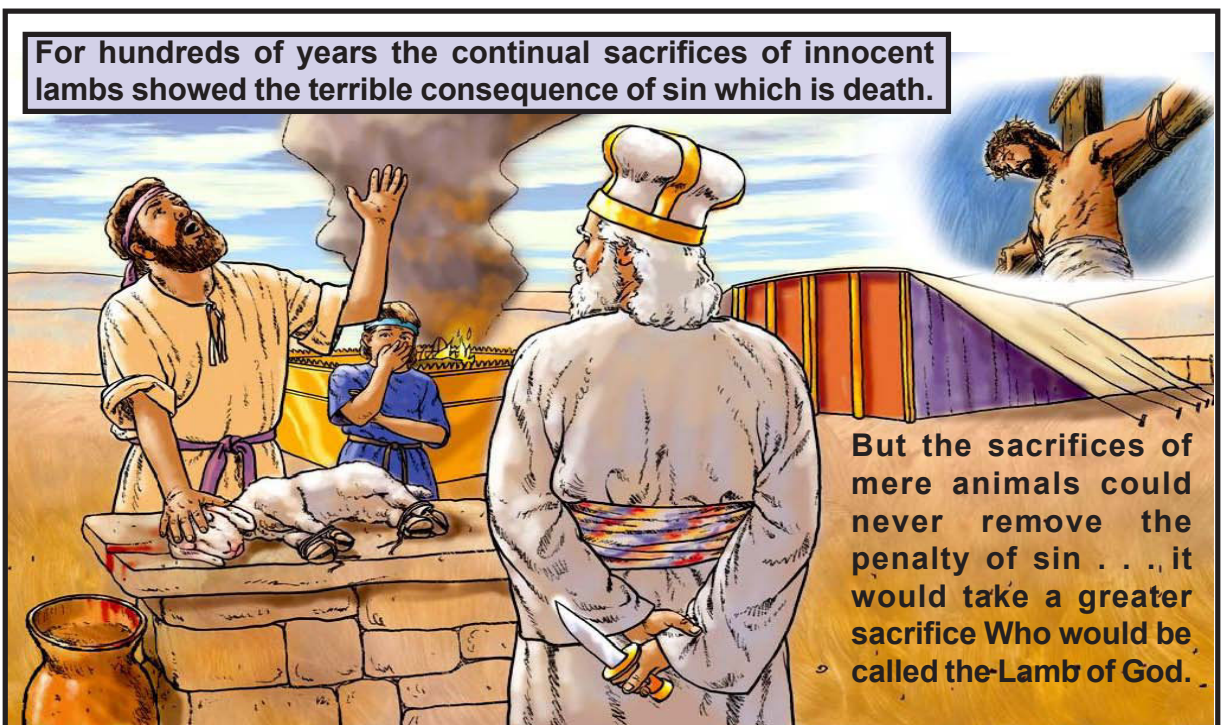
Adam and Eve became separated from fellowship with the God Who created and loved them. People continue to live under the shame and sorrow of a sinful human heart.



Because of sin, Adam and Eve were expelled from the beautiful garden that God had provided for them. But God still loved them and clothed them in the skin of an innocent animal.



Adam and Eve had never seen death before. God was showing them that an innocent substitute had to die as a sacrifice for the sins of the guilty.



For hundreds of years the continual sacrifices of innocent lambs showed the terrible consequence of sin which is death.

But the sacrifices of mere animals could never remove the penalty of sin . . . it would take a greater sacrifice Who would be called the-Lamb of God.

An Old Testament prophet by the name of Isaiah prophesied that a virgin would one day conceive and give birth to the Savior Who would become the sacrifice for the sins of the people: *"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His Name Immanuel (God with us)."* (Isaiah 7:14)

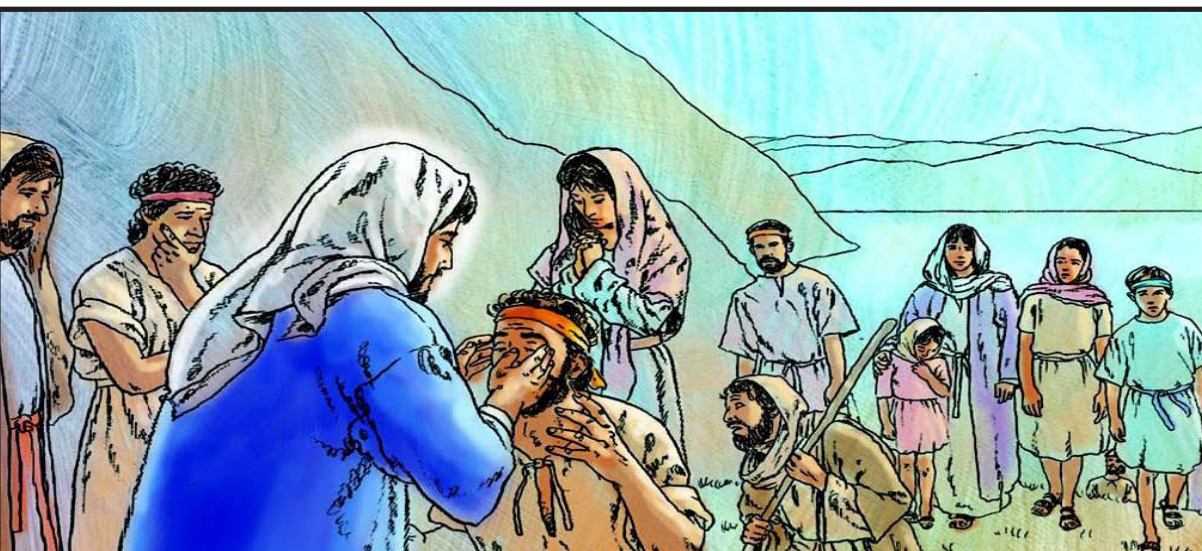


Finally, hundreds of years later, an angel came and announced this good news to a young virgin girl by the name of Mary who lived in the town of Nazareth in the land of Israel. The birth of the Son of God would be a miracle: He would have no human father.



The Savior was born to a very poor family in a stable in Bethlehem. The angel told a group of shepherds outside of Bethlehem: *"Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."* Luke 2:10-11

God had become a man! His Name was Jesus, and He would be called the Lamb of God. Jesus would save many people from the penalty and power of their sins.



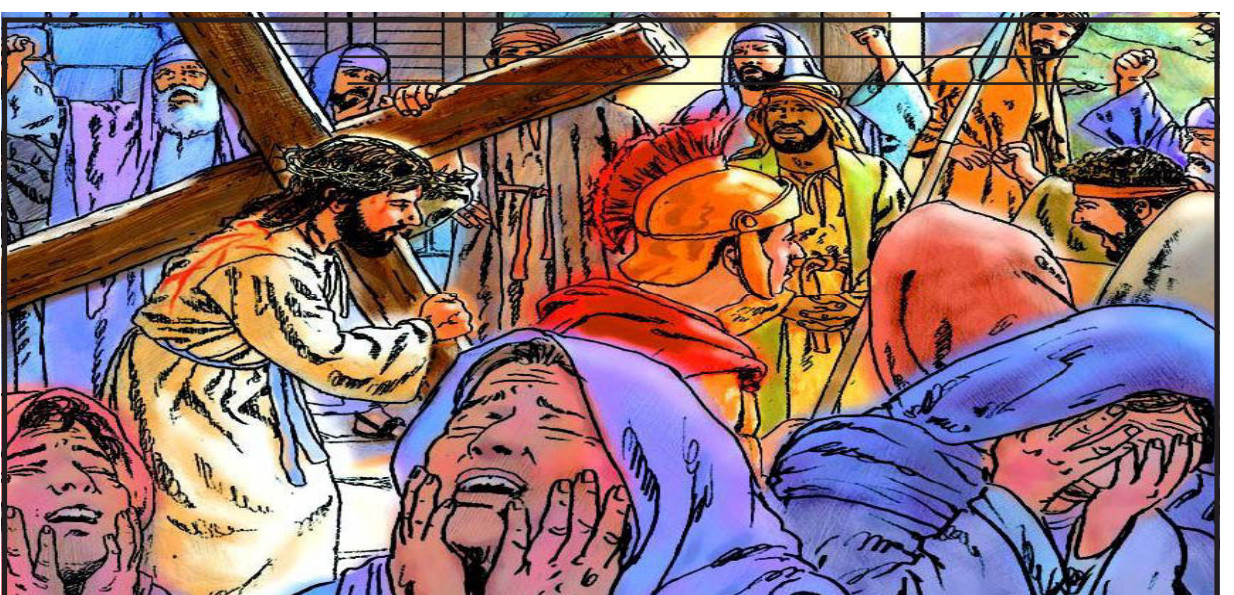
When Jesus grew up and began His public ministry, He showed His love and compassion for all the people. He healed the sick and gave sight to the blind who came to Him by faith. Jesus had total power over evil spirits and demons, and He still has that same power today if we will believe in Him and call upon His Name!



Jesus performed many miracles. Once He amazed a huge multitude when He fed all of them with a little boy's lunch of two fish and five small loaves of bread.

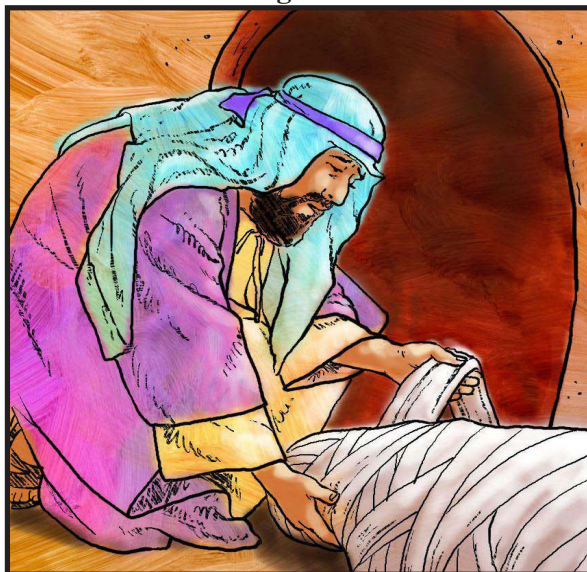
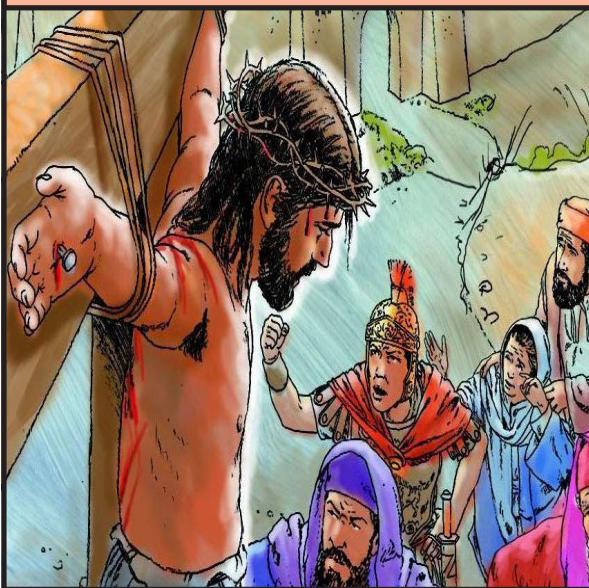


Jesus even raised the dead when He commanded -- *"Lazarus, come forth."* Jesus declared -- *"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."* John 11:25

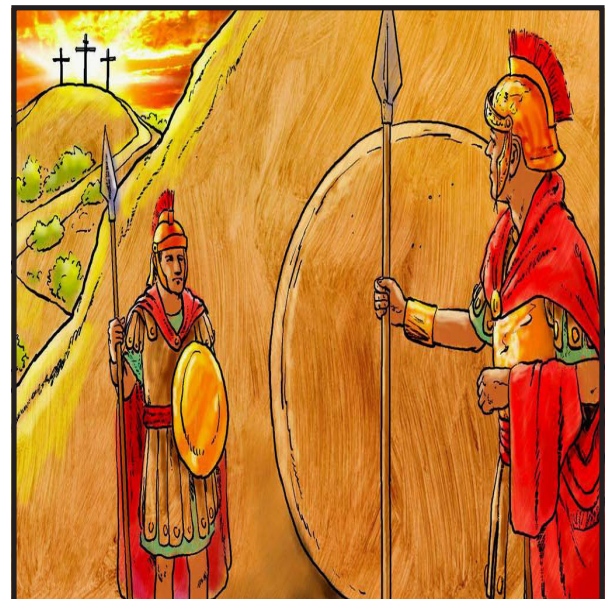


Despite all the good that He did, Jesus was hated by the religious leaders. They arrested Him and falsely accused Him. Cruel men spit upon Him, beat Him, and placed a crown of thorns upon His head, and then led Him away to be crucified.

Jesus was nailed to a wooden cross like a common criminal. The Son of God suffered and died to pay the penalty for all our sins.



After He died for our sins, Jesus was buried in a new tomb in a nearby garden outside the walls of Jerusalem. That garden tomb is still there today!

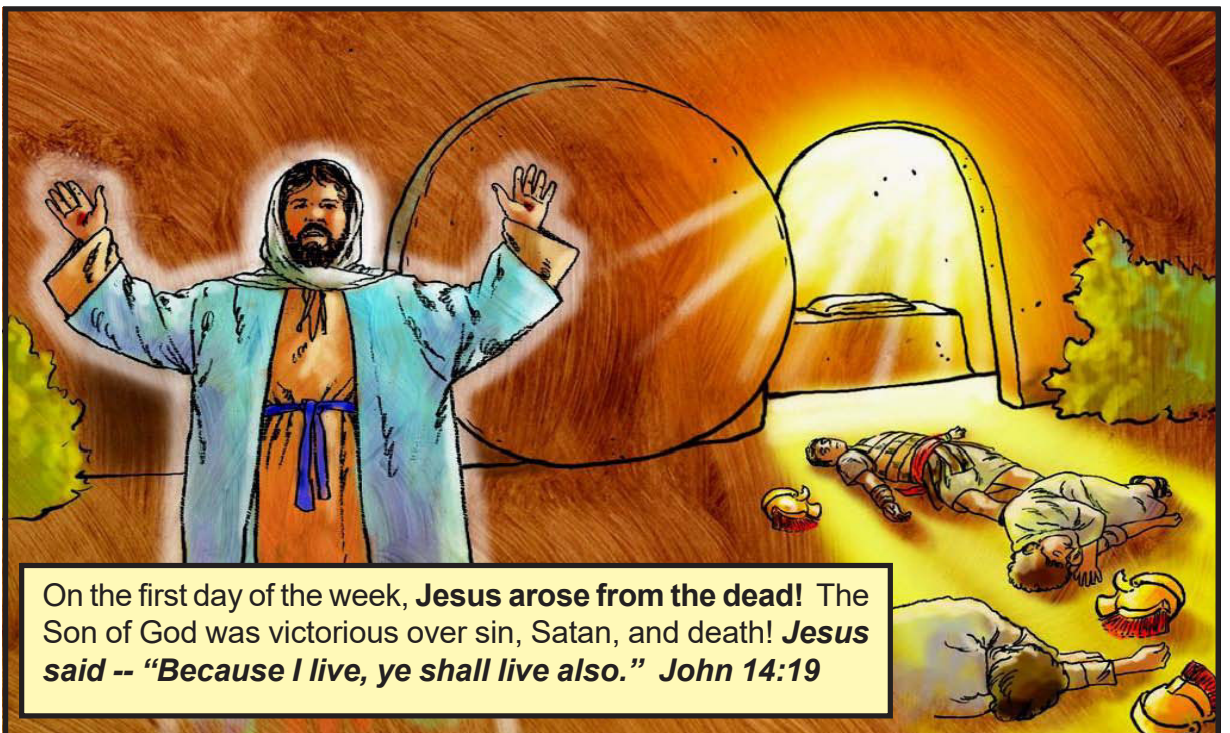


Roman soldiers were ordered to seal and guard the tomb so that no one could steal away the body of the Lord Jesus Christ.

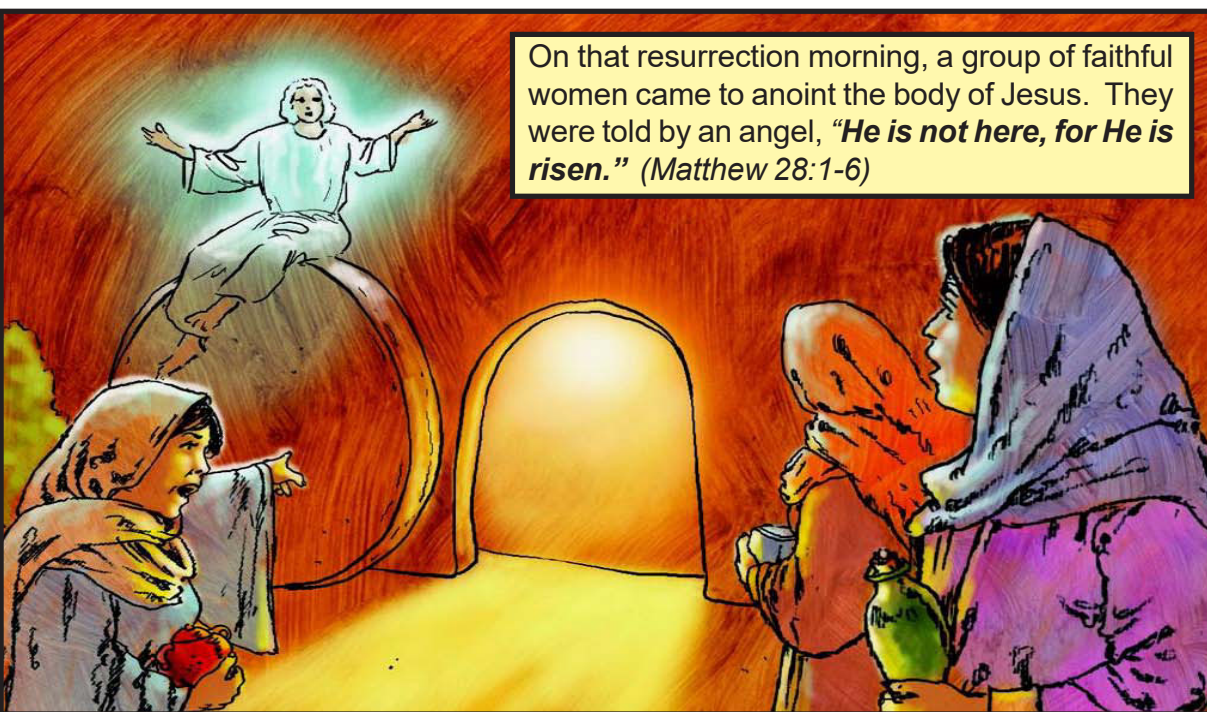
Jesus was buried for three days and three nights during the Jewish Passover and Sabbath.

What a time of darkness that must have been for Jesus' followers who were hiding in fear. In their sorrow and fear they had forgotten what Jesus had told them about His death, burial, and resurrection:

"For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Matthew 12:40

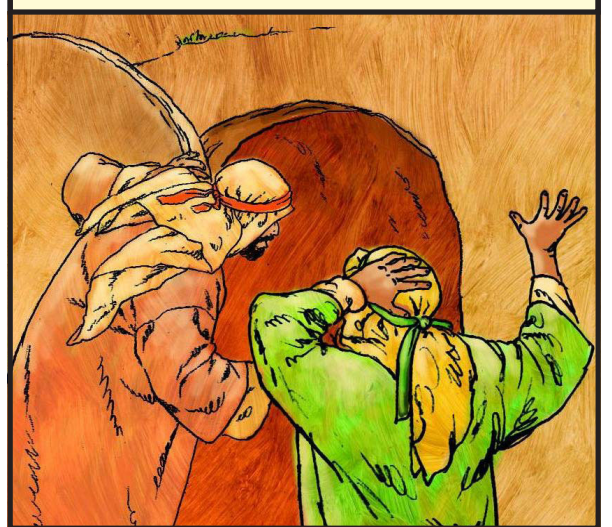


On the first day of the week, **Jesus arose from the dead!** The Son of God was victorious over sin, Satan, and death! **Jesus said -- "Because I live, ye shall live also."** John 14:19



On that resurrection morning, a group of faithful women came to anoint the body of Jesus. They were told by an angel, **"He is not here, for He is risen."** (Matthew 28:1-6)

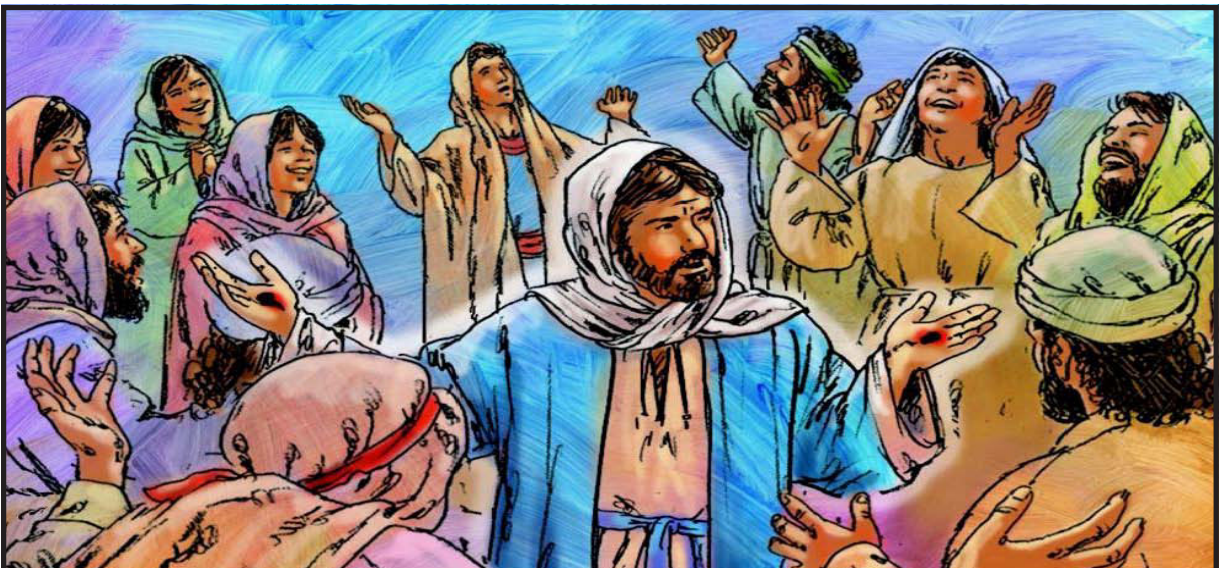
Two of Jesus' disciples ran to the tomb and were amazed that the grave clothes were still there, but **Jesus had risen from the dead!** (John 20:1-8)



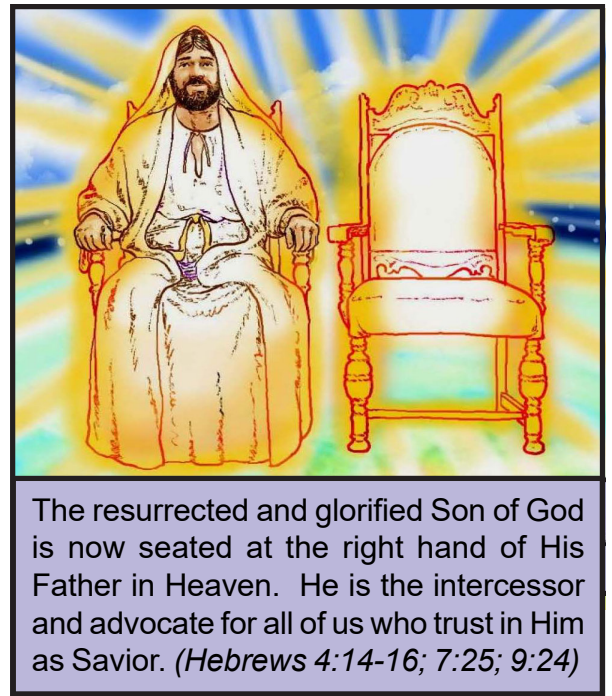
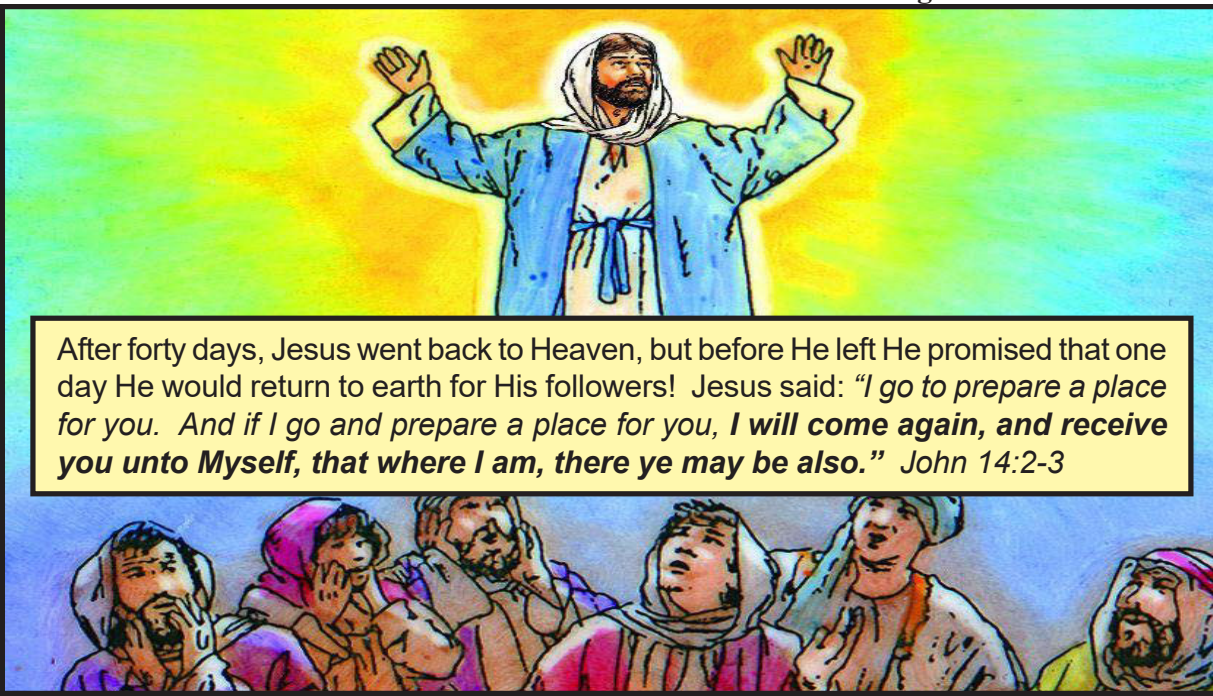
In our world so filled with death, sorrow, and darkness, the resurrection of Jesus Christ gives great hope to those who believe in Him. Jesus is alive and promises the gift of eternal life to all who will trust Him as Savior.

Only Jesus can offer eternal life, as He said -- **"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me."** John 14:6

You can receive God's gift of eternal life if you will turn from your sin and unbelief and trust Him as your Savior!



After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples and many other believers. He even asked for something to eat in order to prove to them that His body was resurrected, and that He was really alive! (Luke 24:36-43)



BAD NEWS: *"For the wages of sin is death . . ."*

GOOD NEWS: *" . . . but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* Romans 6:23

The moment we acknowledge our sinfulness and truly believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died as the sacrifice for all our sins, we are given the free gift of eternal life, and our name is written in the "Lamb's Book of Life." (Revelation 20:11-15)

"For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved."
Romans 10:13

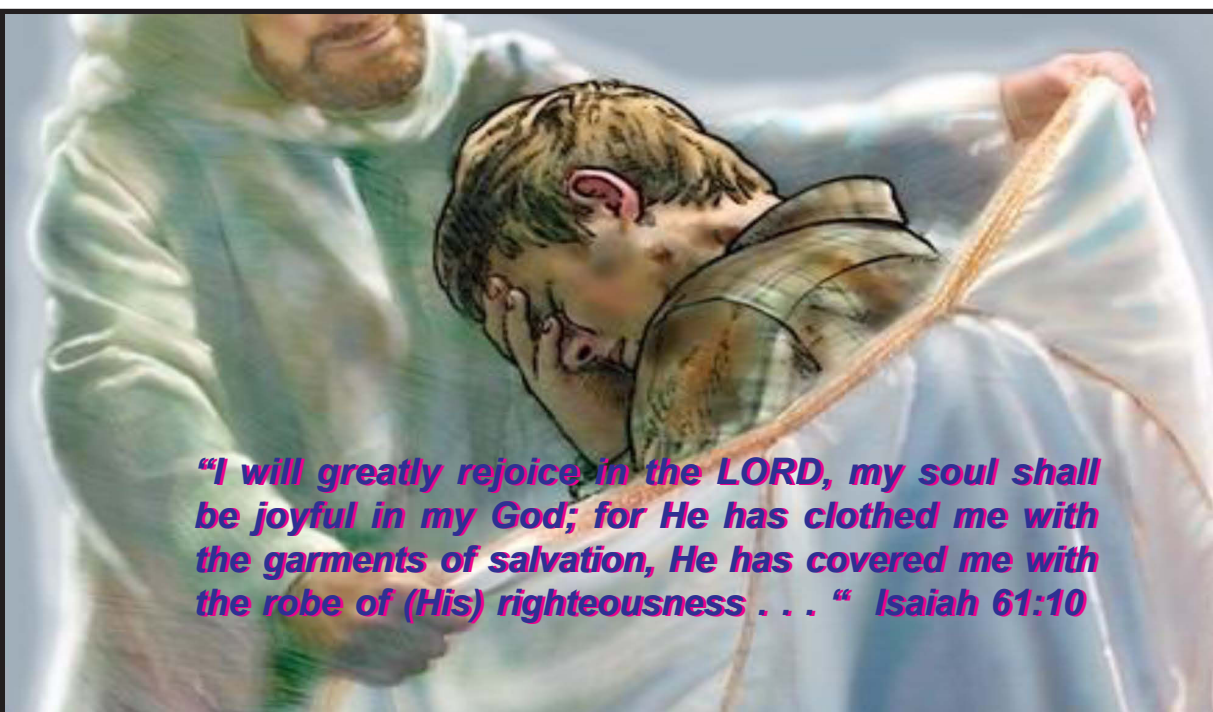
Jesus took upon Himself the sins of the whole world when He gave His life upon the cross. When we trust Him as our Savior, He forgives us and covers us with His perfect righteousness --

"For He hath made Him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Corinthians 5:21

QUESTION:

Is there anything that would keep you from praying and receiving Jesus Christ as your Savior right now?

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36



If you believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for you and would like Him to save you from your sins, we suggest the following prayer or one that is similar to it in your own words:

"Lord Jesus, I know that I have sinned and that I do not deserve to live forever with You in Heaven. But I believe You died on the cross in full payment for all my sins. By faith I turn from my unbelief and sins and ask You to save me. I invite You into my life. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for loving me and for dying for me on the cross. Thank You for giving me the gift of God which is eternal life. Help me now to live for You each day. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen."

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name." John 1:12

"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." Romans 10:9-10

The Bible declares that you can KNOW that you have eternal life by trusting in Jesus Christ as your Savior:

"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 . . ."
1 John 5:13

We would encourage you to read God's Word, the Bible, and pray every day. Wherever you are, find a church that faithfully teaches the Bible verse by verse. Water baptism will not save anyone, but it is the Lord's command and it is a testimony to others that you have trusted Christ. Fellowship with other believers in Jesus and tell your friends what Jesus has done for you . . . and for them!

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