

## You Are an Important Person!

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Dear Reader:

It doesn't matter whether you are rich or poor, young or old, educated or not, you are still a very special and important person to God. He created all things for you that are beautiful and good. He did this so that you could fully enjoy life. In fact, you are so loved by Him that He has a wonderful plan that includes you and everyone that has ever been born into the human family.

God knows that you are vexed and disturbed by sin, sickness, and suffering which one day will bring you and all mankind to the point of death. It is because of Adam's disobedience that all this happened. The penalty pronounced on Adam was that in the day he ate of the forbidden fruit he would die (margin: *"dying thou shalt die."* Gen. 2:16). This penalty was passed on to all Adam's descendants. Out of His great love, God sent His Only Begotten Son to this earth to suffer and die on the Cross of Calvary for your sins and the sins of the whole world. We read of this in John 3:16,17: *"For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."* The Apostle Paul states in 1 Tim. 2:5, 6: *"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men – the testimony to be given in its proper time."* Could there be anything better or more beautiful than life everlasting without sorrow or pain, filled with peace and happiness without end?

Yes, God in His Plan has provided for the restitution of all that was lost by Adam and for a resurrection of all the dead. (See Acts 3:19-21 and John 5:28.) He has planned for a future Kingdom on this earth where there will be no more crying, suffering or dying and all will live righteously in harmony with one another. (See Rev. 21:3 & 4; Isa. 2:4; 9:6,7; 26:9.) Jesus' death made all this possible for you and me. Fantastic! Unbelievable, you may say! No, dear reader, it is absolutely true. God offers this gift to you entirely without cost. Yes, Salvation is the free gift of God's Amazing Grace. There is nothing that you can do to earn it. Repenting from your sins and believing in Jesus puts you in a position to receive a standing of justification before God. Rom. 3:22 tells us, *"This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all that believe."* Vs. 24 says that we are *"justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."*

Did you also know that at this time God is calling out a special people to help Jesus bless all the families of the earth in His future earthly Kingdom? (See Acts 15:14; Gen. 12:2 & 3; Gal. 3:29.) This is a very special calling to be joint-heirs with Jesus (Rom. 8:17). This is a step beyond salvation. It is a call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ who said, *"If you would be my disciple, you must deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me"* (Mat. 16:24). It is a high calling, a heavenly calling (Phil. 3:14). If you heed this call, God will begin a great work in your life which He has promised to complete (Phil. 1:6). Do you hear God's calling? Is His Word and Spirit beckoning to you to give your heart to Him in entire devotion and dedication? This is a choice that you can make right now, and if you do the Lord will always be with you to direct your paths (Prov. 3:5, 6).

Dear reader, if you choose to deny yourself and follow Jesus, God will change you into the likeness of Jesus day by day. 2 Cor. 3:8 describes this change: *"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his (Jesus') likeness with ever increasing glory, which comes from*

*the Lord, who is the Spirit.*” If you decide to follow Jesus and are faithful and obedient to His commands for all of your life, you will one day find yourself in the scene of 1 John 3:2 which says, *“Dear friends, now are we the children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known, but we know that when he (Jesus) appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.”* It is impossible for us to even imagine what this really means, but it is a glorious hope that is held out to you and to me. If you have not yet made a decision to follow Jesus, don’t wait any longer; make it today and you will never, ever regret it. Seek for *“the PRIZE of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus”* (Phil. 3:14). To be with Him will crown it all!

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