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The End of The Day!

I have often asked myself, at the end of the day what will be the most important thing in my life! First of all, what do I mean by the end of the day? What I mean is, what is going to be important to me the last day of my physical life? Where will I go from here?

These are questions that are a matter of life and death! How we answer these questions determine whether we have eternal life, or eternal death.

My hope is that your thoughts and actions will be challenged by this letter! First of all, eternal life and eternal death is determined by how we respond to the message of Jesus Christ. His Gospel!

Let's take a look at God's word and see how it addresses these questions.

In the gospel of John chapter 3, Nicodemus a member of the Jewish ruling council came to Jesus by night. He told Jesus that they knew He was from God because of the miraculous signs He did. In John 3:3 Jesus responded with this "I tell you the truth no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." Nicodemus did not understand these things. His question was how can he enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born? Jesus explained it this way in John 3:5 "I tell you the truth no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit."

Because of sin Adam and Eve Spiritually died in the garden. We are also born Spiritually dead. We just have physical life when we are born, and in need of Spiritual life, water and Spirit refers to Spiritual birth, water refers to cleansing, the Spirit refers to regeneration (being made new) God puts His Spirit in us when we accept and trust in His salvation and in God's eyes, we are made clean! Born Again! We have Spiritual Life in Jesus. John gives testimony about Jesus this way in

through Me." This is that narrow road that is shared in scripture. It is all about Jesus. Trusting in who He is and what He's done for us and what He is still doing! PRAISE GOD HE IS ALIVE!!

Folks, life eternal is through Jesus and Him alone!! John 5:24 says this "I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life." Life in Jesus the King of King's and Lord of Lord's!

Again, it is my hope that this letter will comfort you as well as challenge you!

We must understand we are all sinners and in need of salvation. Roman's 3:23.

We also need to know Jesus died for us as sinners Roman's 5:8.

We must understand that the price of sin is death and Jesus paid that price for us on our cross, but when we make Him Lord of our life, He gives us the gift of eternal life. Roman's 6:23.

To begin a new life in Jesus I must believe (confess) that He died for my sin and that He rose on the third day and by this belief I am saved! Roman's 10:9.

This is not a onetime thing. This is what we confess to others as God leads us to do so!

Is Jesus going to be the most important thing in your life at the end of your day?

Praying for you!!

Fred

Does Your Life Need Change?

I would like to share with you a writing from "Jesus Calling".

"Jesus is a God who heals broken bodies, broken minds, broken hearts, broken lives, and broken relationships.

Jesus' very presence has immense healing powers. You cannot live close to Jesus without experiencing some degree of healing. However, it is also true that "you have not because you ask not". You receive the healing that flows naturally from His presence, whether you seek it or not. But there is much more available to those who ask.

The first step in receiving healing is to live ever so close to Jesus to Jesus. The benefits of this practice are too numerous to list. As you grow more and more intimate with Jesus, he reveals His will to you more directly. When the time is right, He will prompt you to ask for healing of some brokenness in you or in another person. The healing may be instantaneous, or it may be a process. That is up to God. Your part is to trust Jesus fully and to thank Him for the restoration that has begun.

Jesus rarely heals all the brokenness in a person's life. Even His servant Paul was told, "My grace is sufficient for you," when he sought healing for the "thorn in his flesh". Nonetheless, much healing is available to those whose lives are intimately interwoven with Jesus. "Ask, and you will receive".

Through the years, Jesus has helped me have different thoughts and actions from what I previously had. Either through his word or spirit He has helped me. But, like it says in "Jesus Calling", Jesus does not always help us in the same way. He knows our personality and what is best for us.

Trust the Lord with anything that needs changing in your life.

My favorite verses are: Proverbs 3:5&6.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths."

-Sally

The Day God came to the Post Office!

It was on a Thursday, the 27th of May 2010 when we took the Summer Edition of the Free Life News to the Post Office.

As the clerk, Joni, was weighing and stamping each package, we chatted about the ministry, and she saw the young woman who came in, saying, she was "a favorite customer".

The young woman stepped up to the counter and noticed all the packages (65 of them), and she wanted to know what I was mailing, so I was able to tell her about the newsletter and where they were going.

She was extremely interested, so I asked for her address to send one to her. When Janet finished with her business and stepped over to me with her hand extended.

As I took her hand she began to pray, praying for our ministry, the newsletters and those who were to receive them. When she finished, I turned and hugged her, and she left.

The postal clerk had tears in her eyes as did I, and she said, *"Do you think the Holy Spirit was just here?"*

We rejoiced together as we finished with the mailing, noting that the Scripture states that we are to *"let our light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven"*, and that day my new friend and sister in Christ certainly let her light shine. She was not ashamed to pray in a public place for a stranger and for you.

I am so thankful that I was in that place at the right time --- the day God came to the Post Office.

Is your light shining? Plug in to the 220 currency.

Galatians 2:20 says,

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

If you are living by faith in the Son of God who gave his life for you, then your light should be shining brightly!

HIDING THE WORD IN OUR HEARTS

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself.

According to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace, which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will.....

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth.....

And He made you alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.

BUT GOD, who is rich in mercy because of His great love with which He loved us even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together in Christ, (by grace are you have been saved)....

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.....

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.....

praying that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, that you being rooted and grounded in love.....

that you may be filled with all the goodness of God. Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness with longsuffering bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians. Selected verses, Chapters 1-4

Grow In Grace



This is Free.

toServe Ministry is offering a Correspondence Bible Study, with lessons based on 3 chapters of different books of the Bible, with 18-24 questions. If you are interested, look in the Library for a postage paid card next to the newsletters, fill it out completely and mail it back to: toServe Ministry. You will receive an Introductory lesson upon receipt of your request.

A MAN CAN GO TO HEAVEN

WITHOUT HEALTH

WITHOUT WEALTH

WITHOUT FAME

WITHOUT LEARNING

WITHOUT BEAUTY

WITHOUT FRIENDS

WITHOUT TEN THOUSAND THINGS

BUT HE CAN NEVER GO TO HEAVEN WITHOUT JESUS "I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE; NO MAN COMES UNTO THE FATHER BUT BY ME." John 14;6

Will you trust Him today for His forgiveness and accept His life in exchange for yours?

Jesus is the ONLY One Who can meet all the desires of your heart. 1 Cor. 5:17-21



Sharing the lessons, I have learned about the faithfulness of God in difficult times.

For me, the issue is grasping the height, width, length and depth of God's love for me. That is where everything starts.

The more I understand how much God loves me, the more I am able to trust Him to cause all things to work together for good.

Doing that takes the pressure off me and my circumstances and puts it on Jesus. That act calms my heart and quiets my soul.

Now, I'm able to think properly and listen to Jesus' lead. It all comes back to knowing God loves me perfectly, and whatever the problem is, came through Him first. Knowing He will cause it to work together for my good enables me to respond with thanks rather than fear and anger.

Usually, it takes the Holy Spirit working with me to respond with thanks, because most of the time, if not always, I respond in the flesh first, at least mentally; then the Spirit gets hold of me, reminds me who I am – a born-again child of God, who is loved perfectly by his Daddy.

Then I'm able to begin thinking proper thoughts as I respond with thanksgiving. Even when I blow it, which is not quite as often now, God's Spirit enables me to go the person I offended and apologize, and try to make things right, which is very important in here when you come in contact with the same people all the time. God is always faithful, even when I am not.

I'm so very thankful that His love and faithfulness is unconditional and not dependent on anything I do!

I'm going through a difficult time right now, which is one reason I'm writing this letter. It reminds me of the faithfulness of God, and this is just the opportunity to apply what He has taught me. Thank you for the opportunity to share what Jesus is doing in my life. Hope all is well.

Keep your eyes on Jesus.

Your friend in Christ, Joe Cushman—- WV.

This was written by our friend who is serving a life sentence in a West Virginia Prison. He learned the meaning of God's love for him and was set free to rest in the finished work of the Cross, where Jesus died, was buried and rose again to give him (and us) new life in the resurrected Christ. You can have that same peace and rest when you turn your life over to him and receive the forgiveness and salvation he offers. Then you too, can grasp the height, width, length and depth of God's love for you.

Take that step today. It's easy, bow your head, and speak to God from your heart, he's waiting to hear from you.