

## **GOOD NEWS**

Proverbs 3 verses 5 and 6 tell us to “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths.” Like many people, perhaps you believe that there is in fact a God, you know He hates sin, and you feel hopeless, that the mountain of sin you have accumulated is too great to be forgiven.

Maybe you realize your need for a savior, an advocate, someone to save you, because you know that there is no way you could possibly satisfy the wrath of Almighty God. I have good news for you. In a world of heartache, despair, and hopelessness which results from our sin, we have hope. A real, living hope. You can be set free from the bondage of your sins, saved from the wrath of God which every one of us deserves, and be enabled to walk in newness of life. Jesus Christ is this hope I speak of. Jesus said that His sheep hear His voice and follow Him (John 10:27). Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the day of rebellion (Hebrews 3:15). The bible teaches us that if we confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord, and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead we will be saved (Romans 10:9). He who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Romans 10:13). We will be saved! This is Good News!

In the book of Mark, Jesus said, “The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel (Mark 1:15). Recognizing that the Kingdom of God is at hand is a gift from God, called regeneration, and happens when God causes a man, woman, boy, or girl to be born again. Being born again enables a person to recognize the holiness of God, their sinful nature before Him, and allows them to truly cry out “God, please be merciful towards me, a sinner”.

Is this you today? Then repent lest you likewise perish. Repentance is a gift of God. You see, we are saved by grace through faith, and this is not of your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. In scripture we see the command to look unto Jesus and live. In a world that *appears* hopeless, He is our hope, and our peace. Jesus, the perfect, spotless lamb of God, Who paid the penalty for our sins on a bloody Roman cross, bore the wrath of God the Father, was dead and buried in the tomb, rose on the third day according to the scriptures, and ascended into Heaven, where He sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, making His enemies a footstool, reconciling sinners to the Father, interceding for the saints, and enabling His sheep, the Church to walk in newness of life, loving God with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength, and their neighbors as themselves.

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# WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

