

repentance and the washing away of your sins in the pure blood of Jesus Christ. It is just the beginning.

The Gift of Life

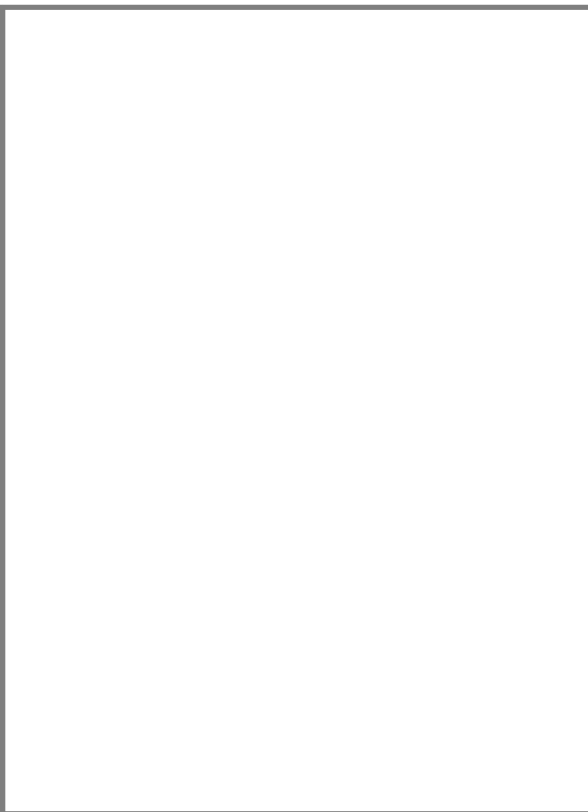
Besides forgiveness, there is another gift that the Eternal God offers you: the Holy Spirit -- the very life and power of God that will enable you to make permanent the change that your Heavenly Father has begun in you. For this reason you need to talk with someone who has experienced the healing effect of the forgiveness of his sins and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. You will want to find a group of people who are going through the same spiritual change that you are. In the box on the back panel of this flyer you will see the name of someone who can help you in this new way of life. Please contact that person.

Pray to God that He will send someone to baptize you -- someone who will pray that you receive the Holy Spirit and that God will transform you into the likeness of your Savior Jesus Christ.

At the beginning of this article we spoke of finding peace. Meditate on the words of Jesus when He was just about to be sacrificed on the cross for the sins of a world gone astray: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you: not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27) This same peace, the tranquility that He had when He was going to the cross to suffer death, He is offering to you if you will accept Him as your personal Savior. Make the decision now to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Trust in the Lord and His promise to redeem you in order that all the promises that God has given concerning your welfare can become a reality.

"The LORD redeems the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate." (Psalm 34:22)

If you would like more information, or if you would like to speak to someone who has your best interest at heart, please contact:



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Finding Hope in a Hopeless World

There are times in life when each one of us feels totally hopeless.

Perhaps you feel such hopelessness. It could be that your marriage has fallen apart or that you are up to your eyeballs in debt and you don't see any way out. Or, maybe you are a person who has managed to accumulate more than enough material wealth to satisfy your needs, but have been unable to find the happiness that you expected to find in your financial success.

It really doesn't matter how you have arrived at this crossroads of hopelessness. You have collided with the limits of this life without finding the satisfaction you desired, and the blows of daily life continue to beat you down without letup.

If you are one of those I have just described, listen to Jesus' words to the poor and downtrodden people of His day: "Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Water for the Thirsty

When we find ourselves in difficult circumstances, it's like being in the desert. We look for help like a thirsty man looks for water. Many times we believe that the solution to our problem is in making more money or in finding the perfect mate, in the case of marriage problems, but we deceive ourselves because the solution is more often a need to heal our own inner restlessness than it is in having a full bank account or a more satisfying marriage.

The problem is that in any new situation, whether it be a new marriage or a new job with better pay, we always insert our old self into our new surroundings. In truth, it is the old spirit in us that is mostly responsible for creating the disagreeable circumstances we find ourselves in, and if we are truthful with ourselves, it becomes very clear that we need a new spirit; we need to be converted into new people.

If you wish to enjoy spiritual rest, there are certain specific steps that you must follow to achieve the inner peace that the Lord Jesus spoke of, and these steps are found in the Bible -- the same book you have ignored for so long.

"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said to Peter and to the rest of the apostles, 'Men and brethren, what shall we do?' Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" (Acts 2: 37 - 38)

Choosing a New Way

Please note that the apostle Peter exhorts them to repent. The word "repent" is a Bible term that simply means to renounce one's

past life, turn away from the evil path we have been following, and walk down the good path of God. It is as the prophet Daniel declared to King Nebuchadnezzar: "Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you, and cease your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your tranquility." (Daniel 4:27)

Our tranquility and even our very lives depend our willingness to repent, to turn from the path that leads to death, and to choose the path that leads to life. And, our repentance doesn't only have to do with eternal life, even though that is the ultimate goal we seek. It has to do with obtaining peace and tranquility in our daily lives. The Creator God of the universe offers us, through His Son Jesus Christ, the opportunity to experience abundant life here and now.

Some believe that God spends all His time looking for sinners to punish, but this same God declares to you through His prophet Ezekiel: "Say to them, 'As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways'..." (Ezekiel 33:11)

It is the love of God and His mercy that keep calling out to us in a loud voice that He has opened up to us the gate that leads to eternal life and to true spiritual peace in this life. Listen with your heart to the words of the Savior Jesus Christ: "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10: 9 - 11)

There is no doubt whatsoever that God in

heaven desires your good and not your harm. Nor is there any doubt that His Son Jesus, "the good Shepherd," laid down his life for you. Are you not one of the sheep that has gone astray? Just look at the love that God has for you: "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety and nine, and go into the mountains, and seek that which has gone astray? And if he find it, truly I say unto you, he rejoices more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which did not go astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish." (Matthew 18:11 - 14)

Is it not time for you to make the decision to give your life to Christ? Is it not time for you to seek God's forgiveness for straying from the path that leads to life? You have already read several statements of God's love for you. There is one more that describes better than any other how much God loves you and desires nothing but good for you. It is from the lips of Jesus, the good Shepherd, who laid down his life for His sheep -- even for those like you who have gone astray: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." (John 3:16-17)

By means of the voluntary sacrifice of Jesus, God is offering you the opportunity to change the direction of your life. You do not have to continue along the path that leads to destruction. You can choose to renounce your past actions and way of thinking and throw yourself on God's mercy and receive His forgiveness. But, your new life does not end with