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EMERGENCY PREPARATION

“Behold, I have told you in advance.”

Jesus of Nazareth (Matthew 24:25)

A BIBLE-BASED PERSPECTIVE ON

ETERNAL SURVIVAL

PREPARING TO STAND BEFORE GOD

A Study for Church Leaders

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Eternal Survival

A STUDY ON GOD AS SAVIOR

For I am the LORD your God. Clean up yourselves therefore, and be holy; for I am holy (Leviticus 11:44).

REFLECTION

1. God is holy—which means “pure” (clean); therefore He only does what is GOOD
God is separate from anything that goes against His character—against who He is
2. Anything that goes against God’s character is called SIN
God will *never* go against His character; the opposite of God’s good is called EVIL
3. Part of God’s character is to be JUST
Justice is seeing that a person gets what he or she deserves for their actions
4. Part of God’s character is to FORGIVE
Forgiveness is seeing that a person does *not* get what he or she deserves for their actions
5. In the final judgment of all people, God’s character will allow Him to either seek JUSTICE or to FORGIVE
There are no other options

ANALYSIS

1. ALL have sinned... (Romans 3:23)
Since the fall of Adam, when he rebelled against God, all persons have been born with Adam’s sinful nature (Genesis 3:6-24; Genesis 5:3)
2. There is NO ONE who does good... (Romans 3:12)
No one born with Adam’s sinful nature does the pure goodness of God; even if we try to do good there are selfish motives (James 4:3), therefore we are EVIL in God’s sight (Isaiah 64:6)
3. God *must* judge—use JUSTICE—against those who are EVIL... (Romans 6:23)
Justice is seeing that a person gets what he or she deserves for their actions, which, if you think about it, is a right thing to do; it is “fair,” God is not acting unfairly when He judges
4. God *can* FORGIVE, but *only* if a person does what God says will allow Him to forgive
You *have* to do it God’s way

APPLICATION

1. Here is how to do it God's way:
...he said, "What must I do to be saved?"
And they said to him, "***Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved***" (Acts 16: 30-31).
2. The entire Gospel of John was written...
...that you might ***believe that Jesus is the Christ*** (the anointed man of God), [and] ***the Son of God*** (making Him God as well as man), ***and that believing you may have life*** (John 20:31).
3. You have to believe in Jesus because...
... ***Christ died for our sins*** (1st Corinthians 15:3; see also Galatians 1:4).
4. Jesus died for your past sins, your present sins, and your future sins while you are still on this earth...
... ***Christ Himself is the satisfaction for our sins*** (1st John 2:2).
5. And that is what you must believe: That Jesus died on the cross for your sins—
personally for your sins—and as a result you are forgiven by God.

PRAY THIS PRAYER

Father God, I come to you and you alone for my salvation.
I confess my sinfulness to you, that I have not lived according to Your character and Your ways.
I ask You to forgive me for Jesus' sake.
I believe Jesus' death on the cross was for me personally and has washed away all of my sins.
I ask for the free gift of eternal life as a result of this belief.
I promise to put my trust, my faith, in Your Son, Jesus, from now on.
And I ask Your help in doing it.
I ask you to come inside of me and make me Your child according to Your promise;
And for the free gift of Your Holy Spirit.
I ask you to let me know that I am really saved.
And I thank you Lord Jesus for saving me.
I pray all of this in Jesus' name. Amen!

WHAT IS NEXT

1. Get yourself a good study Bible.
We recommend the Life Application Bible in the New American Standard Version.
2. Begin to read the Gospel of John and then the First Letter of John (1st John).
These books speak about the basic spiritual truths of the Christian faith.
3. Find and attend a Bible-believing church.
You can go on-line and locate churches in your area. They should list a Statement of Faith or, like us, What We Believe. As part of their beliefs, they should state that the Bible is the inerrant (without error) Word of God.