

Life or Death – GOD’s Salvation Plan

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Since the fall of man in the opening pages of the Bible, GOD has set in motion and has been working towards returning His creation back to what He originally intended in the beginning.

Looking at the first state, one can see GOD’s desire for His creation. Characterized by peace, lack of shame, unity, and love, GOD’s initial plan seems quite distant from where mankind is today.

As a result of man’s disobedience, the consequence of death was passed on to all of mankind. Not only have we inherited this innate rebellious nature, we confirm our Adamic ancestry by our own decision to sin against GOD today. GOD’s judgment for disobedience and sin remains a death sentence. Realizing this upsetting situation, we must wonder if there is any way that we might be able to avoid the inevitable destruction.

Thankfully there is. Jesus Christ, GOD’s only begotten son came with the mission of reconciling mankind back to GOD. While others before him came to steal, kill and destroy, Jesus came to give an abundance of life. He came to proclaim that GOD’s restoration plan was almost complete, what mankind needed to do to get on board and that he was willing to pay for the sin that man had committed.

In obedience to his Father’s will, innocent Jesus Christ died so that guilty _____ (your name here) could have his/her debt paid. He declared that in order to accept this payment on your behalf, you would instead need to live the remainder of your life on his behalf. Essentially Jesus’ words serve as the terms of a new contract: he promises life in the coming age to those who obey his commands faithfully. At the current time, man remains in the contract that our forefather, Adam signed us all up for: death, as we continue to live by our own standards and disobey the clear commands of GOD. Unless we break that contract by agreeing to Jesus’ terms, we will perish!

It is amazing to think about how loving GOD is to allow us a chance to be with Him in the coming age upon the earth. The Bible speaks of a new world that is characterized by righteous political government and the absence of war, suffering, and death. Even the animal kingdom will one day dwell peacefully with mankind! GOD wants all men to partake in this glorious future and through this good news that Jesus proclaimed, He is sending forth the invitation to be a part of this age to come.

What favor GOD has shown to mankind. After a logical consideration of GOD’s grace and love, one should be provoked to respond in both a mental acknowledgement, agreeing with His plan, as well as life of acquiescent devotion to Him.
