

WORDS OF LIFE FOR ALL

DO YOU KNOW?

That God, in His great infinite love, His unselfish good will, has provided a way in which everyone can obtain everlasting life?

(Luke 2: 14; 1 John 4: 8)

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That the angels in heaven do not die, nor did God create man so that he had to die; for if Adam, "the first man," had not sinned, he would still be alive on earth today and we, his descendents, would not be imperfect and dying? (Gen. 3: 22-24)

- "Therefore as through one man [Adam—by disobedience] sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men [by heredity], because all sinned," and are under the death sentence (not eternal torture); born in sin, "shapen in iniquity"? (Rom. 5: 12, 19; 1 Cor. 15: 21, 22; Psa. 51: 5)
- That God had the right to require obedience from Adam, to whom He had given perfect life, even as He has required it from His angelic beings?
- •That the penalty that God placed upon Adam for sin was not eternal life in fire and torture by fireproof devils, or life in any form, but death the opposite of life. In the words of the Sacred Book, "you shall surely die"; "the wages of sin is death" (Gen. 2: 17; Rom. 6: 23), it is cessation of life, to both soul and body? "unto dust shall you return" (Gen. 2: 17; 3: 19)

- That **God in justice** could have executed Adam and Eve at once after they disobeyed, thereby taking back the life He had given them, but **He in mercy** let them die gradually and bring forth children, a human race, though imperfect and in a dying condition?
- That God heard the groaning of the prisoner, Adam and his race under the curse of death (Psa. 102: 19, 20), and His great love prompted Him to use His power to release the human race from the death penalty. However, Jehovah's justice which "by no means clears the guilty" (Num. 14: 18), first had to be satisfied for Adam before he and his race could be set free. Jesus fulfilled Adam's obligation to justice by dying, the just for the unjust, on Calvary's Cross. As a result, God could then be just and, in addition, be the Justifier of those who believe (Rom. 3: 26). So it is that God in His wisdom (Rom. 11: 33) worked out a plan for human salvation?

THE GOLDEN TEXT

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3: 16

DO YOU KNOW?

That to free humanity without violating God's justice, a ransom (a corresponding price), a perfect human life, had to be paid over to Justice for Adam's perfect human life, forfeited by his disobedience. However, none of his imperfect race, already condemned to death, could "by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him"? (Psa. 49: 7; Rom. 3: 23)

- That God in His great LOVE caused His only begotten Son to be "made flesh, a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death ... that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man"? (Heb. 2: 9)
- That God showed His LOVE to us, "in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us," "gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time," "a propitiation [satisfaction] for the sins of the whole world"? (Rom. 5: 6-10)
- That due to Jesus' Ransom-sacrifice every man will "in due time" have an opportunity to be restored (Acts 3: 19-23) to human perfection, as Adam had it before he sinned. In the world's great awakening from death (John 5: 28), all will be given a trial for everlasting life in the Millennial Kingdom, which

will be under the supervision of Christ and the Church through whom "all the families of the earth shall be blessed" and judged? (Gen. 22: 16-18)

- That "he who comes to God must believe that He is [exists—Psa. 53:1], and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him," for "without faith it is impossible to please Him"? (Heb. 11:6)
- That "the fear [reverence] of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," a fountain of life— "he who does not love does not know God, for God is love"? (Psa. 111: 10; 1 John 4: 8)
- That Jesus is "the way, the truth and the life"; none can come to God, but by Him? (John 14: 6)



DO YOU KNOW?

- That in coming to God we must repent for sin. We must recognize our sin, be sorry for it, and hate, abandon, confess and oppose it, and if possible, make restitution for it. Additionally, we must learn to love, strive for and practice righteousness; recognizing that our works, however good, cannot justify us? (Acts 17: 30; Gal. 2: 16)
- That only by our believing, accepting personally by faith, Jesus and the value of His shed blood, can we be cleansed and justified before God? (1 John 1: 7-10)
- That next we must consecrate our life to God. We do this by renouncing our own wills and accepting God's will as our own, as Jesus did, and then be His faithful followers if we would gain everlasting life? (Heb. 10: 7; Rom. 12: 1; 6: 23)
- •That Jesus is able "to save to the uttermost, those who come to God through him" (Heb. 7: 25), and He lovingly invites us, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," "the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out"? (Matt. 11: 28; John 6: 37)

God loves you! Do not reject his love!



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