



**THIS COULD BE YOUR ONLY
WARNING!**

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HOW DOES ONE START A MESSAGE OF WARNING?

Think for a moment about that tragic day of September 11, 2001 when two airliners flew into the World Trade Center in New York City. The Twin Towers came crashing down sweeping 2,606 souls into eternity. What if an hour before someone had ran in warning, "Folks, flee for your lives the buildings are coming down!" Do you think anyone would have fled? Probably not, maybe a few.

Life is fragile, "A vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (James 4:14). What if someone came to you today ... warning of a great place of danger you are in ... how would you respond? What if today "your soul was required of you?" What would be your concern? A sensible person would ask, "What must I do to be saved?" Please...

TAKE HEED how you hear

the **WARNING** about to be shared with you ... and the **HOPE** of how to be saved.

THE WARNING!

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness" (Rom 1:18).

The Message we **NEED MOST** is often the message we **RESIST MOST**. No one wants to hear he has a deadly cancer however the hope for healing starts first with the knowledge of the disease. THAT'S ...

THE PURPOSE OF GOD'S LAW,

TO REVEAL THE DEADLY DISEASE IN THE HEART OF MAN THAT HE MIGHT BE HEALED!

God's Word says, "**The heart is deceitful** above all things, **and desperately wicked**: who can know it" (Jer 17:9)? Therefore, God by His Law exposes what is in the heart of man, "For by the law is the knowledge of sin" (Rom 3:20). It then becomes "Our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ that we might be justified [made right with God] by faith" (Gal 3:24). The law is to convince us of our sin and reveal our need of Christ to be healed. Psalm 19:7, "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul." **FRIEND ...**

LET THE SPOTLIGHT OF GOD'S LAW EXAMINE YOUR HEART...

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I Am the LORD thy God ... Thou shalt have no other gods before Me: (Ex 20:1-3). God, being our Creator, is to have supreme authority over every aspect of our lives. Have you set your affections on Him above all else giving Him glory in all things or are you as those of Philippians 3:19 "whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things?"

2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image ... thou shalt not bow down thyself to them: (Ex 20:4-6). Have you bowed and prayed to symbols, images, or carvings thus giving them worship? Maybe you have created a God in your mind that gives you comfort in your sin. God calls this idolatry, you are worshiping a false god.

3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: (Ex 20:7). God requires us to use His name in a holy and reverent way. Have you ever used His name in vain? This is called blasphemy. "The LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain" (Ex 20:7).

4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy: (Ex 20:8-11). The

Sabbath is to be a day of rest. The Sabbath was a shadow of Christ and the Believer's rest by faith in Christ alone for salvation (Col 2:16,17). "We who have believed do enter that rest" (He 4:3). It is written, "For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works" (He 4:10; cf He 4:1-16). God's Word says, "For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph 2:8,9). Have you found your spiritual rest by trusting Jesus as Savior? To be outside of resting in Christ for salvation is the breaking of the Sabbath. Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28).

5. Honor thy father and thy mother: (Ex 20:12). Have you disobeyed your parents or been disrespectful to them at any time? If so you are guilty of breaking this commandment. God says, "Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft" (1 Samuel 15:23).

6. Thou shalt not murder: (Ex 20:13). God alone who gives us life is sovereign over life and death. The Bible says, "Whoever hates his brother is a murderer" (1 John 3:15). Have you ever hated or detested someone? If so then you are a murderer, guilty of the sixth commandment. God's standard is higher than ours. He looks upon the intents of the heart (1 Sam 16:7).

7. Thou shalt not commit adultery: (Ex 20:14). Jesus said, "Whoever looks at a woman to lust for her [have sexual desire] has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matthew 5:28). Have you looked at someone with lust [this includes all forms of pornography] or had sex outside of marriage? If so you are an adulterer at heart and guilty of breaking this commandment.

8. Thou shalt not steal: (Ex 20:15). Have you ever taken something that wasn't yours, regardless of value? Maybe you downloaded something from the internet you didn't pay for, a movie or music. If so God declares you a thief.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor: (Ex 20:16). Are you guilty of telling a lie or deceiving someone? "A false witness will not go unpunished, And he who speaks lies shall perish" (Pro 19:9).

10. Thou shalt not covet: (Ex. 20:17). Have you desired something that belongs to someone else such as their house, car, spouse, etc. This is the lust for things. If you have, then you are guilty of coveting and have broken this commandment as well.

HAVE YOU KEPT the Law of God?

Have you broken God's law in even one point? God's Word says, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10). When we break God's law this is sin, for "Sin is transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). The truth is, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23), and all sin is against God (Psalm 51:4).

Understand, no one can be saved by keeping the Ten commandments. The law rather exposes our sinful nature we are born with. You are not a sinner because you sin, but you sin because you are a sinner. **Sin is the disease of the heart of man** (1 Jn 5:19). All our sin, all our law breaking comes from within the heart. Jesus said, "... Out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man" (Mk 7:21-23) and the law shows us our guilt before a holy God. Romans 3:19 says, "whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God." Are you innocent or guilty of breaking God's law? Have you sinned against God? If you are honest with yourself and honest before God you know you are guilty.

SIN'S CONSEQUENCE

It is written, "Your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you" (Isa 59:2). "The LORD is far from the wicked" (Pr 15:29), **AND...**

THE WRATH OF GOD! AND HIS JUSTICE IS AGAINST US.

In Ezekiel 18:4 God says, “Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul who sins it shall die.” Folks, “The wages of sin is death” (Rom 6:23). Our sin separates us from God and places us under the judgement of His wrath.

Jesus, concerning the Day of Judgement said, “The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear (Mt 13:41-43)!” This is a serious thing! Gods wrath is against us and “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (He 10:31).

THE DAY OF RECKONING WILL COME

“It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgement” (He 9:27). “God shall judge the secrets of men [your secrets, those sins you thought no one knew shall be brought to light and judged] by Jesus Christ” (Rom 2:16). “God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil” (Ecc 12:14). He “will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts” (1 Cor 4:5). You cannot hide your sin from the Living God!

**If “Today your soul is required of you” (Lk 12:20)
what will be the just judgement of the Almighty against
your case, the paradise of heaven or the torments of hell?**

What does God say? “The wicked shall be turned into hell” (Psa 9:17) and “shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power” (2 Th 1:9). “The cowardly, UNBELIEVING,

abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Rev 21:8) and they "shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever" (Rev 20:10) "with unquenchable fire" (Mt 3:12, Mt 25:41).

We cannot stress this enough, God has no pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with Him (Psa 5:4). God "hates" the wicked and all workers of iniquity (Psa 5:5; 11:5). "God is angry with the wicked every day" (Psa 7:11), and because "The righteous LORD loves righteousness" He must hate evil and bring it into judgement.

In Civil law a good Judge cannot turn a blind eye to those who break the law, he must punish crime, if not he would be a corrupt judge and he himself should be punished. **"God is a just judge"** (Psa 7:11) and cannot let a guilty man go unpunished. **THE BIBLE SAYS**, "The LORD is righteous in all His ways" (Ps 145:17). "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face" (Ps 89:14). God is "a God of truth and without injustice" (Deu 32:4). Ask yourself, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right" (Ge 18:25)? God cannot simply overlook your sin, forgive you and let you go. God said, "I will not justify the wicked" (Ex 23:7). This should be of great concern to you. Consider the words of Jesus in Matthew 23:33...

"HOW CAN YOU ESCAPE THE DAMNATION OF HELL"

The good news is this ... God in His infinite wisdom has provided a way of escape for all who receive it.

THIS BRINGS US TO THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION IN LIFE ...

HOW CAN YOU BE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD?

Think about it. How can you being guilty of sin before a holy God, deserving of eternal hell, be declared righteous in His sight and be freed from the guilt, penalty, and reigning power of sin? The punishment for your sin must be paid!

Before God can Pardon YOU His justice must be satisfied and His wrath appeased

THE BIBLE SAYS, "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Ti 1:15). "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and ... was buried, and ... He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor 15:3,4).

The name of Jesus means, "Jehovah is Salvation." He was God in the flesh (John 1:1,14), born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14); (Matthew 1:22,23), without sin. He lived the life you and I could not by fulfilling the demands of the Moral Law in thought, word, and deed. The Father thus testified of Him with a voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Mt 17:5).

Jesus, who knew no sin, fully satisfied the justice and wrath of God against our sin in becoming "obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phi 2:8). **THE BIBLE SAYS**, "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter" and ... opened he not his mouth" (Acts 8:32) and "died for the ungodly," you and I (Rom 5:6). "He was wounded for our transgressions" [our rebellion against God] and it "pleased the LORD to bruise him ... [and to] ... make his soul an offering for sin," (Isa 53:5,10). Jesus shed His blood for the forgiveness of our sin (Hebrews 9:22). Therefore In Christ alone, "The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished" (Lam 4:22) in that, "He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). And now, all who believe are "JUSTIFIED [made right with God] by his blood ... [and] ... saved from wrath through him" (Rom 5:9). Jesus paid our debt in drinking the cup of God's wrath empty and declared from Calvary's tree, "It is finished" (Jn 19:30).

Friend, "**Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law** [God's judgement against our sin], having become a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one who hangs on a tree" (Gal 3:13). Think about this, Jesus as a substitute paid the penalty for our sin and took upon Himself the judgement of the law against us ... "**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.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God." ... "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." (John 3:16-21; 36).

THE WAY TO BE RIGHT WITH GOD IS NOW OFFERED TO US ...

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (Jn 14:6). "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12), and "Be it known unto you therefore ... that through this Man [Jesus] is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law" (Acts 13:38,39).

Christ now, having "suffered for sins ... that he might bring us to God ..." (1 Peter 3:18) has ascended into heaven and, "He **is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him**" (He 7:25).

"Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." "Take heed ... lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief," "lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:13,15). **The Bible says,** "To him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted as righteousness" (Rom 4:5).

"NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME BEHOLD, NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION"

Isaiah reads, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isa 55:7). "God ... now commands all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30). When will you get right with God? Again, **The Bible says**, "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor 6:2). Folks, "How shall we ESCAPE, if we neglect so great salvation" (He 2:3). "If we deny Him, He also will deny us" (2 Ti 2:12).

May God open your heart now, today, to turn from your sin to God and put your trust in Jesus Christ alone that you might be saved. If you profess to already believe in Jesus Christ may you be obedient to His word and **"Examine yourselves, WHETHER ye be in the faith; prove your own selves"** (2 Co 13:5). Understand, true Biblical faith in Christ leads one to a life of obedience turning him from sin to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. It leads you to "godly sorrow" that "worketh [in you] repentance to salvation" (2 Cor 7:10). **The Bible says**, "He who covers his sins shall not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy" (Pr 28:13). **God's Word says**, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 Jn 1:9) and "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 Jn 1:7). If your sin is not covered with His blood it is not covered at all. Folks, repentance, turning from being a servant to sin to being a servant of God is a result of true salvation (Rom 6:11-13). True faith cry's out, "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13) and surrenders to follow Christ. "Therefore **if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor 5:17).

A WORD OF CAUTION

Do not be like those of Psalm 10:13 who despised God making light of His judgement believing they will not be held accountable for their sin nor like those of Ecclesiastes 8:11, where it is written of them, "Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." The Bible says, "fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Pr 1:7). Friends ... despise it not! God said in Ezekiel 33:9, **"If you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity ..."**

LISTEN: After the planes crashed into the Twin Towers on 9/11 the warning went out but still many did not think themselves to be in immediate danger and stayed in the building until it was too late. Sadly most do not see their sin as putting them in the imminent danger of God's wrath and they will "die in their sin" (Jn 8:21) ushering them into the infernal flames of hell. Instead of believing God's warnings they are falling for the same lie Eve was deceived with in the garden by the Father of lies, that old Serpent the Devil, "You will not surely die" (Ge 3:4). **The Bible warns**, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). He does this by blinding your eyes to the gospel for it says, if the "gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world [Satan] hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (2 Co 4:3,4). Folks, either through deception or willful rejection men fail to see their sin as a slippery slope into judgement. Instead, they continue to take their ease in the course of their life rejecting the gospel of Jesus Christ. For those who continually refuse to believe these words from God will come soon enough, "Fool! This night your soul will be required of you" (Lk 12:19,20). **Oh sinner listen to God's WARNING**, "Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved... God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Th 2:10-12). Do you hear His voice, **God is WARNING** you to "flee from the wrath to come," (Mt 3:7) to get out of the building now for a moment of delay may be to late.

Please listen ... God has no pleasure in the destruction of the wicked, He says in Ezekiel 33:11, "As I live," says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die.'"

COUNTING THE COST

JESUS SAID, "Whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:33), and **"If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me"** (Lk 9:23).

Understand, those that come to Christ “...live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again” (2 Cor 5:15).

God's invitation to you, “Come now, and let us reason together,” says the LORD, “though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool” (Isa 1:18).

BEFORE READING ANOTHER WORD take time to reflect on what has been said. Jesus said, “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him” (Jn 6:44). If God is opening your heart to Him then “come now,” repent and put your faith in Christ alone for salvation. Cry out to God for mercy and He will abundantly pardon your sin and give you eternal life which is His promise. “Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 20:21). Turn to and meditate on Psalm 51. Follow Him as Lord today.

Warning of FALSE CONVERSION

Jesus said, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven” (Mt 7:21). Jesus makes it clear that not all who profess to know Him will enter into heaven. Be warned, “The hope of the hypocrite shall perish” (Job 8:13). 1 Jn 3:10 says, “In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.” Furthermore, the Apostle Paul warned professing believers in Corinth, “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God” (1 Cor 6:9,10).

While the Bible never promises sinless perfection this side of eternity it does promise for the true believer a changing character by changing the inner man. **“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them” (Ezek 36:26,27).**

Some Evidences of **TRUE CONVERSION**

Those who follow Christ will hate sin and stand against it! God's Word says, "You who love the LORD, hate evil!" (Psa 97:10). The Word of God instructs you to "...put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since **you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man** who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him ..." (Col 3:5-10). "Neither give place to the devil" (Eph 4:27), "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them" (Eph 5:11). "Yield not to evil desires but yield yourselves to the Word of God. (See Mt 4:1-11)

Those who follow Christ will live counter to the world! "Whosoever ...will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4). The kingdom of God is a kingdom of light and life. The kingdom of Satan of death and darkness. You live in one or the other, but the Bible says, "... What fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness" (2 Cor 6:14)? "No man can serve two masters..." (Mt 6:24). "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. **And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever**" (1 Jn 2:15-17).

Those who follow Christ will be persecuted for His name. "All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution" (2 Tim 3:12). Jesus said, "You will be hated by all for My name sake but he who endures to the end shall be saved" (Mk 13:13). "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you" (John 15:19).

Those that follow Christ will have a love for God and a love for one another. “We love him, because he first loved us” (1 Jn 4:19) which leads us to love one another. It is written, “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation [a means of appeasing the wrath of God] for our sins. **Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another**” (1 John 4:10,11). “He who does not love does not know God, for God is love” (1 Jn 4:8). The greatest expression of our love to others is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ that they might be saved. This is ...

The Believers **COMMISSION...**

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, to be obedient to the command of Jesus, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mk 16:15). Ezekiel 33:7-8 says, “... I have made you a watchman ... therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and **warn them for Me**. When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you shall surely die!’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.”

FOR GROWTH IN YOUR CHRISTIAN WALK: Read your Bible daily, pray over it, believe it, receive it, love and obey it relying on the Holy Spirit (Mt 4:4; 2 Ti 3:16,17). Start with the Gospel of John. Pray continually (1 Th 5:17). Find a Church for fellowship that teaches the Bible (He 10:25). Obey the Lord in Baptism which is to give testimony of your faith in an outward declaration of our death to sin and resurrection to newness of life in Christ (Acts 8:37). Tell others about the salvation you have in Jesus (Mk 16:15). Go to our resource web site for information to help you grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. Request a free copy of “A Sure Guide to Heaven,” by Joseph Alleine and additional Gospel tracts to share with others.

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