

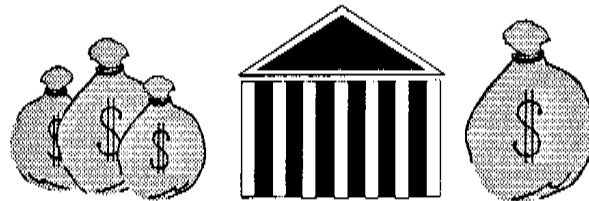
FINALLY, SOME GOOD NEWS!

I HOPE YOU HAVEN'T GIVEN UP...

The Barrage of bad news is overwhelming, numbing. It comes from everywhere. Sometimes it seems like nothing works right. The car breaks down, the house needs paint, there are problems at work, problems at home, problems that are personal. In quiet moments we think, "My life is broken, my dreams and hopes for my life are broken." Everything around us and inside us is broken, it seems, spinning out of control. Nothing works. We get frustrated, confused, and we're tired of trying. We wish there was somewhere to rest and find peace and that we had some time to look for this place until we found it.

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I'm not going to give you an easy answer or promise you that your life will be a fairy tale. I'm only going to promise to tell you the truth. Is that okay? This is not about painless solutions, government programs, or winning the lottery. It's not about how to make more money or explain away your guilt feelings or how to join a new religion. This is about how you can deal with life's most serious dilemma, the dilemma at the root of the problems listed above. It's about how to do this honestly and head on, without any gimmicks, tricks or compromises.



IF YOU HAVEN'T GIVEN UP,

THEN HERE'S SOME GOOD NEWS. IT'S NOT ANYTHING NEW,
BUT IT'S THE TRUTH. AND IT WORKS.

The greatest dilemma we have as human beings is what happens when we do something wrong, something we should not do. How do we deal with this? What happens to us and to others who are involved? How do we react? The Bible calls it sin when we do something wrong. Sin is when we do something that hurts other people and ourselves. There is a two-fold problem here. Both during this life and after this life there are consequences for the sins we commit. The good news is that forgiveness is available when we sin. Doing wrong is very human—we all have a problem with this. No matter what kind of standard we set for ourselves or how this standard originates, we all break the standard or set of rules we live by. This is a great problem and burden for us all since it results in many difficulties and much condemnation both from God and from our own consciences.

We are very fortunate that God sees this dilemma and has offered to help. He knows what is required to resolve our guilt because He is the Person who will judge us at the end of time. He offers forgiveness, as was stated above, and has gone to great lengths and great Personal sacrifice to make it available to every person alive. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."¹

Sin must be paid for, just like any violation of the law must be punished. God knows this, as the Judge, and yet still wants to give us a way out. So, He sent His own Son, Jesus Christ, Part of Himself and fully divine in nature, to this earth to live and pay the penalty for us. He was unjustly tried and sentenced to death by religious and government authorities and executed by the Roman method of crucifixion. "He bore ours sins in His body on the cross,"² say the scriptures. And again, He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death."³ The price has been paid for us! This is the good news. If you haven't given up, this is what you've been waiting for—a real answer to a real problem.

All that now remains for you to deal with the great dilemma of sin and guilt is to accept and receive God's free gift of forgiveness and eternal life. You do this by opening your heart to Jesus Christ, God's own Son, believing in Him and receiving Him into your life. "God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life, he who does not have the Son does not have life."⁴

Jesus Himself says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."⁵ Don't wait. Put your faith in Jesus Christ, right now. There is no other true solution to our great dilemma. Allow Him into your life now. You will find peace, forgiveness and eternal life in Jesus Christ today.

References...

