



CHRISTIAN'S ANSWER

Though we are living in perilous times with all sorts of threats, lies, and wickedness all about, the Christian has a divine answer to the state of the world about him. Jesus is our answer and hope. Without the Lord, we would be in the same condition as the rest of the world.

The world is full of sin, strife, despair, worries, woes, along with every other malady mentioned in the Bible. The wicked seem to have complete and total reign over the world today. While the world is a perilous place, the Christian has the answer to all of the world's woes.

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

John 14:1-6

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Those who do not have Jesus

- Are lost and do not know the way or even where they are going.
- Have no knowledge of the truth and do not even recognize the truth when they hear it.
- What they call life is just an empty shell without any hope.

Is it any wonder that we are living in perilous times? When the leadership of the world does not know the way, where they are going, have no knowledge of the truth, and are without any hope, it is no wonder that the world is in the state that it is.

We hear about the 70th anniversary of the creation of Social Security and how congress is attempting to prevent it from going bust. Ever hear a congressman talk about the social security trust fund? There is no trust fund. Social Security is a tax that presently takes in more than it pays out. Some of these members of Congress may really think that there is a trust fund since they have been told continually that there was one.

All of the problems that seem unsolvable are solved when Jesus Christ and his divine methods of truth, honesty, and integrity are part of the solution. As long as dishonesty and lies are used as the solution, there will never be a solution to the woes and problems of society. In fact the problems escalate with the tools of Satan.

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Ephesians 2:12-22

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

The world's solutions which offer no hope and are a total devastation are only solvable by Jesus Christ. The world today is totally disjointed and broken. The politicians only offer hope of more war, strife, and problems with no hope in sight.

The Christian has a hope that the world cannot see. They know that Jesus is the hope for

all of the problems in the world making the last days perilous times. Jesus Christ is the only answer for the world's woes. There is no other solution. Whereas the world is disjointed and falling apart, the Christian community is fitly joined together as a single unit. They form the solution to all of the world's woes.

The world sees the Christian community as their enemy. They see all of those "Holy Rollers" as enemies of their joy. They demand to have death and murder on demand so that they can live in sin without consequence. They want to listen to their noise at excruciating levels where they bother their neighbors while destroying their own hearing. When they demand the right to live in sin, they claim that they are not hurting anyone else, where in truth they effect everyone around them.

So the world becomes worse and worse with more problems that seem insolvable. Children are raised in broken homes where sin and debauchery are the way of life. They see a stream of lovers come in and out leaving no stability for them. If Jesus would come into the life of the parents, the home would be built on a sure and stable foundation.

2 Timothy 2:19-26

19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and pre-

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pared unto every good work.

22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

As the Apostle Paul teaches, all those who have rejected the Lord Jesus Christ have been taken captive by the devil. They will do the devil's work and as they say themselves, "They cannot help themselves." When you are a slave of Satan, you will do whatever Satan dictates. Bill Clinton had no power to withstand adultery. He could not contain himself for he is a slave to the powers of Satan.

Jimmy Swaggart was a slave of Satan and could not help himself by being a whoremonger visiting prostitutes. All those who have not the power to say **NO** to sin are the slave of Satan. These are politicians, preachers, and common people who desire the life of sin that the devil offers.

Luke 8:1-2

1 And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him,

2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

There is hope for those who are enslaved by Satan. That is to seek the Lord with their whole heart and repent of their sin. Jesus wants to heal those who have been captured by Satan. Jesus wants to repair the damage that Satan has caused in their life. The only way is to seek the one who is stronger and more powerful than the devil. Jesus can break the bonds of slavery, liberating you from the ravages of sin.

Do you want to be free from the bondage of sin? Do you want to have control over your own life once again? Jesus can give you the freedom that Satan stole. Jesus will break the bonds of slavery if you will allow him.

Matthew 11:28-30

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Are you ready to accept the Lord's solution after saying that you cannot help yourself? Are you ready to be freed from the bondage of sin, and the shackles of Satan?

Come to Jesus and you will be free.

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