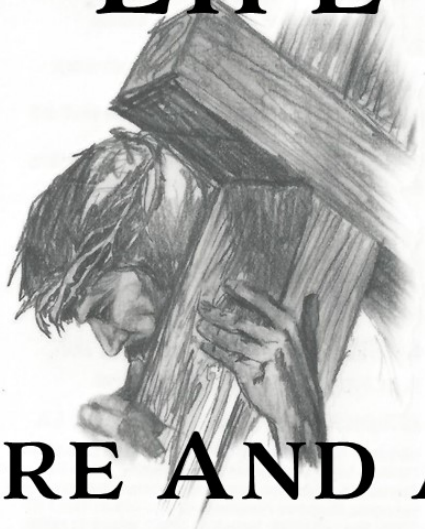


LIFE



BEFORE AND AFTER CHRIST

A Word of Love To The Unsaved



- Love starts with telling you the truth
- The truth of your spiritual condition before God:
- “The depravity of man is at once the most empirically verifiable reality but at the same time **the most intellectually resisted fact**”
- Malcolm Muggeridge.
- Scripture agrees: Romans 3:10-18:
“it is written: [there is none righteous] **there is no one who always does what is right, no, not even one!** There is no one with true spiritual insight, and there is no one who seeks after God alone. All have deliberately wandered from God’s ways. All have become depraved and unfit. Kindness has disappeared from them all, **not even one is good.** Their words release a stench, like the smell of death—foul and filthy! Deceitful lies roll off their tongues. The venom of a viper drips from their lips. Bitter profanity flows from their mouths, only meant to cut and harm. They are infatuated with violence and murder. They release ruin and misery wherever they go. They never experience the path of peace. They shut their eyes to the awe-inspiring God!”

Self-righteousness Leads To Destruction



- What God says about our self-righteousness – goodness
 - Isaiah 64:6: ...And all our deeds of righteousness are like filthy rags; We all wither *and* decay like a leaf, And our wickedness [our sin, our injustice, our wrongdoing], like the wind, takes us away [carrying us far from God's favor, toward destruction] – Amplified Bible.
- Ephesians 2:1-5: And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the ^[a]course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience...[living]...in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God..., even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).
- Ephesians 4:17-18: This I say...that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart.

Confidence ministering to an Atheistic or Agnostic Mindset:



- First, we have to ask – why bother ministering to an Atheist or Agnostic?
 - 2 Corinthians 5:18: God...has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation – *that's our job!*
 - Matthew 28:14-20: “All the authority of the universe has been given to me. Now go *in my authority* and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And teach [everyone] to faithfully follow all that I have commanded you. And never forget that I am with you every day, even to the completion of this age – we have been commissioned to reach the lost, the world over!
 - 2 Corinthians 3:6: (God) alone makes us adequate ministers who are focused on an entirely new covenant. Our ministry is not based on the letter of the law but through the power of the Spirit. The letter of the law kills, but the Spirit pours out life – we depend on Holy Ghost power!
 - 2 Peter 3:9: [Christ's delay in coming again] reveals his loving patience toward you, because he does not want any to perish but all to come to repentance – Our heart desire mirrors our Lord's toward you!
 - John 12:31-32: [Jesus said] – “if I am lifted up from the earth, [I] will draw all peoples to Myself.”

Salvation Requires New Mindset

- The State Of The Unsaved Man's Mind – Spiritually blind
- 2Corinthians 4:3-4: Satanically attacked - But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: **In whom the god of this world 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.
- Romans 8:5-8: **For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh...**to be carnally minded is death...Because the carnal mind is **enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be**. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
- 1 Corinthians 1:21-25 and 1 Corinthians 2:12-14
- Romans 12:2: ...be not conformed to this -world: but be ye transformed **by the renewing of your mind...**(read Eph 4:17-23)



The “Gaga-deception” Devils go “gaga over Gaga”

- Song – “Born this way”: It doesn't matter if you love him, or capital H-I-M Just put your paws up 'Cause you were born this way, baby.
 - Luke 10:27: Jesus said, “**Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.**”
- There's nothing wrong with loving who you are “...”'Cause he made you perfect, babe” "So hold your head up girl and you'll go far, Listen to me when I say“ I'm beautiful in my way 'Cause God makes no mistakes I'm on the right track, baby I was born this way Don't hide yourself in regret Just love yourself and you're set I'm on the right track, baby I was born this way.

John 3:5-7 & John 3:16-19

- Jesus said, this is why you must be born again!
- John 3:16-19: Jesus said, “**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.”**”