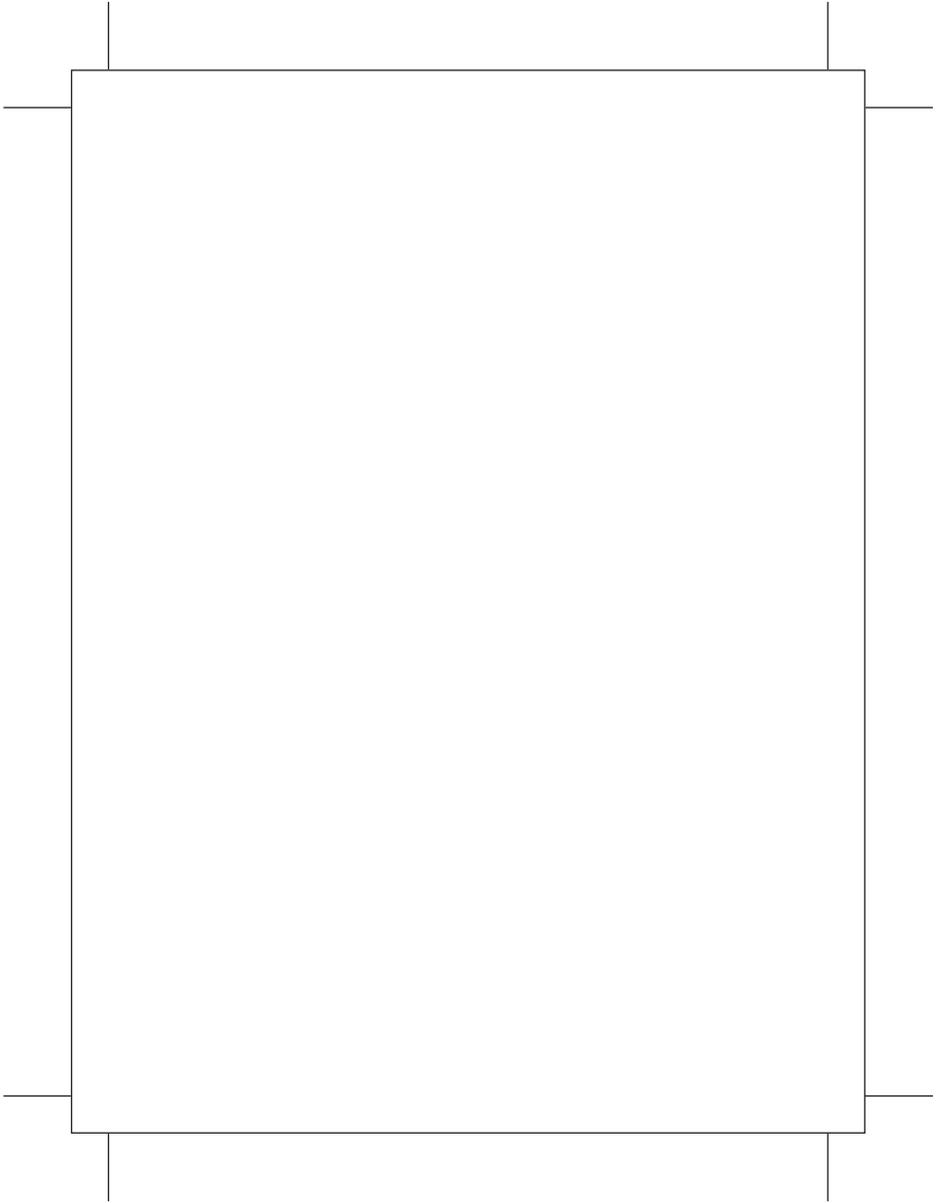


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Are there answers in the midst of chaos?

We live in uncertain times. Difficult times of economic upheaval, increasing job and business uncertainties. We are living in the midst of changing weather patterns, pollution of air and water resources. We also see the growing destruction of the fabric of sound moral and spiritual values. The fact is that we are in a growing state of chaos and turmoil.

Stability in our lives has become a thing of the past. And, without stability, we can't confidently plan our future especially in areas of career, marriage and family, establishing a home etc. All that can be shaken in our world is shaking. In 700 BC, Isaiah the prophet wrote of a time in the future when the total fabric of society will collapse [*Isaiah 24:1-6*].

Is there a way forward?

YES! There is a way forward through GOD and, what He brings into us; and, what He is able to bring through us into our personal, family and work situations. In fact in the Bible, GOD speaks to us in the midst of the chaos of

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human history. Here is a selection of what GOD proclaims in His Word:

- **I am the stability of your times** [Isaiah 33:6]
- **All things created will shake; but, you can receive My Kingdom that can't be shaken.** [Hebrews 12:27-28]
- **Call on Me and I will answer you and, I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.** [Jeremiah 33:3]
- **I will give you a heart to know Me and, you will be Mine.** [Jeremiah 24:7]
- **My peace I can give to you.** [John 14:24]

The way to steering our way through and overcoming the difficulties of our time is to come alive to GOD. In GOD we can enter and function in the Kingdom of GOD. In GOD's Kingdom, we can be progressively changed by GOD. We can learn to operate in the Kingdom of GOD. Our ability to operate in the Kingdom will enable us to steer a way through the chaos and problems of our personal, family and work situations.

However, being actually able to enter and function in the Kingdom of GOD requires a solution to man's nature in sin. **Sin is the spiritual fabric in which our chaos**

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operates – in us personally and, in our situations and circumstances. Sin is the spiritual disease that is destroying the human soul and the fabric of human society.

Is a new state of being progressively set free from sin possible for us? **YES!**

The biblical solution is for you and me to be birthed into the Kingdom of GOD. Such a birth into the Kingdom of GOD is the sovereign act of GOD. Birth into the Kingdom of GOD opens us to the processes of Kingdom living and function.

Being birthed into the Kingdom of GOD is the commencement of the process in which GOD saves us - by actually breaking the yokes of sin over our lives. [*Romans 8:2*]

GOD is willing and able to save us

The birth into the Kingdom – which is, our spiritual transfer from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of GOD [*Colossians 1:12-14*] - is enabled through GOD's willingness and His ability to save us.

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GOD in His great love for man, whom he created in His own image [Genesis 1:26-27], has chosen to pay the price for our sin [Colossians 2:13-14]. The price of sin is death – in both natural and spiritual terms. The natural death that is our common experience is a consequence of sin destroying us spiritually.

In paying the price for sin in death, GOD has established His Testimony which when communicated into us, brings into being in us the spiritual state of a “new man”. [Colossians 2:9-10] From a spiritual new birth, GOD engineers a process of actual change into us.

This process of **GOD-engineered spiritual change** is called **salvation**, and is based on the actual communication of GOD’s own moral nature and character into our soul. GOD communicates His moral nature and character into us, from the Testimony, that He has established for our **freewill acceptance**.

The Bible explains this by declaring that GOD as the Father of creation, by His Spirit manifested His Word in human form – incarnated into the womb of a virgin named Mary, 2,000 years ago – to become the Savior of man.

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GOD gave the Savior the Name Jesus. Jesus means “**GOD Saves**” or “**GOD Is Salvation**”.

Jesus is the Person and the Name through which man is saved! [*Philippians 2:8-11*]

Jesus became – by all that He accomplished by Testimony - the instrument for man’s salvation. Jesus paid the price for man’s sin according to the Law and the Prophets penned 500-1400 years **before** His coming into the earth. Scripture through the Law and the Prophets categorically declares that the wages of sin is death. [*Romans 6:23*]

In the context of the Law and the Prophets, written centuries before His advent, the Bible refers to Jesus as GOD’s Son, the Messiah (the Christ) – the Savior of man. The Law and the Prophets were written and compiled some 500 years **before** Jesus Christ came into the world.

Jesus Christ by Testimony through His life, His ministry, His sacrifice, and His resurrection from the dead, becomes – in the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets [*Matthew 5:17-18*] - the **spiritual blueprint** for a new man. The spiritual blueprint that communicates the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets – called the Testimony of Jesus - is the basis for our salvation. [*Revelation 19:10; 3:14*]

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Jesus' life attested to freedom from sin. Jesus is quoted in the Scripture as declaring to His enemies: "**Which one of you convicts Me of sin!**"! [John 8:46] His ministry involved teaching which, was vindicated by astonishing miracles, and the healing of the sick and the demonized. [Acts 2:22] Jesus Christ raised the dead, walked on water, stopped the storms, turned water into wine and, healed the lame, the blind and, the leper.

His sacrifice involved His actual and willing death on the cross, in order to pay the price for sin and, the consequences of sin – death, as stipulated by the Law of GOD. His resurrection from the dead is the visible proof of GOD's sovereign vindication of the price that Jesus had paid for the sin of man. [Acts 2:22-32]

In actually overcoming death, Jesus Christ becomes the spiritual blueprint for a new man. His Testimony, when actually communicated by GOD into the heart of man, changes lives through the process of salvation.

Such a communication of the Testimony of Jesus, by GOD, will take place provided we – **in our own free will**, respond to His Testimony, by believing in Him. GOD demands our willingness to believe as a spiritual conduit

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for the communication of the Testimony of Jesus that saves us.

By receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior – by faith – we are opened to the privilege of actually becoming sons of GOD by being spiritually created in Jesus Christ, in the inward parts of spirit, soul and heart, in our inward man.
[Ephesians 2:10]

Our creation in Jesus Christ in our inward man comes into being through a process called salvation. This process of salvation commences *from* and *through* a new birth.

In being “**born again**” we are given the opportunity to enter the Kingdom of GOD.

Jesus Christ, who is GOD’s Son and our Savior, instructs us on how to enter the Kingdom of GOD with these Words:

- **Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you are born again you cannot see the Kingdom of GOD.** [John 3:3]
- **Unless you are born of Water (which Scripture describes as the Voice of GOD [Ezekiel 1:24; Revelation 1:15]) and the Spirit of GOD, you cannot enter the Kingdom of GOD.** [John 3:5]

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- **The GOD given realities of the Kingdom of GOD will be revealed in you.** [Luke 17:20-21]

Please understand that our first step into the Kingdom of GOD is to be born again.

What does it mean to be born again?

GOD describes being born again in the following Words:

- **I will cleanse you from all the filthiness of your sin. And, I will give you a new spirit and a new heart.** [Ezekiel 36:26] [We are born again when GOD gives us a new spirit and a new heart.]
- **And, with a new spirit and a new heart within you, I will remove your heart of stone and, I will put My Spirit within you and, I will cause you to walk in My ways.** [Ezekiel 36:26-27]

The reality of being born again as described above is the sovereign work of GOD in our inward man. **It is not the work of man, but of GOD alone.** The evidence of being born again cannot be replicated by self-denominated religious practice. The actuality of being born again is a life changing encounter with the living GOD.

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Why do we need to be born again?

In being born again we enter into salvation. Through the process of salvation, GOD changes and transforms us so that we can be positioned to function in His Kingdom. Salvation opens us to an eternal future in the Kingdom that transcends death. And, through salvation, we are enabled to function as citizens of the Kingdom of GOD.

Salvation is the spiritual process that comes into being in us, as GOD brings into being a new born spirit and a new born heart into our inward being.

We are born again when we believe in our heart that we are saved through Jesus Christ, when we receive His Testimony and acknowledge Him as our Lord and Savior. *[Romans 10:9-10]* In being born again, GOD begins to deal with the sin that destroys our soul. GOD deals with sin as we receive His Word and, as we respond to His Word. *[Romans 3:21-26]*

The Bible declares that Jesus Christ took upon Himself the sins of the world – by sacrificing Himself, through His death on the cross, overcoming sin and death on behalf of

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all mankind – as evidenced by His resurrection from the dead.

In John 3:16, it is written: < **For GOD so loved the world that He gave His Son** (by sacrifice through the cross) **that whosoever should believe in Him** (based on His Testimony) **will have eternal life.** >

Salvation is the result of all that Jesus Christ achieved by Testimony through His sacrifice – for man - on the cross.

The meaning and reality of Jesus Christ's atoning sacrifice was prophesied by the prophet Isaiah more than 700 years **before** Jesus Christ's coming into human history.

The prophet Isaiah wrote [Isaiah 53:5-6, 11]: “**He was pierced through for our transgressions** (deliberate sin), **He was crushed for our iniquities** (habitual sin); **the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him. By His knowledge** (expressed in His faith and love for man before GOD) **the Righteous One will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities.**”

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GOD validates the meaning of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ – attesting to the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets - by raising Him from the dead.

And, **transformed lives** and **fulfilled Scripture** attest to the ongoing reality of salvation that comes – into being in us - in the Witness and Testimony of JESUS.

In speaking about Jesus Christ's sacrifice, 1000 years **before** His coming, King David wrote [*Psalm 22:29*]: “**All those who go down to the dust will bow before Him, even he who cannot keep his soul alive. Posterity will serve Him.**”

Salvation gives expression to the faith and love of Jesus Christ for us - expressed and **tested** through the cross [*1 Timothy 1:14(15) 1 Timothy 1:14*]. Being sinless, being GOD in human form [*John 1:14; Colossians 2:9*], Jesus Christ **willingly** chose to pay the price of our sin – **death**. [*Luke 23:34; Romans 5:6, 8; Romans 6:23*]

Jesus Christ willingly chose to subject Himself **to actual physical death**, confident that GOD would vindicate His sacrifice on behalf of man – in accordance with all that was written (and predicted) in the Law and the Prophets.

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By overcoming death Jesus would fulfill the Law and the Prophets.

This is why salvation is based on everything that the Testimony of Jesus Christ will bring into being – in us - in our inward man of spirit, soul and heart. [2 *Corinthians* 3:3; 4:6-7]

Through salvation, the realities of Jesus Christ's faith and love – expressed in the actualities of His nature and character demonstrated through the cross - bring actual change into our inward being.

GOD has vindicated the reality of Jesus sacrifice – for man's sin - on the cross, by raising Him from the dead.

The Bible declares that Jesus Christ having risen from the dead was seen by more than 500 men and women [1 *Corinthians* 15:1-8]. The Bible also declares that the risen Christ was witnessed by many on several occasions.

The Bible also attests to the fact that Jesus Christ taught and instructed His disciples several times after His resurrection. He also fellowshiped and ate with them on several occasions after His resurrection. All this happened over a 40 day period **after** His resurrection.

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His ascension into heaven was also witnessed by many [Acts 1:9-11]. Finally, Jesus Christ was witnessed to, by the willingness of His disciples to suffer and die, in upholding the Testament of His death and resurrection as the basis for man's salvation.

Entry into every blessing and promise in salvation opens to us when we are born again.

How can we be born again?

The Bible, the Word of GOD explains:

- **For GOD so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish (from the disease of sin) but have eternal life.** [John 3:16]
[Man perishes because of the disease of sin. Sin is the spiritual basis for the growing manifestation of human chaos.]
- **For while we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the unGODly. GOD demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.** [Romans 5:6-8]
- **If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that GOD raised Him from the**

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dead, you shall be saved. For whoever believes in Jesus Christ will not be disappointed. *[Romans 10:9-11]*

The following prayer to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior will facilitate your entry into the Kingdom of GOD, through the new birth. Please pray this aloud from your heart.

The prayer for salvation

“Almighty GOD, I know that You are speaking to me. In your mercy You have enabled me to know that You are speaking to me. I am thankful that this is your moment in my life.

Father of Creation, open my heart to the reality of Jesus Christ, so that I can receive Him in true conviction by your grace.

Father GOD, I know that I need You in my life. I know that I need your salvation. Father GOD, I know that I am bound by sin. I know that only You can give me the assurance of eternal life in my heart.

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Father GOD, I have heard your Word. I know that the Lord Jesus Christ is my salvation. Open my heart - now - dear GOD to receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. And, please open my heart to You in Jesus Name.

I acknowledge O Father GOD that I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed – in wrong that I have done and in the right that I have failed to do.

I understand that the Lord Jesus gave himself for me on the cross. I understand that Jesus Christ paid the price for my sins. With my heart, I receive Jesus' prayer to You on my behalf: **'Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.'** [Luke 23:34]

Father GOD, I commit to pursuing the changes necessary in my nature, character and lifestyle through the power You supply to me through Jesus Christ.

Father GOD, in the reality of Jesus Christ's love and forgiveness, I receive the Lord Jesus as my Lord and Savior, so that I can belong to You in His merits. Father, forgive me for my sins – what I have done in thought, word and deed, knowingly or unknowingly. Father, enable

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me to receive your salvation by planting into my heart the seed of Christ.

Father, I ask for a new heart and a new spirit, so that I can see your Kingdom and enter into it as your Spirit gives meaning to your Word in my heart – in the Name of Jesus Christ I pray. Amen!

Welcome to the Kingdom of GOD!

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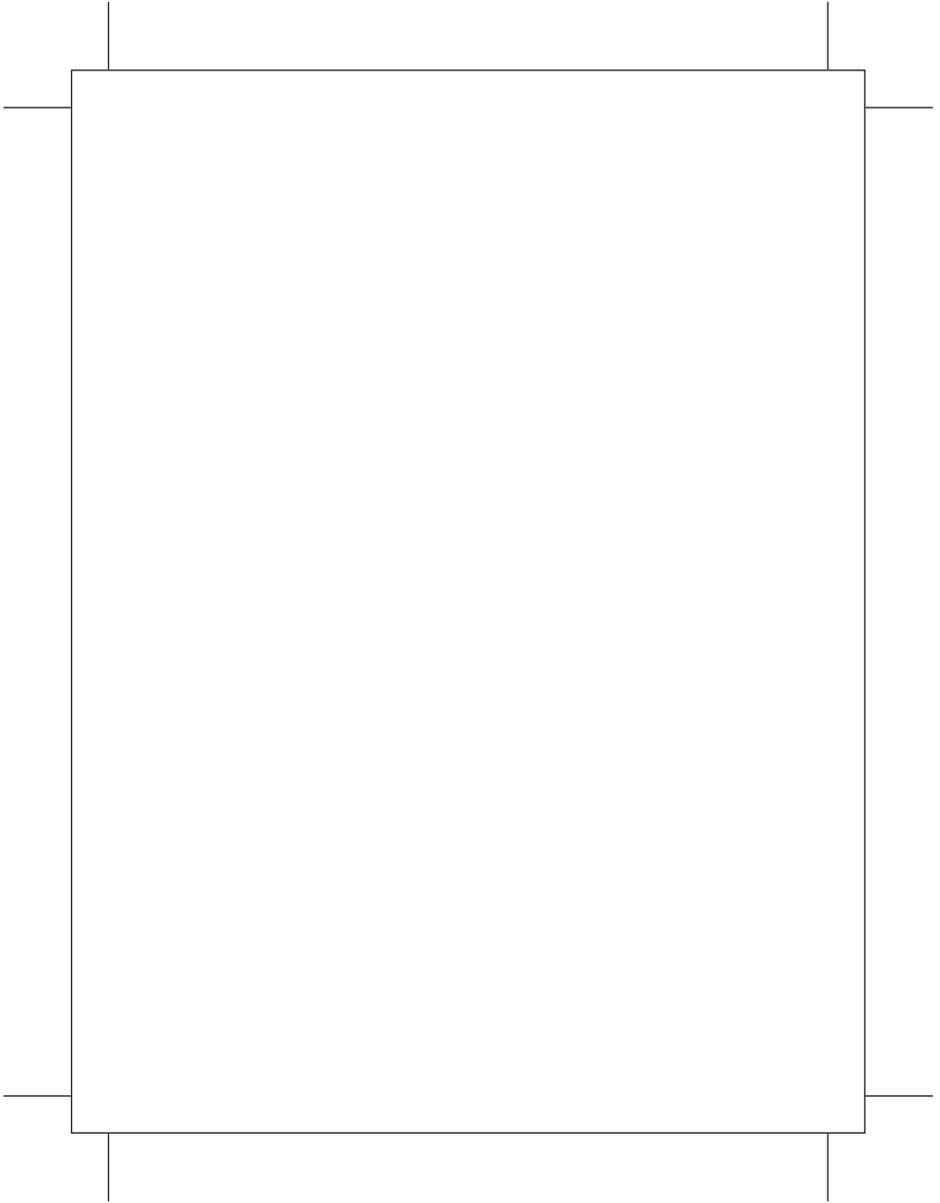
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