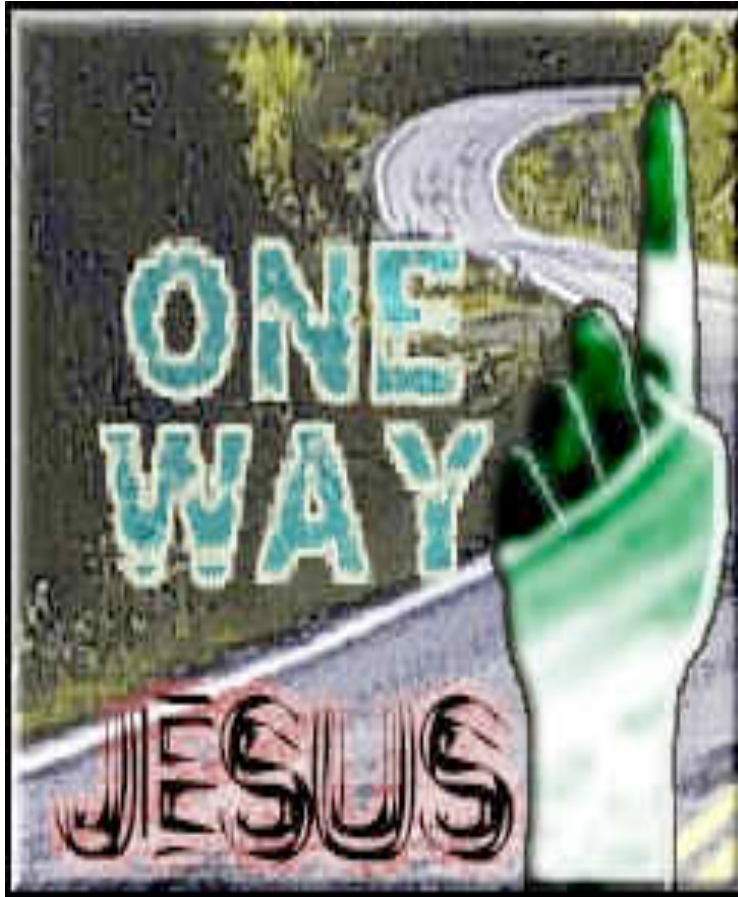


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1Timothy 2:3-4 **God our Savior....wants all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

## FINDING OUR SALVATION

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*Heavenly Father, we thank You, we praise You, and we bless You, for continually loving us, caring for us and watching over us. Father, may we always try and do the things that are pleasing to You. May Your light of understanding and eternal wisdom, shine down on Your people. May we all continue to grow daily in Your wisdom and Your Holy Spirit. Father please guide us, direct us, and carry us through life's darkness. Also, Father, thank You for blessing this ministry, in the name of Jesus... Amen.*

*This month's inspired message, is just another way the Lord tries to teach us about His Almighty presence. Back in September 2002, when the Holy Spirit inspired me to first open up this ministry, I did not even know how to spell the word ministry.*

*When I reflect back on my worldly ways at that time, I finally get a real sense of how much God must have really loved me, the way He took me from the depths of hell and destruction, to a place where I can finally see God's light shining through.*

*When I speak about God's light shining through, I mean that the Lord gives me hope and a reason for living. He also gives a real meaning and understanding for life. With God's plan, life is not so empty and confusing any more. You see with the Lord's Spirit dwelling from within, life's real meaning becomes crystal clear. God's real meaning for life, has got the majority of this world going crazy trying to figure it all out. It's all for nothing, because God is so superior to man. But when you talk to secular people, they all seem to have the same story. They say things like, there really is no God, or the ones who believe that there is a god, unfortunately, it is a god of convenience only. That type of god, sets people free to do anything their hearts desire, lacking no spiritual format or Godly fashion to follow. Why is there no Godly fashion to follow anymore? The reason is simple, it is the fact that the world is so infected with sin. Sin is ramped every where we turn anymore. They say that history always repeats itself, and that is so true. When we look at the way the world has been getting, it is starting to look like a remake of Sodom and Gomorrah or the great Flood. This curse not only destroyed two cities, but almost the entire world. Sodom and Gomorrah are synonymous in Scripture with, vice and depravity and the prophets speak the name of these cities as a curse when describing a morally corrupt generation. The fall of Sodom and Gomorrah along with the Flood, epitomize the biblical conviction that God is Holy and surely will punish those who persist in acts of wickedness. Take a minute and ask yourself these questions. Do you really believe that history repeats itself? Do you believe that there was really a Sodom and Gomorrah? Also, do you believe, that the Lord not only destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, but almost destroyed the whole world in the flood due to sin? If You said yes to these three questions, then get your soul prepared for another repeat, it's coming!*

One thing I would like to add concerning the way the world was at the time of the Flood, according to the Bible in Gen.6, the culture at that time was characterized as so wicked that every inclination of the thoughts of man's heart, was only evil all the time. At that time, there was no place for the real God who created everything including man. Today, as time moves on, man again seems to be acting more and more like the same way it was describe in the Bible back then. Sin again is running ramped and having it's way. Did you ever notice, how most true believing Christians today, seem to be scared to mention anything positive about the Lord in public. They seemed to be so intimidated, when it comes to openly professing the word of the Lord Jesus Christ. They seemed to only want to share the word of God in privacy with other Christians, where it seems safe. That's okay, if you want to keep Jesus in your kind of little box. But the Lord ask us all to be disciples of nations, spreading the good news of the Salvation of Christ Jesus. In Hebrews 5:9 the Lord says: **Once made perfect, Jesus became the source of Eternal Salvation for all who obey Him.**

You would think that after one has found the sweetness of the Lord in their life, they would be jumping up and down to share God's word. When I originally made a statement earlier about how most true believing Christians seem to be scared to openly profess the word of God, this is very sad. Sad because, there are some look a like Christians that are openly professing the word of God today, that are false prophets. This in turn, continues to confuse non believers who are looking at Christians for some light in this dark and sinful world. When Christians are complacent, false prophets flourish and they continue to help advance the word of the devil and deceiver, Satan....! With utmost regards for finding our salvation, the Lord gracefully gives us scriptures to enhance our desire to find Him. In Jeremiah 29:12-14 God says: **"You will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord.**

In Luke 12:31 Jesus said, **"Seek God's kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well."** One of the most important ingredients to finding our salvation, is and always will be faith. In Hebrews 11:6 the Lord again says: **Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exist and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.**

My friends, try and always remember in 1 Timothy :3-4 that the Lord also says: **God our Savior....wants all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

So in closing my brothers and sisters in the Lord, let us all try and reflect on God's message this month. A message that reinforces through His scriptures, the fact that God Loves all of us the same and does not want any of us to miss out on His plan for Eternal Salvation. A message that ask all of us Christians, to be more outwardly professing the word of the Lord Jesus Christ, to this secular world.

*Let us pray: Loving, caring, graceful and merciful Lord, may Your inspired message, this month, find it's way to the hearts of the lost and troubled souls of this world. Father, I ask this always in the name of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. . . . Amen.*

*August's Edition of Hope for Living*  
**Christ—Our Example** By Billy Graham

**Hebrews 5:8 He learned obedience but the things which He suffered**

*The main reason Jesus died on the Cross was to save us from our sins. But the New Testament also stresses the importance of His suffering as a example for us. The Greek word for example comes from ancient school life, and refer to something written down by the teacher, so it could be followed and copied exactly by a child learning to write. Christ is our copybook. We look to Him as our teacher, and by His suffering He gave us an example to follow, so we can learn how suffering is to be borne. How did He bear it? By not giving in to despair or doubt. By looking beyond it and seeing the glory that was to come. By knowing the Father was with Him and would use His suffering for good. The same can be true for us. The author of Hebrews writes, " Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and loose heart" Heb. 12:3, NIV. Yes consider Him.*

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*Let us pray, Dear Father, may we all pray daily as one body in Christ for the sick, the poor, the homeless, the needy, the weary, the hungry, the lost souls, the less fortunate, the troubled, the hopeless, the helpless, the persecuted, the broken hearted, etc. Lord, a special prayer for all the hatred, the violence, the terrorist, etc, and a special prayer for all the lack of love for our neighbors throughout the world. Father, may your hand of peace and healing be upon this world. May your love continue to be a beacon of light and hope, for all the world to see. Also Lord, a special prayer for all the troops in harms way, and for all the deceased souls of this world. **Furthermore Father, a special prayer for all the people on the ministry prayer list.***

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