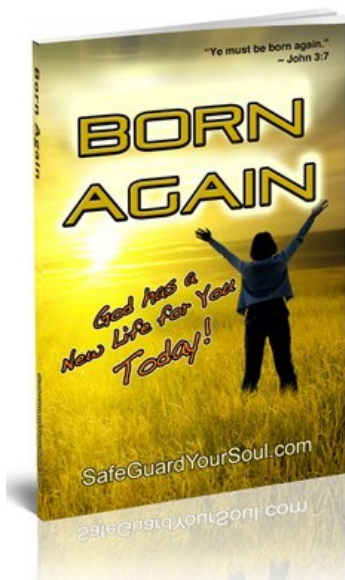


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Chapter One



“Born Again?” Why?

Anyone searching for truth will find an abundance of religion and religious philosophies and practices in our world today; all having unique and varying views. Do the religions of mere men meet God’s requirements for us to be adopted into His family and go to Heaven instead of hell when we die? Is being good enough by keeping the Ten Commandments what God requires? Just what does our Maker and Judge desire of us? When speaking to a religious leader, Jesus said:

“Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God ... Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.” John 3:3, 7

Before we talk about the essential requirement and definition of being **“born again,”** we must first have a clear understanding of our position in the eyes of a holy God.

Violating His Holiness

Before getting to the Good News, it is essential that we cover the bad news. Actually, that’s the only way we can appreciate the Good News.

One thing is certain and that is that we have **“All ... sinned”** against God (Romans 3:23). The Holy Scriptures tell us that we are thereby **“dead** (separated) **in trespasses and sins”** (Ephesians 2:1). Our sins have kept us from knowing God and being on His

Heavenly roll call. Why? Because God says that He is “Holy, holy, holy” and therefore cannot have a relationship with someone whom He has not yet made clean from their sin (Revelation 4:8).

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

But how is it that we have sinned against God? Here are a few sins:

“Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.” Exodus 20:16

Have you ever lied? If so, you are a liar in the eyes of your Maker and Judge whom you will soon stand before to be judged.

“Thou shalt not steal.” Exodus 20:15

Have you ever stolen even one small

thing? If so, then you are a thief in the eyes of a holy God and the Judge of your eternal soul.

“Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.” Exodus 20:7

Have you ever used the LORD's name in vain? Have you ever blasphemed Your Creator with the words “God _____”?

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” Exodus 20:3

Have you always put the LORD first place in your life? If not, then you are seen as an idolater in His holy eyes.

“Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth

thee.” Exodus 20:12

Have you always honored your parents? If not, then you are guilty of sin before God who gave you life through your father and mother.

“Thou shalt not kill.” Exodus 20:13

Have you ever hated anyone? The LORD says that if we have hate, then we are murderers in His holy eyes (1 John 3:14-15). Have you ever despised someone in your heart? Have you ever been angry with someone without cause? Have you ever refused to forgive someone, not showing them mercy even as you yourself are in desperate need of mercy? If you have committed any of these sins, then you have sinned against the Almighty. He alone is the very Judge of your eternal soul. He will determine where your conscious soul spends eternity.

“That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.” Matthew 5:28

Have you ever looked upon a person of the opposite sex with lust? If so, Jesus says that you are already guilty before God of committing adultery.

“Thou shalt not commit adultery.” Exodus 20:14

Have you ever coveted that which is someone else's?

“Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.” Exodus 20:17

If you have lusted or coveted after that which is not yours, that's sin. You will

account for your life and the sins you have committed against Him. He is **“Holy, holy, holy”** (Isaiah 6:3).

This bad news is essential. Keep reading and grasping these all-important truths friend. The light of salvation is just ahead.

At this point, you are probably feeling slain, brought low, and utterly guilty. That's understandable and a good thing. You now begin to see just how sinful you really are next to His holiness and how in need you are of divine mercy. That's a good thing and the essential beginning place. We are guilty, dead in our sins, and that makes it necessary to be forgiven and brought back to life again by the LORD.

“But your iniquities (sins) have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.” Isaiah 59:2

If you die in your sins—without having them forgiven—you will be eternally separated from God and pay for your own sins forever in hell and the lake of fire.

**“For the wages (payment) of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
Romans 6:23**

If you will repent or turn all the way to God in sorrow for your many violations against Him, and accept the full payment the Son of God made on the cross for your sins, God will completely forgive all of your sins. At this point, you become reborn or born of God. The LORD gives you a new heart and this is the miracle He delights to do.

“For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.” Romans 11:32

We all must die and face our Creator and Judge. Denial of such a fact does

nothing to change this reality. We are all facing death and then judgment and will soon stand alone, before God on that Great and Terrible Day to give account to Him for our lives—all thoughts, intentions, motives, and actions will be judged. He sees all.

Would you like to be ready to meet your Maker? If so, keep reading. There's Good News on the horizon.

Chapter Two



What We Really Deserve

“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.” Hebrews 9:27

If you are reading this message and have not been brought to the LORD through a born-again experience in Jesus Christ, you are guilty before your Maker and in big trouble. The trouble you deserve and that is coming upon you, is larger than you can possibly imagine, and the effects of this judgment will never end. Let's explore what God forewarns us and will bless us to escape—if we will obey Him. But

first, we should observe the reason we deserve such a place of punishment.

Mankind is Corrupt

The depravity of un-redeemed men is a serious offense against a holy God. Before He judged the world in Noah's day, the LORD said the following about mankind:

“And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ... And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.” Genesis 6:5, 11-12

Since God is holy, sin is a violation against His holiness and merits

separation from Him which is spiritual death. Ultimately, that means separation from His holy Heaven.

“Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity.” Habakkuk 1:13

Jesus had many things to say about this horrible place called hell; where all un-redeemed sinners deserve to go and will go unless rescued before it's too late. The Son of God revealed specific details about hell that He wanted us to know. Jesus even told us that He does not desire us to go to hell and that hell was not originally created for mankind, but rather was **“prepared for the devil and his angels”** (Matthew 25:41).

Here's how the LORD defined this place called hell:

- Torment with fire and brimstone (Rev. 14:10).

- Weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matt. 8:12).
- A place of eternal remorse (devastating regret) (Luke 16:25).
- A place of torments (Luke 16:23).
- No rest day or night forever (eternal misery) (Rev. 14:11).
- A furnace of fire with wailing (Matt. 13:42).
- A place of everlasting burnings (Isaiah 33:14).
- A lake (ocean) of fire (Rev. 20:15).
- Unquenchable fire (ferocious flames) (Mark 9:45).
- Outer darkness (blinding loneliness) (Matt. 22:13).
- No 2nd chance to escape (utter hopelessness) (Luke 16:26).

- A place of sorrows (seething remorse and despair) (Ps. 18:5).
- A place of everlasting destruction (2 Thess. 1:9).

Though this place called hell be a dismal future for the unsaved, for those who allow the LORD to make them righteous, eternal bliss awaits.

The Son of God voluntarily laid down His precious, sinless life when sinful men brutalized Him and nailed him to a cross to die. He did this because He loves us and does not want any of us to go to this horrible place of separation and eternal torment. Yet, all who die in sin, having not received God's forgiveness, will pay for their own sins in this place of torment called hell. It's irrevocable. There's no second chance once one goes to this domain of the damned because the Bible tells us that **"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"** (Hebrews 9:27).

Chapter Three



Judgment Day is on the Way

“And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every

man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” Revelation 20:11-15

Horrible things are soon coming to this earth.

“The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be PUNISHED with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.” 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

“For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to PUNISH the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her

slain.” Isaiah 26:21

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”
Revelation 19:11-16

Let's read what Jesus told us is going to happen concerning the final days of this age leading up to His soon return.

“For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great

glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall

come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” Luke 21:22-36

Further, Jesus warns of these final days, telling us they will be unprecedented in all of human history:

“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.” Matthew 24:21-22

This is God's earth, not man's, and He is a holy and just Judge. The LORD will therefore pour out His wrath upon mankind in an attempt to rescue as many as will call upon the LORD Jesus Christ to be saved.

“Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate:

and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.” Isaiah 13:9

Eternal death and destruction are soon coming on all who have not made peace with the one true God who is going to bring all this to pass, just as He promised.

Yet, life everlasting with never ending joyous glory awaits those who know Him.

“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9

The answer to our sinful state and the promise of God to be brought out of it are here:

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Romans 10:23

Now, let's talk about how we can escape the wrath to be poured out on the whole earth as well as eternal damnation in hell.

Chapter Four



Made New Creatures

**“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
And they said, Believe on the Lord
Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be
saved, and thy house.” Acts
16:30-31**

Turning to God in repentance and believing upon the only One who paid the full price for your sins is what God requires of us if we are to come into relationship with Him. While dying on that cross for the sins of all mankind, Jesus uttered these three most powerful words ever spoken:

“It is finished.” John 19:30

What's finished? This means that the sacrifice for the sins of mankind was fully satisfied or "Paid in full!" The claims of the Father's justice to redeem mankind were satisfied completely by Christ when He gave His sinless life on the altar of the cross for the sins of all men! Of the Messiah, Isaiah wrote:

"But he (Jesus) was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

Of this truth, Jason LeMaire testifies:

"It is finished" (Jn. 19:30)--When Jesus said this He meant it--then to the Father He went!! That's right, when He shed His Blood on the Cross, He bought me back-ON THE CROSS."

Jesus Christ is the very Lamb of God who took the blow of death upon

Himself in order to ransom or buy back a people for Himself and His Father.

**“The next day John (the Baptist) seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”
John 1:29**

Will you be one of His people?

Made New Creatures

When we repent and place all our faith in Jesus Christ for salvation, all our sins (past and present) are remitted, that is, blotted out and forgiven and we are made new creatures for God's glory. His Holy Spirit comes to live in us. We are then His very children.

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of

**God, who hath reconciled us to him
And all things are of God, who hath
reconciled us to himself by Jesus
Christ, and hath given to us the
ministry of reconciliation.” 2
Corinthians 5:17-18**

Those who are truly **“in Christ,”** which means they are truly **“born again,”** are **“new creatures.”** All our sins are washed away, and the old sinful self is subdued by a miracle of God. He makes those who are His brand new from the inside out, cleansing all their sins, putting His Holy Spirit in them, and giving them a new reason and eternal purpose to live. They are **now “born of God”** and made alive spiritually and become His temples, the very place where the LORD dwells (1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 John 5:4). They have new life because Jesus is **“the life”** and **“he that hath the Son hath life”!** (John 14:6; 1 John 5:12). This is the miracle Jesus calls being **“born again.”**

Born Again

Nothing could be more important to any eternal soul.

Chapter Five



Assurance of Salvation

“I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.” 2 Timothy 1:12

Every truly born-again believer knows he is God’s child. He has no doubt whatsoever that Christ has made him a completely new creature. The LORD has changed him from the inside out, washing away his sins and granting him a peace and love he never previously knew. If there is any doubt or confusion about whether or not you

have been born again, this indicates that you have not yet been born again. Jesus said that it is a **“must.”** We must be adopted and brought by Him into His family (Romans 8:15). No one will be saved from sin and eternal hell by their own good works or religious activity or church membership or their standing with any organization of mere sinful men. Christ said **“Ye must be born again”** (John 3:7).

“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” 1 John 5:12-13

The Bible tells us that **“God is love”** (1 John 4:8). God’s Word tells us that we **“all have sinned”** against our Maker and Judge and are guilty in His holy eyes. We have all lusted, stolen, lied,

had other gods before Him, coveted, hated (murder), not honored our parents, etc. Oh, but that's not the end of the story. Aren't you glad that Jesus had you and I on His mind when He was shedding His holy, sinless, and precious blood for us on that cross? (Matthew 26:28; John 19:30; Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:6, 8, 9) Alleluia!

“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” 1 Timothy 1:15

Keep in mind that not one sin will ever be forgiven by God UNTIL a person is in a relationship with Him due to being saved (born again). God will forgive not one sin confessed by someone who is not born again, that is, brought into His family His way—through Christ alone.

Do you want to know Him? Are you ready?

Do you want your sins completely

forgiven? Are you ready to obey the
LORD?

Chapter Six



Are You Born Again or Are You Religious?

“Ye must be born again.” John 3:7

What does it really mean to truly have a relationship with the LORD and be **“born again”**? Why is this important? After all, Jesus declared that **“except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God ... ye must be born again”** (John 3:3, 7).

You cannot know the LORD and will not go to Heaven unless you go God’s way and He plainly told us that His way is through Christ alone and to be

“born again.” It’s not about religion or trying to be good enough. It’s about a personal relationship with the LORD, and this is what being **“born again”** is all about. Only the LORD Himself can do this miracle and He desires to do such for you.

John 3:16 tells us that **“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son”** – NOT SOME RELIGION!

Most people who claim to be Christian are eager to say, *“I am a Baptist”* or *“I am Catholic”* or *“Protestant.”* This proves that they are trusting their religion and not Christ who is the only Savior from sin and hell. They are lost. Being religious will not save you from sin and eternal damnation in hell—only Jesus Christ can do that. So, I want you to think for a moment about the very words of your own mouth when the topics of God, religion, or spiritual things come up. Jesus told us

that **“Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh”** (Matthew 12:34). In other words, what comes out of your mouth reveals what is really in your heart. If your words have been anything resembling *“I keep the Ten Commandments,” “I’m better than most people,” “I’m a Baptist,” “I am Catholic,” “I was confirmed as a Lutheran,” “I grew up Presbyterian,” “I go to church,”* etc., it is because you do not know Jesus and are not **“born again”** as He said you **“must be.”**

Concerning this dilemma, Pastor Mark Herridge Sr. writes:

“Most people today 'start going to church' but they are never 'Born Again.' They have never repented of their sin and they have not had a spiritual change. They 'add' religious duties to the old sinful man's schedule and mistakenly believe that will bring eternal life. Eternal life does not start when we get to Heaven – Eternal life starts when we were Born Again.”

If your identity is in an organization of mere sinful, religious men, you are doomed. Jesus Christ is not a religion nor did He come to the earth to start a religion. No one can be saved through a church organization. The Son of God is the divine Person of the triune Godhead who came and shed His sinless blood to bring you into relationship with Him and the heavenly Father. This is what allows you the blessing of Heaven, otherwise hell is what lies ahead for you—and in hell all your feelings, faculties, and consciousness will still be there—forever (Mark 9:42-49; Luke 16:19-30).

Now, let's turn our hearts to the LORD.

Chapter Seven



Your Time to be Born Again

In a moment of sincere solitude, get alone with God or pray with another true born-again Christian. Take yourself away from all else to honor the One who made you, bowing your heart to speak in prayer with Him who is Your God and Judge. He is listening. In fact, He's the very One who orchestrated all of this and brought you to this place.

Just below is a model prayer. If you will pray to God sincerely and from the depths of your heart, with all that is in you, the LORD will hear and answer

your prayer and save you.

Your Prayer of Repentance to God to Be Saved

Dear heavenly Father, right now, if never before, I come to you as a broken and sinful person. Thank You for sending Your only begotten Son to die in my place for my sins. Thank You Jesus for coming to this earth to die and rise again to rescue me from sin and eternal hell and to save me for Your eternal glory. Right this moment, if never before, I receive You Lord Jesus. Come in and take over my whole life. I am all Yours and You are all mine. I love You Jesus and I will follow You from this moment forward till I am with You in Heaven forever! Please use me to help others know You dear Lord. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

What Now?

- Give Him thanks. Preferably with uplifted heart and hands, give forthright, verbal thanksgiving to the LORD daily for finding and saving you from sin and hell and for His glory and eternal purpose.
- Ask the LORD to fill you with His Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4; 2:38-39; 19:1-6).
- Tell another Christian that the LORD has saved you (Luke 12:8-9).
- Find a group of Christ-centered believers who love God's Word and study it unceasingly. Stay clear of those who are proud of their church, their pastor, or their denomination.
- Fellowship with those who unceasingly magnify Jesus Christ, the nail-scarred risen Savior above all else (Colossians 2).

- Be water baptized (Acts 2:38).
- Obtain a copy of the booklet titled What to do Now that He has Saved You! available on SafeGuardYourSoul.com.
- Read your King James Bible daily and talk with God in prayer. Read at least four chapters every morning as soon as you awake.
- Follow Christ to the end of your life (Matthew 24:13).
- Read and obey God's Word (James 1:22).
- Read articles, listen to audios, etc., and sign up for the free email devotional at SafeGuardYourSoul.com to help you to grow in grace as a born-again disciple of Jesus (Col. 2:6-10).
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