

## THE MOST URGENT NEED

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*The most urgent need facing the whole world is not peace from war, not freedom from tyranny, not hunger nor pollution, but life itself. All people from all nations face one common enemy... death!! The gospel of Jesus Christ offers the human race a solution to their greatest need and also reveals a new world, which will deal with the other issues that afflict us all. However, people are often blind to this simple reality and fight for much lesser causes while their real problems are often overlooked. The following verse tells us what to expect when the world thinks it has solved its biggest problem. **1THE 5:3** For when they shall say, **Peace and safety**; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.*

**Two thousand years ago, Jesus made serious and life changing efforts to give the human race a real choice.**

**MAR 16:15** And he said unto them, Go ye into all the **world**, and preach the gospel to every creature. He passed the responsibility of life onto the human race themselves... a choice they could make and a choice they could promote if taken seriously.

*The way of escape that Jesus revealed is often call 'the gospel of salvation'... it comes with supernatural signs as proof. **MAR 16:17** And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; **they shall speak with new tongues**; Everyone in our fellowship and all our fellowships around the world have a common, bible defined experience... a universal blessing suitable for every race and profession. Peter also identified this evidence when he observed the very first conversion that was given to gentile peoples (Acts 10&11). These events simply reveal how God's Spirit unites with our spirit so we become one.*

*Scriptural history confirms that the statements Jesus made were proven to be correct and are still occurring today... almost 2000 years later. **MAR 16:20** And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. God performs the miracles, not us.*

*Jesus confirmed the manner that the greatest truth on earth would be revealed. **MAT 10:7** And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Revealing the enemy is a great part of winning the battle.*

*Paul also details ongoing faith for those who actively choose to save their lives. **COL 1:21** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled. **22** In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: **23** If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; It comes as no surprise that the contest between life and death is an ongoing battle that needs to be fought every day. Fellowship, prayer, reading the scriptures, etc., all serve to act as armour against enemy actions.*

*There is a common weakness that undermines the faith of all Christians. **MAT 24:12** And because iniquity shall abound (large numbers of people who live a spiritually reckless life choosing and promoting non sustainable pleasures), the love of many shall wax cold. Many can be overcome, if they take too much notice of worldly living without considering the consequences... this is not unlike the decisions that drug addicts and alcoholics tend to make. **13** But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. Here are a couple of points for you to consider. Our failings accompanied by a successful recoveries are part of our testimony... a confirmation for all those who choose to preserve their lives through the working of the Holy Spirit. Your failings are only failings when you give up on the spiritual solution. Likewise, we may consider that we don't need to fellowship as often as the bible suggests we should. It needs to be considered that you might not feel the gain, but others in the church are edified by your fellowship, also the younger members of the church have a better chance of surviving if we choose to live the life the bible teaches us to immitate. And finally...*

**14** And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a **witness** unto all nations; and then shall the end come. *The gospel is already in every nation in the world and is now printed in 531 languages, and 2,883 languages have at least some portion of the Bible available (end of 2014). It should be clear that time is running out very quickly.*

**Encouragement for those who are faithful enough to fight against our greatest challenge. **2PET 2:9** The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: Salvation is a personal experience not a national nor race based event. Claim your life while it is still in your power to do so!!**