



## Soldiers For Christ Global Community Church

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### *Sunday Morning Prayer & Study*

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**"Preparing To LIVE!"**

*(Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near)*

**Life on earth is a temporary** physical existence marked by time, pain, limits and death, while life in eternity is never ending, perfect existence defined by the presence of God and the complete absence of sin and its effects. Life on earth is temporary, bound by a strict lifespan and measured by passing time.

**James 4:14 Amplified Bible:** Yet you do not know [the least thing] about what may happen in your life tomorrow. [What is secure in your life?] You are *merely* a vapor [like a puff of smoke or a wisp of steam from a cooking pot] that is visible for a little while and then vanishes [into thin air].

**Job 14:1 New Living Translation:** "How frail is humanity! How short is life, how full of trouble!

**Fallen:** shaped in sin, struggle, and the pursuit of temporary things like wealth or status,  
**Romans 3:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**Dependent: Psalms 54:4** Sustained **day-to-day** by God within a physical, material world, **Philippians 4:19**

**Life in Eternity, Endless:** Free from the constraints of time, earthly conditions and death.

**Restored/Reconciled:** Completely free from sin, disease, tears, and death.

**Divine Quality:** Centered on fully knowing God and sharing in His Holy, incorruptible nature.

**Permanent:** An unshakeable, eternal state of peace, joy, and righteousness.

**Eternity, God's Nature:** God exists outside of time, He's from "everlasting to everlasting" (**Psalm 90:2**).

**Placed in Humanity:** **Ecclesiastes 3:11** states that God "has put eternity into man's heart," meaning humans possess an inherent awareness of and desire for a lasting existence beyond temporary earthly life. In the New testament, eternal life is not just a future destination but a quality of relationship with God that begins the moment a person believes in Him and chooses to follow **Christ**. (John 5:24).



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### John 5:24

#### Amplified Bible

(24) “I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, the person who hears My word [*the one who heeds My message*], and believes *and* trusts in Him who sent Me, has (*possesses now*) eternal life [*that is, eternal life actually begins—the believer is transformed*], and does not come into judgment *and* condemnation, but has passed [*over*] from death into life.

**whoever hears My word:** Receiving Christ’s word involves more than hearing sounds; it calls for faith-filled acceptance and obedience. Jesus reveals the Father’s will and summons sinners to turn from self-rule to God. **John 10:27, John 8:47, Romans 10:17**

**and believes Him who sent Me:** Faith in the Father cannot be separated from faith in the Son whom He sent. Jesus came in obedience to the Father’s saving purpose, and those who trust the Father receive His testimony concerning Christ. **John 12:44, John 17:8**

**has eternal life:** Eternal life begins at conversion as the believer enters fellowship with God through His Son. It includes the sure hope of resurrection and unending life in God’s kingdom. **1<sup>st</sup> John 5:12**

**and will not come under judgment:** Christ has borne the condemnation deserved by His people. Therefore, believers will stand before God not as condemned sinners but as those justified through the saving work of Jesus.

**Indeed, he has crossed over from death to life:** Faith in Christ brings an **immediate and decisive transfer** from spiritual **death into the life of God**. The believer has been delivered from sin’s dominion and belongs to the new creation secured by Christ. **1<sup>st</sup> John 3:14, Col 2:13**

### John 8:47

#### Contemporary English Version

(47) Anyone who belongs to God will listen to his message. But you refuse to listen, because you don't belong to God.

**hears the words of God:** Receiving God’s words includes believing, submitting to, and obeying His revealed truth. Jesus spoke only what the Father gave Him to say (**John 8:26, 38**), so rejection of His teaching was rejection of God Himself. The command to hear the Lord in **Deuteronomy 6:4** required Israel to respond with wholehearted love and obedience, not passive attention. **Luke 11:28, Hebrew 3:7**



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### Romans 8:7-10

#### Amplified Bible

(7) the mind of the flesh [**with its sinful pursuits**] is actively hostile to God. It does not submit itself to God's law, since it cannot,

**because the mind of the flesh is hostile to God:** Fallen humanity is not morally neutral toward its Creator. Since Adam's rebellion, sin has corrupted human desires, thoughts, and purposes, producing active resistance to God's authority. Scripture traces this hostility through the violence of the pre-flood world, Israel's recurring idolatry, and the Gentile world's exchange of God's glory for created things (**Genesis 6:5; Romans 1:21–23**). The natural person does not welcome God's truth because the flesh seeks self-rule rather than fellowship (**1 Corinthians 2:14**).

**nor can it do so:** Apart from God's saving grace, sinners are spiritually dead and unable to bring themselves into submission to **Christ** (**Ephesians 2:1–5; Colossians 2:13**). New life requires the regenerating work of the **Holy Spirit**, who gives a new heart and enables obedience from within (**Ezekiel 36:26–27; John 3:3–7**). God works in His people both to desire and to do what pleases Him (**Philippians 2:13**).

#### New Living Translation

(8) That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God.

#### Amplified Bible

(9) However, you are not [**living**] in the flesh [**controlled by the sinful nature**] but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God lives in you [**directing and guiding you**]. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him [**and is not a child of God**].

**This is why** being what men call a good person does not get you into heaven, it's the **spirit of Christ** living inside you that gets you into heaven. **Colossians 1:27 & Romans 8:11**

#### GOD'S WORD® Translation

(10) However, if Christ lives in you, your bodies are dead because of sin, but your spirits are alive because you have God's approval.

**your body is dead because of sin:** Physical death remains the consequence of Adam's sin and the fallen condition shared by all humanity (**Genesis 3:19; Romans 5:12**). Believers are not yet freed from mortality, weakness, suffering, or bodily decay. Even those made alive in Christ wait to redeem our new resurrected bodies.

**yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness:** God grants spiritual life to believers because **Christ's righteousness is credited to them through faith**. Having been justified, we have peace with God and are no longer under condemnation (**Romans 5:1; 8:1**). Christ's atoning work fulfills Isaiah's prophecy that the righteous Servant would bear the sins of many and make them righteous before God (**Isaiah 53:11**).



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### Romans 10:13-15

#### Amplified Bible

(13) For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD [in prayer] WILL BE SAVED."

for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord: Paul grounds the offer of salvation in God's stated promise. Faith in the risen Christ is not limited by Israel's possession of the law or by any human distinction. God welcomes Jews and Gentiles alike who turn to Him, believing in The Saving power of Jesus Christ our Lord. Paul draws from **Joel 2:32**, applying the promise of calling on the Lord Jesus, whose lordship is central to the confession of faith because without Christ there is no salvation. **Saved/Salvation** includes forgiveness of sin, reconciliation with God, and deliverance from the final judgment. The promise rests on God's grace and is received through faith, not earned through obedience to the law. Acts 16:31, Mark 16:16, Eph 2:8

#### Berean Annotated Bible

(14) How then can they call on the One in whom they have not believed (had faith)? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach?

**How then can they call on the One in whom they have not believed?** - Calling on the Lord involves **trusting Him for salvation, worshiping Him, and depending on His mercy.** Paul has just affirmed that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved, echoing **Joel 2:32**. **Such calling cannot be empty or merely outward;** it arises from **faith in Jesus Christ** as the crucified and risen Lord. Israel's knowledge of God and the Scriptures did not remove the need to believe God's Messiah.

**And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard?** - Faith in Christ Jesus depends upon hearing the truth concerning Him. God revealed His salvation through the person and work of His Son, whose death atoned for sin and whose resurrection confirms His lordship. **Romans 10:17** explains that faith comes by hearing the message of Christ. The gospel must therefore be made known, for people cannot believe in the salvation of Jesus Christ if they have not been told about it.

**And how can they hear without someone to preach?** - God also brings the gospel to the nations through proclaimers of His Word. The apostles, evangelists, and early believers carried the message of Christ throughout the Roman world, fulfilling the Lord's command to make disciples of all nations. Their work reflected **Isaiah 52:7**, which celebrates those who bring The Good News of Jesus Christ. The Church still remains responsible to declare Christ faithfully so that people may hear, believe, and call upon The Lord for His Salvation.

#### Amplified Bible

(15) And how will they preach unless they are commissioned *and* sent [for that purpose]? Just as it is written *and* forever remains written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!"



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**And how can they preach unless they are sent?** - Gospel proclamation rests upon God's initiative. The Lord calls and commissions His servants, and the church recognizes and sends qualified laborers into the harvest. **The Holy Spirit** set apart Barnabas and Saul for their missionary work, and the church sent them out in obedience to **The Holy Spirit's** direction (**Acts 13:2-3**). Like Isaiah, who answered God's call to carry His word, preachers bear a message entrusted to them rather than one of their own makings. Christ Himself sent His apostles to testify of His death, burial and resurrection and to make disciples among all nations.

**"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!":** The weary feet of God's messengers are called beautiful because they carry news of peace with God, deliverance from sin, and the reign of Christ. In a world under judgment and alienated from its Creator, the Gospel is truly good news. Jesus is the supreme bearer of that news, for He came proclaiming the kingdom of God and secured salvation through His cross and resurrection.

**Acceptance and Faith:** Acknowledge God's holiness and accept His provision for forgiveness, through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior. **Romans 10:9, John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9**

**Repentance:** Confess shortcomings in Prayer to Jesus Christ and actively turn away from sin, seeking a purified and renewed heart. **1st John 1:9, Acts 3:19, Romans 6:12-13, 2nd Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 4:22-24**

**Consecration:** Set your mind and life apart from selfish or worldly distractions to focus on God's will. **Rom 12:2**

**Righteous Living:** Serve others with a whole heart, practice love and forgiveness, and strive to develop Christlike attributes. **Ephesians 6:7, Colossians 3:23, John 13:34, Colossians 3:13, Matthew 6:14**

### **Turn away from sin:**

**2nd Timothy 2:22, 2nd Chronicles 7:14**

Leave behind selfish habits and worldly ways.

### **Renew your mind:**

**Philippians 4:8, 2nd Corinthians 10:5**

Focus your thoughts on God's truth through faith in Jesus Christ.

### **Seek a pure heart:**

**Psalms 37:4, Philippians 2:13, Ezekiel 36:26, Proverbs 16:9**

Allow God to change your desires so you can follow His purpose

**2nd Timothy 4:2,  
Mark 16:15**



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