

HOMELAND SECURITY



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HEART TO HEART

When we come to the place of full retreat
And our heart cries out for God,
The only person whose hearts ours can meet
Is one who has likewise trod.

Others may offer a word of cheer
To lift us from despair;
But above the rest, the one we hear
Is the whisper, "I've been there".

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USS Arizona Memorial
Commemorates the Japanese attack on
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DO YOU HAVE A HOMELAND AS YOUR ONLY SECURITY?

Though we are all terminal, only since 9/11 do we have to contemplate our lives being terminated by senseless killings in what has always been a secure country. Our president and the Department of Homeland Security have put us on notice that weapons of mass destruction could be unleashed upon us at any time as can wanton attacks on our infrastructure.

Not since the Civil War have we faced loss of life and property becoming a way of life--and death! "One nation under God" has become one nation under humanism with the Bible and absolutes being derided; we have forfeited the protection of Holy God by doing our own thing for our own comfort. While we were shocked and shaken temporarily by the World Trade Center attack, we have returned to our lethargy and complacency, sprinkled with benign "moments of silence" and an occasional "God bless America" sign.

Business as usual is yet the prevailing attitude of our country and all too many of our churches. But businesses are not reporting the usual business. Since Homeland Security can not guarantee the former secure mode of living, it is time that we look beyond this world for the only security. However, that requires that we make preparation for the Homeland that has been prepared for us by the God of the Universe. It is to this preparation that this message is addressed.

Have you made such preparation? Absent that preparation, there is a default

homeland which is separation from God eternally, biblically called Hell. Each of us is born in Adam, with the default homeland as our sure destination. On the other hand, the Lord Jesus has gone to prepare a Homeland for those who know Him (John 14:1-3) and which is the only security in an insecure world. The following poem summarizes the two lives and destinations and the necessary preparation for security that is eternal:

LIFE IN ADAM or LIFE IN CHRIST?

God saw his creation “. . .and,
Behold, it was very good”; (Gen. 1:31)
Adam and Eve in the Garden
Could eat what they would. (Gen. 2:16)
But one tree in the garden (Gen. 2:17)
Whose fruit was appealing, (Gen. 3:6a)
Would make them like gods—
Good and evil revealing. (Gen. 3:5)

The serpent was wily (Gen. 3:1)
And Eve was deceived; (Gen. 2:13)
She listened to reason, (Gen. 3:6)
And a lie was believed. (Gen. 3:4)
She gave to her husband, (Gen. 3:6a)
Both being undressed; (Gen. 2:25)
He knowingly ate of the tree (Gen. 3:6b)
And, thereby, transgressed.

Their eyes being opened, (Gen. 3:7)
Now, they knew shame; (Gen. 3:8a)
While they were in hiding, (Gen. 3:10)
God called Adam’s name. (Gen. 3:9)
His guilt came between them,
And his wife did accuse; (Gen. 3:12)
She blamed the serpent, (Gen. 3:13)
But Adam did sin choose.

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Sin's penalty was death, (Gen. 2:17b)
And to God he died;
Into Satan's family born, (Jn. 8:44, 1 Jn. 3:10)
He now battled with pride.
Adam's children were born
With the nature of sin; (Rom. 5:12)
We, his children, at birth (Eph. 2:1)
Have that nature within.

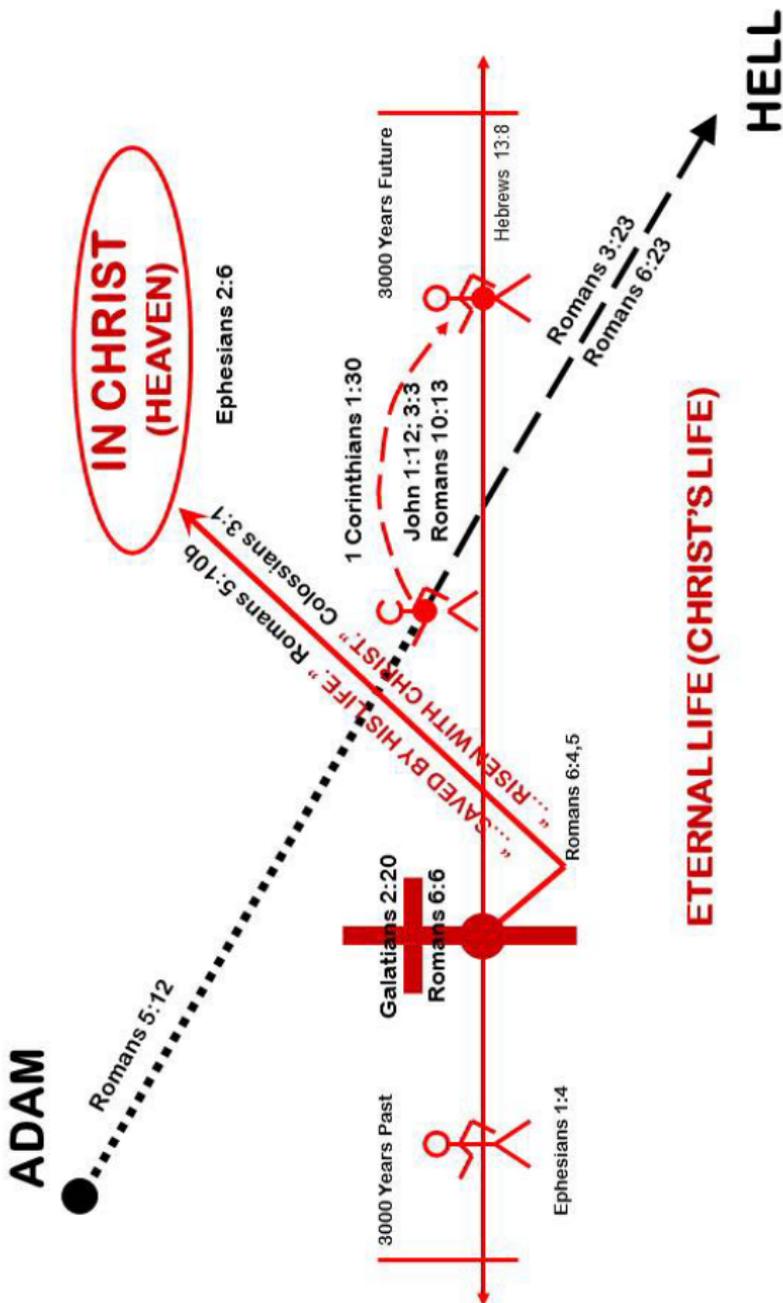
From a tree came sin; (Gen. 2:17)
From sin came death. (Rom. 6:23)
Born dead in our sin, (Eph. 2:1)
We need the Spirit's breath.
From a tree comes life
As our sin debt was paid; (Rom. 5:8)
The last Adam, our Lord Jesus, (1 Cor. 15:45)
Reconciliation has made. (Rom. 5:10)

Out of Adam's life He took us; (Rom. 6:6a)
In Christ's life He placed us. (1 Cor. 1:30)
Though we were condemned, (Rom. 3:23)
With glory He has graced us.
Since we are one with him, (John 17:21)
We enjoy sweet communion; (1 John 1:7)
Being crucified with Christ (Gal. 2:20)
Our spirits now know union. (Rom. 8:16)

Since He died to sin, (Rom. 6:10)
And we, in Him, died too; (Rom. 6:6,7)
We can know our old man died, (Rom. 6:6)
And He bids us reckon it true. (Rom. 6:11)
Crucified, buried and raised — (Rom. 6:3-5)
At His right hand we are seated; (Eph. 2:6)
We have entered into rest — (Heb. 4:10,11)
Redemption has been completed.
(John 19:30)

Are you yet, my friend, in Adam —
Needing a second birth? Or, (John 3:3)
Having been born into Christ, (Rom. 5:1)
Do you know your worth? (1 Pet. 2:18,19)
In either case, the answer
Is to come to Him for rest.
(Matt. 11:28, Heb. 4:10,11)
You lose your life to save it
(Matt. 16:24,25; John 12:24,25)
And, in Him, are truly blessed. (Col. 3:1-4)

The following pictorial representation from Handbook to Happiness has been used by the Holy Spirit to help many understand how to leave eternal death in Adam and find eternal life in Jesus Christ. I implore you to study it with Bible in hand and find security in a totally insecure world.



Line Diagram

(See Chapter 2 of Handbook to Happiness for more detail)

The Line Diagram above shows the “life out of death” principle—God’s way of taking us out of Adam and placing us in the life of the Lord Jesus.

The horizontal line represents eternal life, the life of Christ. By definition, eternal indicates no beginning or end. It exceeds the boundaries of time. Since Christ is God, He has always lived and always will. His life is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). As portrayed at the left of the line, Christ “became flesh” (John 1:14) and lived in a human body for some 33 years. Then, He was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead on the third day (1 Corinthians 15:3,4). He continues to live today (Hebrews 7:25). Note that eternal life is not only a present and future reality for the believer, but also involves the eternal past.

Until we are born again (John 3:3), we are not in the life of Christ—eternal life—but we are in the spiritually dead life of Adam. One can readily see that if any one of our ancestors, represented by the hatch marks on the diagonal line, had been missing, we also would be missing. Physically speaking, our lives had beginning in Adam, so whatever happened to him also happened to us. When he sinned, we sinned. When he died (spiritually), we died—just as we would have died in our great-grandfather if he had died before siring any children. Thus, since spiritual death is separation from God, we were all born dead (spiritually). We need forgiveness for our sins, but we also need life. The Lord Jesus Christ came to provide both—by dying for our sins and by giving us His resurrection life (John 10:10).

If you are a Christian, you already know this much. What you may not yet know is the following:

For the believer, physical death is the gateway from life in the world and the presence of sin to life in Heaven and the

presence of God. Similarly, another type of death is the gateway from the sinful life of Adam to the eternal life of Christ. When a person is “born again”, he, in the same instant, dies. He is born into the life of Christ, but he simultaneously dies out of the life of Adam.

Christ comes into our lives when we believe in Him and are born again, but that is not all. We are also made “partakers” of His life—eternal life. Romans 6:3 says we are not only baptized into Jesus Christ (His Life) but also into His death. We can’t occupy two opposite lives at the same time—the life of Adam and the life of Christ.

A New Identity

When we receive Christ by faith, it means that His death on the cross counts as payment for our sins. But it means much more. It also means that we enter into a new life—one that extends forever into the past as well as into the future. To put it another way, we exchange our history in Adam—the bad and the good—for an eternal history in Christ. We inherit a new “family tree”! We not only get a new future, we get a new past! By becoming partakers of Christ’s life, we become participants in His death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and seating in the heavenlies (Romans 6:3-6; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 2:6). He only has one life, and this is the life we receive at our new birth (1 John 5:11,12).

Unless and until we know by personal faith experience that we were crucified with Christ, we will continue to try to live for Christ, using the methods we learned in our old self-lives. The conflicts stemming from our history in Adam will go on plaguing and defeating us. But when, by faith, we take our rightful place at the Cross in union with Christ’s death and res-

urrection, then—and only then—can we truly “walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4b) where “old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

The Cross experience (understanding experientially our crucifixion and resurrection with Christ) is the gateway into the Spirit-controlled life (Galatians 5:16). It is life out of death, victory out of defeat—the purpose and answer for suffering in the life of the believer. Our path to the Cross, as well as the Cross itself, is a path of suffering; but it is the only path that leads to the end of suffering.

Are you weary enough of your internal conflict and constant defeat to put an end to it by faith? Are you willing to die to all that you are so you can live in all that He is? To do so is to exchange the self-life for the Christ-life and be filled or controlled by the Holy Spirit. To refuse to do so is to continue to walk after the flesh and to grieve the Spirit with a continuation of conflict, suffering, and defeat.

Salvation Prayer

If you are tired of the anguish that results from doing things your way, Christ will free you if you will sincerely commit yourself to let Him have His way.

If you have never accepted Christ as your personal Savior, your first need is to let God create you anew by giving you spiritual rebirth. You can be born again if you can honestly pray like this:

“Heavenly Father, I have seen that I am a sinner, still in the life of Adam, and that I have committed sins. I believe you sent your only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die in my place for my sins. I also be-

lieve He rose again and now lives, and right now I receive Him into my spirit as my Savior. I surrender all that I am, all I have, and all I shall be to You. I turn from my sins and my selfish ways to live my new life in Christ. Thank you for saving me for Jesus' sake. Amen."

Identification Prayer

If you have prayed the "salvation prayer", you have been born again, for God says He gives to all who believe in Christ the privilege of becoming His children (John 1:12).

Now, whether you prayed for salvation just now or in the past, praying an "identification prayer" may help you to experience Christ's life of victory and peace. Before this prayer can be effective, you must be truly sick of your self-life; you must be under conviction by the Holy Spirit of trying to live the Christian life in your own strength, and you must be ready to give up control of your life. If this is your condition, pray in this manner:

"Father, thank you for forgiving my sins and taking me out of the life of Adam and grafting me into the life of Christ. Now that I am in Christ, I believe that I was crucified with Him, buried with Him, raised with Him, and that I am seated with Him at your right hand. From this moment on, I choose to have your son, Jesus Christ, live His life in me and through me. I consider myself dead to sin and alive to You, and I am counting on the Holy Spirit to make me aware when I forget my death with Christ and try to live His life for Him in my own human wisdom and ener-

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gy. I choose to yield my total being to You as an instrument of righteousness, allowing no part of me to be used for sin. Thank you for making Christ and His life real to me. Glorify Yourself through me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

Please take to heart that the Holy Spirit can give you a new past so that you can live victoriously in the present while preparing for the future since eternal life spans all three dimensions of time.

The time when we could amass fortunes and estates to live a life of ease and to pass on to our children can no longer be assured since everything is up for grabs in an insecure country. Only in the Homeland of Heaven do we have treasures that we can enjoy forever. I invite you to book your passage today since the default homeland is certain to those yet in Adam.

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