

LESSON 1, DEVOTION 1

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. FOR GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT TO SAVE THE WORLD THROUGH HIM."
- JOHN 3:16-17

You've no doubt heard these verses before. And that can be a problem. Why? Because when we hear things too often, we can become immune to the power behind their meaning. And these verses are powerful.

These verses from Jesus do a few things. First, this is the Gospel. You might know that the word Gospel means "good news." These words from Jesus are the good news of His rescue mission. Second, they define Jesus' purpose. In just a few words, Jesus tells us why He came to earth in the first place. Third, these words are life. They show us the pathway to forgiveness of sins and to peace between God and us. And fourth, these words should motivate us to share this amazing news with the people in our lives who need it.

All that from just a few verses.

Why don't you take a moment and re-read this passage, trying to see it with fresh eyes. Let the words move you. Focus on the message, and praise the Messenger for His amazing plan that provided a way for us to be in a relationship with Him forever.

LESSON 1, DEVOTION 2

Think about this today: How is your life different because you know Jesus?

Seriously. Think about it. Make a list if you need to. Stop for a moment and really consider what your life is like now as opposed to what it would be like had you never come to saving faith in Christ. How are your thoughts different? How are your emotions different? How is your present and future radically different because of Jesus' place in your life?

LESSON 1, DEVOTION 3

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." – Acts 4:12

We humans do a lot to try and find meaning and purpose, don't we?

Some people volunteer with charities. Others spend all day on the couch. Some people devote themselves to sports. Others devote themselves to themselves. Some people search for love. Others get tattoos. Some people build careers. And others leave careers behind. And on and on and on.

People search for meaning in life in a lot of different ways. But there is only one way to find real, true life.

Faith in Jesus is the only way to find your life's truest meaning, no matter how hard we look elsewhere. Where are you looking? Are you looking for life in Christ? Or for meaning somewhere else?

It's a good thought to consider. Because you might find meaning for a little while somewhere or in someone besides Christ. But only Jesus provides meaning for a lifetime!

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