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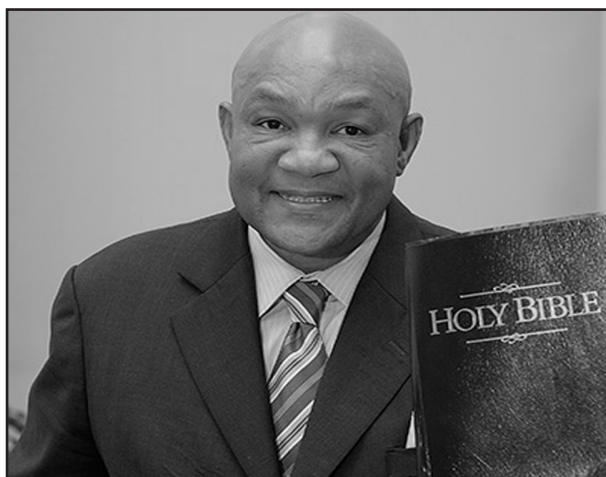
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THE MISERABLE MILLIONAIRE



Former heavyweight boxing champion George Foreman, in his book *God in My Corner*, explains how money couldn't buy him happiness. He writes, "Before I met God, my attitude was about as bad as it could get. Even when everything was going well for me, I couldn't see it. And I didn't appreciate it. When Muhammad Ali fought me for the heavyweight championship, I received a five million dollar pay check. That purse was an astronomical amount of money in those days, and would be worth many times more than that amount in today's dollars. No fighters had ever been so well paid in the history of boxing. You'd think that being a multimillionaire would bring instant joy to my soul.

It didn't. Because I lost the boxing match, I couldn't enjoy my money. I had five million dollars in the

bank, but couldn't find pleasure in even one penny of it!"

Jesus said, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).

What is the treasure in our lives? Jesus tells the story of the rich young ruler who went to see Jesus to find eternal life. However,

his life was dominated by his wealth and possessions, and the Bible tells us that he put his wealth ahead of God and so went away sad (Mark 10:17-27). George Foreman's life changed when he gave his life to God, and put Jesus Christ first in everything, including his boxing and his money.

We don't have to be wealthy to have money be the dominant force in our lives. We could be just busy working, trying to pay the bills. But we have to get life into the right perspective. Jesus said, "I have come that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). In order to know the abundant life that God has for us we need to first of all come to know Him as Saviour. We all want to be happy, but true happiness only comes when we know God in a personal way, through His Son Jesus Christ.

JESUS WHISPERS PEACE

Berent Frizen, Billy Graham, and Ruth Bell Graham were students together at Wheaton College in the 1940s. Berent Frizen, called Bert by his friends, was a talented and popular singer on campus, involved with several singing groups. A favourite song of Bert's mother was a song called, "Jesus Whispers Peace."



Bert went on to serve in the military during World War II and was involved in the famous Battle of the Bulge. The battle took place near the borders of Belgium, Luxembourg, and France during December of 1944 and January of 1945, involving more than a million soldiers from Germany, Great Britain, and America, more than 180,000 were wounded, captured, or lost their lives.

Bert Frizen was wounded during one of the attacks, and lay on the battlefield slipping in and out of consciousness. At one point, with his eyes closed, he started singing his mother's favourite song as best he could, "Jesus Whispers Peace." When he opened his eyes, he saw a German soldier standing over him with a drawn bayonet. Bert understood enough German to know that the soldier was saying to him, "Sing it again; sing it again." "Sing es noch einmal; sing es noch einmal."

So Bert sang:

"There is a name to me most dear,
like sweetest music to my ear,
for when my heart is troubled, filled
with fear,
Jesus whispers peace."

Soon he felt himself being gently lifted up in the arms of the enemy soldier, who carried him to a rock ledge nearby where the American medics found him a short time later, and took him to safety. There are many times in this world that we fall. Sometimes we fall due to our own fault, or sin. Other times we fall for seemingly no fault of our own, but still we fall. When we do, Jesus is there. He will never leave us, He picks us up and places us on the solid rock and brings us His peace.

"My peace I give to you"
- John 14:27

HOPE FOR THE WORLD

Oliver Wendell Holmes Senior, was a doctor who lived in the 19th century. As such he was very interested in the use of ether - which in those days was used as an anaesthetic. In order to know how his patients felt under its influence, he once had a dose administered to himself. As he was going under, in a dreamy state, a profound thought came to him. He believed that he had suddenly grasped the key to all the mysteries of the universe. When he regained consciousness, however, he was unable to remember what the insight was.

Because of the great importance this thought could be to mankind, Holmes arranged to have himself given ether again. This time he had a stenographer present to take down the great thought. The ether was administered, and sure enough, just before passing out, the insight reappeared. He mumbled the words, the stenographer took them down,

and he went to sleep confident in the knowledge that he had succeeded.

Upon awakening, he turned eagerly to the stenographer and asked her to read what he had uttered. This is what she read: "The entire universe is permeated with a strong odour of turpentine!"

We often try to make sense of the world in which we live. We think that maybe improved education is the answer, or maybe it's working towards political stability in all nations. Feeding the hungry, helping the poor, caring for the sick, world peace, equality.... the list goes on. All these things are, of course, of great importance, and working towards implementing them is noble and right.

Unfortunately though, we live in a world that is permeated with something that causes us to feel that there is no hope for mankind.



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Sin. There is only one answer to sin, and that is for people to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Speaking about this, the Bible says, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). When we have dealt with the issue of sin then we have hope. The apostle Paul wrote, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace

as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13). God wants to permeate our lives, and this world, with hope. Hope that is found by putting our trust fully in Jesus Christ.

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CHANGING YOURSELF



Back in the 1100's, the following words were inscribed on the tomb of a Church of England Bishop.

"When I was young and free and my imagination had no limits, I dreamed of changing the world. As I grew older and wiser, I discovered that the world would not change, so I shortened my sights somewhat and decided to change only my country, But it, too, seemed immovable. As I grew into my twilight years, in one last desperate attempt, I settled for changing only my family, those closest to me, but alas, they would have none of it. And now as I lie on my death bed, I suddenly realize: If only I had changed myself first, then by example I would have changed my family. From their inspiration and encouragement, I would then have been able to better my country and, who knows, I may have even changed the world."

True change comes from within, by the power of the Holy Spirit working within us. The apostle Paul said, "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead" (Philippians 3:10).

"Though you have changed a thousand times, He has NOT changed once."

- Charles Spurgeon

Paul wanted his life to change, to become more like Jesus. He went on to say, "I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." As we commit our lives to Him, the Holy Spirit works within us, to change us into the person that God wants us to be.

NATIONAL
BACK TO CHURCH
SUNDAY 

DON'T WAIT ANY LONGER!

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

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It's the perfect season for new beginnings, and that's just what you'll find at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Our church is designed as a place to belong, with you in mind. We have upbeat music, relevant messages and a chance to meet new friends - all in an authentic, casual community. Whether you've never been to church before or haven't been in years, there has never been a time like right now! We'd love to meet you! **Now's the Time!**

JOIN US September 18th at 9AM & 11AM!

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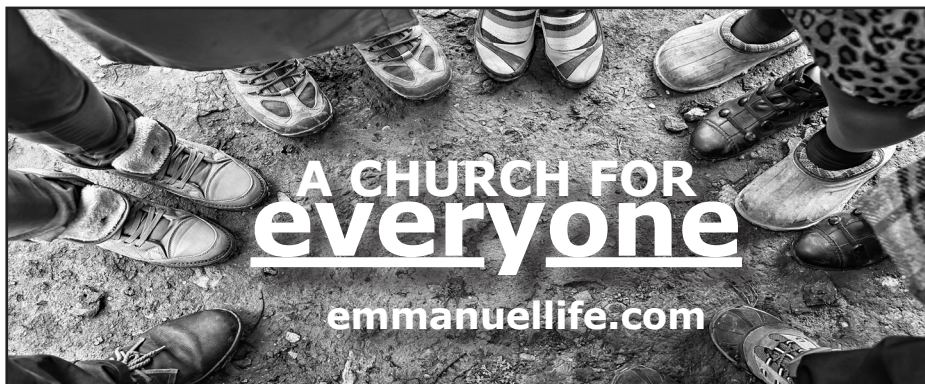
One of the worlds best known secular humanists Marghanita Laski was born in Manchester England to a prominent Jewish family. She was a very successful journalist, novelist and playwright, who was an avowed, and outspoken atheist. However, not long before she died in 1988, during a television interview, she was reflecting on her life and said to the host of the show, "What I envy most about you Christians is your forgiveness; I have nobody to forgive me."

What a sad commentary on a person's life, to come to the end and feel the emptiness that comes from not having a relationship with God. Now's the time to come to God.

The Bible says that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 3:23 & 5:8). Jesus holds out the gift of forgiveness to all, but like all gifts it must be received. That is why the Bible says that to all who received Him, to those who believe in His name He gives the right to be called children of God (John 1:12).

Saint Augustine, who lived in the 4th century, in what is today Algeria, said, "Thou hast created us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless till we rest in thee." Many people struggle in life because there is an emptiness in their lives that can only be filled by the presence of Jesus Christ.

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Augustine grew up learning about Jesus from his Christian mother. For the first 32 years of his life he called himself a Christian, but in reality he struggled with every sort of sin, and grew more and more anxious about his life, and the direction he was going. At age 32, now sick and tired of the struggle, he threw himself down under a tree and tears streamed from his eyes. He said aloud, to himself and to God, 'How long, how long is it to be?' 'Tomorrow, tomorrow. Why not now? Why can't I find an end to my impure life this very hour?'

As he cried out like this, he heard the voice of a child from a nearby house saying, "pick up and read." So he picked up the Bible and started to read it again. Augustine says in his memoirs, "As I read (the Bible), it was as if a light of relief from all anxiety flooded into my heart. All the shadows of doubt were dispelled."

The Bible says, "Now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). Don't miss out on the forgiveness of God. Call out to Jesus today, and receive Him as your Saviour. **Now's the time.**



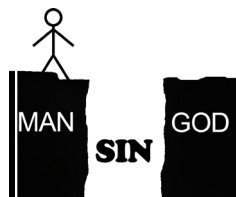
STEPS TO PEACE WITH GOD

God's Purpose: Peace and Life

God is the Master Artist. He created the universe and everything in it, and made us so we could have fellowship with Him. God loves us and wants us to experience His peace and life - abundant life in this world and eternity with God. "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." - John 3:16

The Problem: Separation from God

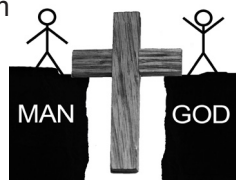
God created us in His own image to have everlasting life. When we choose to disobey God, going our own way and not His, this is sin, and separates us from God. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." - Romans 3:23



God's Bridge to Himself: The Cross of Jesus

Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave. He paid the penalty for our sin and bridged the gap between God and people. "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me.'"

- John 14:6



Our Response: Receiving Jesus Christ as Saviour We must trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and invite Him into our life. When we do, He comes into us through His Holy Spirit. "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and fellowship with him, and he with me." - Rev. 3:20

How You Can Know Jesus Today

- Admit your need for Him.
- Be willing to turn from your sins.
- Believe that Jesus died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.
- Invite Jesus to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit.

How to Pray:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins. I now invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as Lord and Saviour. In Jesus' name, Amen.

If you prayed that prayer, give me a call - I would like to give you some materials to help you come to know Jesus better.



WE'RE SAVING A SEAT FOR YOU

SUNDAYS 9AM & 11AM

SUNDAYS

Morning Service (Full children's programs) **9:00AM | 11:00AM**

Evening Service/Bible Study **7:00PM**

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**[He has made everything
beautiful in its time.]**

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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