

You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink

This old saying comes true in many life situations:

- * You know your friend needs to exercise. You can bring them to the door of the gym, but you can't make them go in; unless they realize their need.
- * You can join a protest march against low wages, but it's not likely to open management coffers, unless they really want to make labor peace.
- * You can put your child down for a nap, but they'll decide if they sleep or not.
- * The UN says war in Ukraine is unacceptable, but it hasn't stopped.

A Major Issue - So it is with God's message offering forgiveness of your many sins, and eternal peace in your soul. But no one will actually accept that offer unless they want it and are willing to abandon every hint of righteousness they think they had. This is a much bigger deal than any of the life situations outlined above, because it affects both your personal tranquility for the rest of your life, and exactly where you will end up for eternity.

Central to God's offer is a Person, the eternal Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. A long time ago He came into this world to live as a man among men, but by and large, He was rejected and then condemned to die on a cross. In doing so He took upon Himself the burden of your sins and those of many others who believe. God recognized His shed blood as sufficient to blot out the sins of all those who would appeal to this Saviour for full, free and permanent salvation.

Here are a few Bible verses that neatly sum up God's message to you:

**** All have sinned and come short of the glory of God; there is none righteous, no, not one.*** Romans 3:10 and 23

**** The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

Romans 6 :23

**** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*** John 3:16

**** And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead.*** Acts 3:15

**** Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*** Romans 5:1

**** The blood of Jesus Christ, His (God's) Son cleanseth us from all sin.*** 1 John 1:7

**** Behold, now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation.*** 2 Corinthians 6:2

Right now would be the best time to believe and trust in what God says about your soul's need. Jesus Christ is the answer. Come to Him while there's still time.

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