



WAKE UP CALL!

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Late one night a man found himself driving along a dark back country road with only dim headlights to guide him. He tried to remember where he was going and where he had come from but the answer escaped him. Feeling disoriented and more than a little uncomfortable he struggled to recall how he found himself in this situation but to no avail.

He knew he had a destination... He also knew that this road was one he had never been on before but strangely it seemed as though he was heading in the right direction. So he decided to focus on his driving after all an unfamiliar road on a dark night is not without its challenges, and one should be prepared for anything.

So he moved his hands to the ten and two o'clock position on the steering wheel and peered over it to get a better view of the faintly lit road ahead and as he drove he became impressed by the ease with which the car responded, it was almost as though the car could drive itself!

Before long his thoughts began to drift back to when he was a small child and soon the memories of his life up to this point came flooding back and flashed through his mind as though he was in a movie theater, in vivid detail the people places and events of his life began to play out before him. As they presented themselves all the emotions he felt in every instance consumed him and while many of the of the decisions and judgments he had made along the way made him feel proud, joyful and successful, others haunted and disturbed him!

As he drove the ominous road to a destination unknown he became immersed in the memories of secrets kept, and long ago buried in the dark recesses of his mind. He saw that as he grew older some grew much darker and so vivid were they that not only could he view the memories, but the thoughts and motivations behind them as well! Many times they were wrapped in greed, selfishness, lust, hate and vanity.

The evil behind his actions brought feelings of shame, disgust and sorrow and affected him greatly, so much so that tears came to his eyes as the weight of all the pain, distress, damage and injury to others for which he was responsible overwhelmed him! The sorrow he felt for his thoughts and deeds was almost more than he could bear, he had believed himself to be a "good person" but confronted with the sum total of his transgressions, he realized that he had long ago allowed himself to become corrupted to the point where he now condemned himself!

In fact so lost in his thoughts was he that he had not kept his eyes on the road and soon it occurred to him that he had traveled a great distance and might be in danger, so immediately he focused his eyes on the road ahead and found (*surprisingly*) that he was not about to run off the road but rather was dead center of the lane about to top a large hill, wow (*he thought to himself*) I can't believe I'm still on the road!

As the car topped the hill he saw he was about to descend into a large valley and off in the distance a wide chasm glowing with an angry red color like burning embers ran through it!

Then looking down at the bottom of the hill he saw a large number of cars heading towards it and quickly found himself heading down the hill towards them! Drawing ever closer he began to feel heat on his face which slowly filled the car while growing in intensity, soon he caught glimpses of flames bellowing out of the chasm and in horror realized that all the cars including his were heading towards the precipice! Before long he was so near that he could hear the wail of terrifying screams and was able to watch horrified as one by one the cars fell over the edge into the fiery pit! Immediately he realized he would soon be among them!

In an effort to save himself he turned the steering wheel hard trying to get off the road but the car would not respond. As he got closer the road got wider and wider and even wider allowing thousands of the doomed to plunge into the inferno that blazed without ceasing and seemed to leap up and greet its falling victims with demonic glee. Terrified he hit the brakes and pulled the emergency brake in a vain attempt to stop, then he tried to open the doors and roll down the windows or break them but nothing worked! The heat was overpowering and he felt as though he were being roasted alive and as the car reached the precipice he felt it begin to tip into the fiery devastation awaiting him and then as he felt it fall he heard his screams and looking into the depths of hell he saw his eternity and began to scream the screams of the lost!

Then as he was falling he felt a vibration in his pants pocket next to his leg and heard a ringing that got louder and louder and LOUDER! So he reached for his leg and as he did so the horror of his eternal destiny was snatched away and barely conscious he became aware of his hand on his phone and muffled voices urgently yelling for him to do something...

Opening his eyes he found himself on a stretcher, inside an ambulance with an oxygen mask covering his face and he could see the emergency lights flashing and paramedics over him performing emergency medical aid who were telling him; Breathe Buddy, Breathe deep! You've been in a serious accident and we need you to breathe because we thought we lost you and then your phone began ringing and you came to! That call saved your life because we were about to give up! SO BREATHE!

After arriving at the hospital emergency room he was treated, stabilized and a mild coma was induced as surgery was considered. However the next day he had improved enough that he was allowed to wake up and upon opening his eyes he saw all around him his family and friends. He soon learned more about the accident and was told that he had suffered a number of broken bones and a severe concussion to his head which almost killed him!

One of his brothers commented saying; they told us that the paramedics tried everything to save you, but with no vital signs and no response they finally gave up and left you in the ambulance for transport to the morgue. Then as they were about to leave they heard a cell phone ringing and ran back to the rear doors and opened them just in time to see your hand in your pants pocket pulling out your cell phone. They said they couldn't believe it! They were sure you were dead because everything they tried had failed to revive you. Matter of fact one

of them told the Doctor it was like a “Wake up Call from God!” Then his wife asked him if he had checked his phone to see who called? He replied, No, I haven’t had a chance, but can you find it and hand it to me please? Of course; she answered and after a few moments of searching his belongings she found the phone and handed it to him. He said, thank you honey and began to search his recent contacts and was unable to find any number, friends or associates who had called him anywhere close to that time! But he did notice that the background on his phone had changed to a fiery flaming red!

Dear Reader Please... with all the love I can muster please take this as YOUR “WAKE UP CALL !”

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: **Hebrews 9:27**

According to statistical research every 8 seconds a person loses their life!

So if you take a moment to consider how that statistic relates to your eternal destiny it is urgent that you take a few moments to consider the following questions...

- 1. Are you a Good Person?**
- 2. Do you believe you have done enough good deeds to earn your way into Heaven?**
- 3. Have you always conducted yourself in a forthright and considerate manner when dealing with others throughout your life?**
- 4. Have you been charitable, loving and kind everyday possible?**

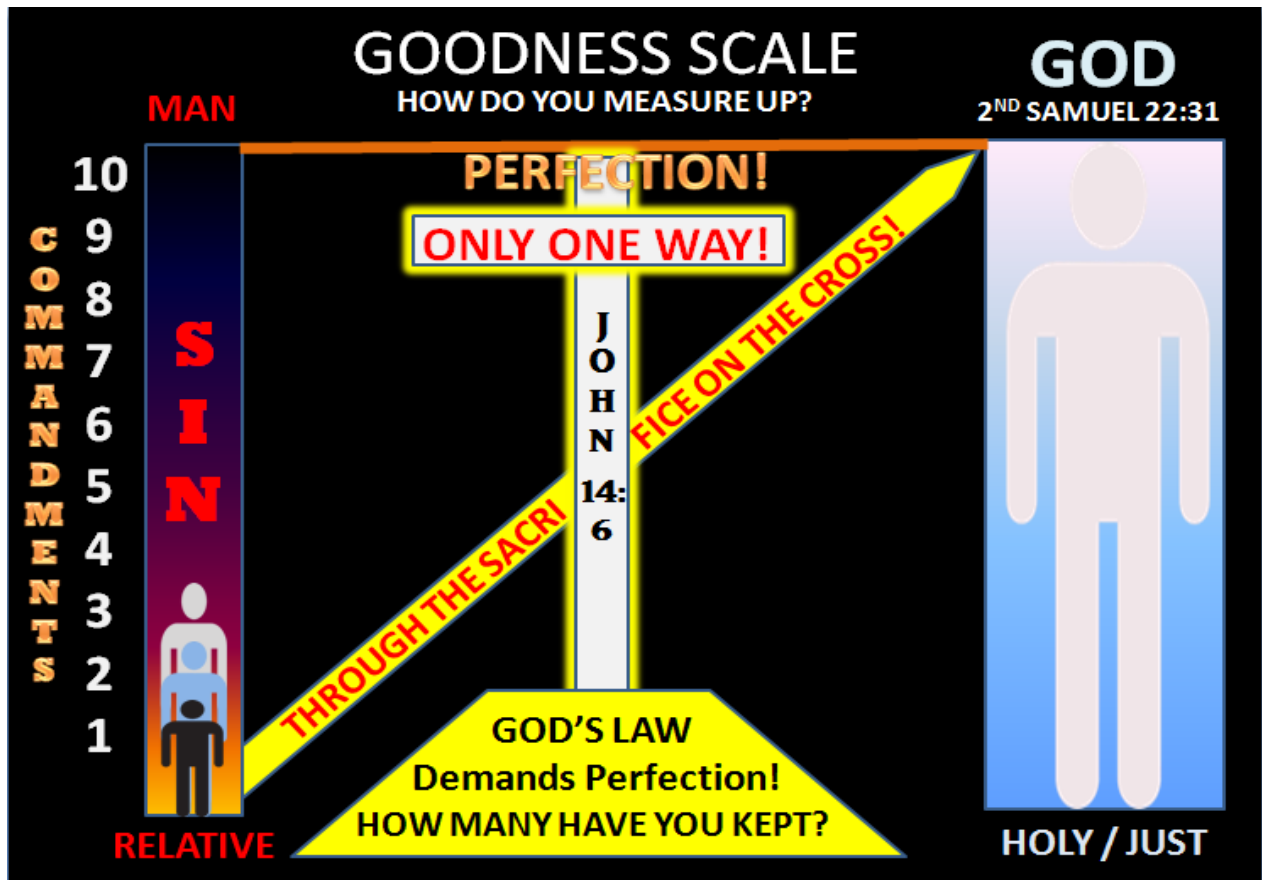
If you answered yes (or pretty much) to all those questions then congratulations you are pretty much like most of us. Doing the best we can to be the best person we can be! So within the framework of society and its laws you can pretty much for the most part call yourself a good person! However, regarding eternal consequences based on Gods law, how well do we measure up? Well to be sure... Let’s check Gods Laws.



The Ten Commandments.

- 1. You’ve Never told a Lie, Right?** Because that would make you a Liar!
- 2. Never Stolen anything (no matter how small), Right?** Because that would make you a Thief!
- 3. You’ve Never used Gods name as a Curse word, Right?** Because that would make you a Blasphemer!
- 4. Never Lusted after anyone, Right?** Because that would make you an Adulterer! (*Jesus said lusting after someone is the same as doing it*)
- 5. Never Hated anyone, Right?** Because that would make you a Murderer! (*Jesus said hating someone in your heart is the same as murder*)

How are you doing? We have covered 5 of the 10 Commandments, if you answered “Yes I Did” to even one of them you are guilty of sin. I am sure that if you are honest with yourself you are guilty of more than one! But so are the rest of us, every one of us! None of us measure up!



For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: *Romans 3:23 & 3:10*

Then we read this verse... **For the wages of sin is death! *Romans 6:23 (a)***

So if all have sinned then what hope is there? How can anyone be saved? the last part of that last verse we just read speaks to the Mercy of God and finishes with this...

But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Romans 6:23 (B)*

All you have to do is humble yourself (swallow your pride), admit you are a sinner, confess and repent (be sorry for your sins and turn away from them) then accept God's gift by putting your trust and faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior who sacrificed Himself on the cross to pay for your sins. Please read the following verse of promise...



The Bible says *that" if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" Romans 10:9-10*

Try looking at it from another perspective by asking yourself these "What If" questions...

If I were drowning would I grab a Life Preserver that had been thrown to me?

If I were aboard an Airplane that lost power and is about to crash would I accept a parachute to save my life?

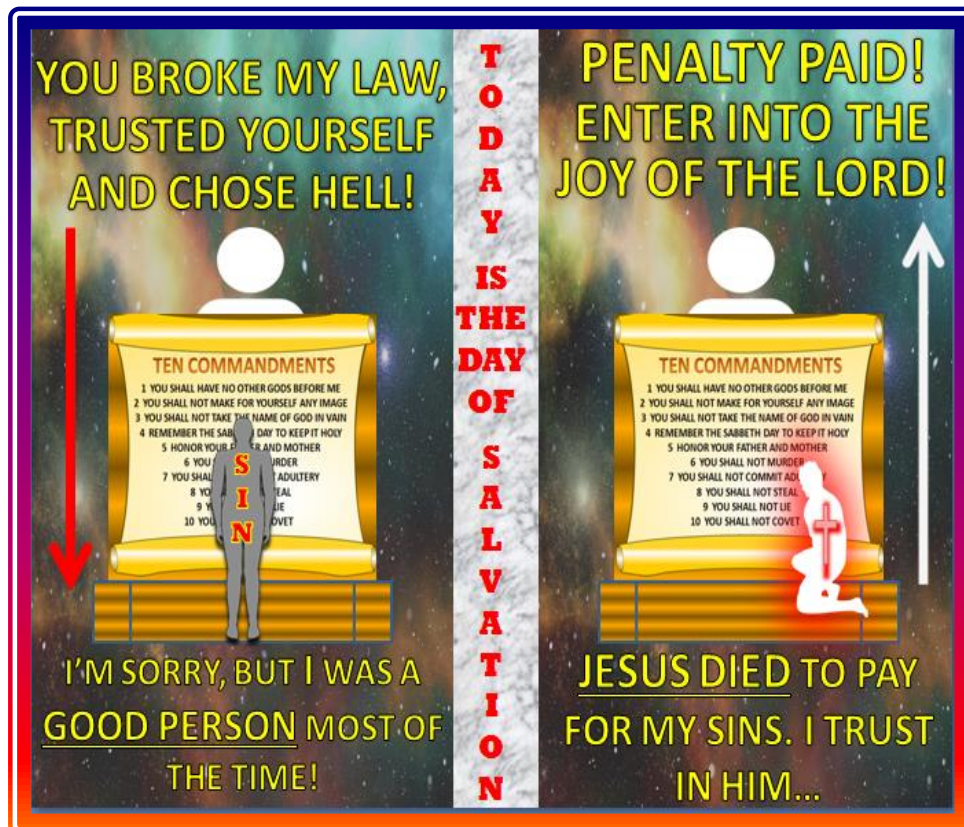
If I had fallen off a cliff but managed to grab a shrub and hang on for dear life would I accept a rescue?

If I were minutes from death and suspected my destination was hell, would I surrender my pride and accept the Gift of God?

Think about that last one for a minute... How many minutes from death are you? There are 60 minutes in an hour, 1440 minutes in a day, 43,200 in a 30 day month and in a 365 day year 525,600 minutes. How many of those can you claim? The honest answer is "NOT ONE!" Death can literally come in a heartbeat (*or the lack of one!*)

Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. James 4:14

You I and everyone we know will one day find ourselves standing in front of the God of the universe and we will give an account of ourselves!



When your day arrives, what will you say?

A Personal Note

Please allow me to share a personal thought with you if I may regarding my motivation for writing the "Wake Up Call" which would be you dear reader, please understand that this message is an act of love towards you and all who will take the time to read it. It is written to everyone everywhere regardless of status, station, culture, race or religion.

Herein I have simply testified to what I believe to be the only hope for our world and the eternal destiny of every single one of us. Please be assured that every message I share is done with the purest of intentions for which I seek no gain or glory but only that "Gods Will" be done in the lives of all whom it touches! For the Bible says...

Blessed is the man that trusts in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. Jeremiah 17:7

Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13

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Read the Bible daily and apply what you read. A good place to start is the Gospel of John.

Bible Verses of Life - John 14:6, John 3:17, Romans 3:23, Romans 3:10, Ecclesiastes 12:14, Romans 5:8, John 3:16, Romans 6:23, Romans 10:9-10, , 2nd Samuel 22:31, John 14:6, James 4:14 and Hebrews 9:27.