

# FCCsunday

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**“God’s 20/20 Vision: *God Saves God’s Way*”**

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Problem: Don’t Die at All Cost:

Solution: ETERNAL LIFE BEGINS HERE AND NOW

The Problem: Don’t Die at all Cost!

So much anxiety. Don’t want to die physically, don’t want to die financially, or any other way!

Self-preservation is our top priority.

Say Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson comes up behind you, pinches your nose while he covers your mouth w his massive, strong hand...and he squeezes...what will your reaction automatically be?

YOU WILL FLAIL like you’ve never flailed before!

Why is that? Self-preservation at al cost.

O the panic when we’re not in control.

Why is that?

Could it be because we believe the FIRST LIE?

You shall be like God. You shall not SURELY die!

We deeply desire to be like God...but we’re not. The first lie we buy goes like this:

“Our kids want our job in the same way we want Gods job!”

“What’s the main difference between God and humanity? God never thinks He’s you!”

-Pastor Matt Popovitz

So we live an anxiety-filled life, especially when we come near the edge of extinction (Survivor fans). We really do not want to die. So we get going on our self-salvation projects and we get to work to save ourselves, don’t we?

Thou shalt be fit (pretty/handsome) enough...

Thou shalt be rich enough...

Thou shalt be famous enough...

Thou shalt be smart enough...

Thou shall be .... and we exhaust ourselves in life’s attempts to “save” ourselves.

The coronavirus has this world by the throat and many are gasping, beginning to flail. Now if and when this all passes, you and I are not out of the woods! Yes, maybe for a time, but the tightening grip of believing that first lie will yet again find you out.

The Bible says:

“...But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,”  
Hebrews 9:26-27 NIV

FLIP THIS AND WE SEE

- OUR PROBLEM
- GOD’S SOLUTION

The 1 and only ultimate way you can be at peace in Christ is because those in Christ have ALREADY (by grace alone, thru faith alone, on account of Jesus alone...) entered eternal life! We are now in life that is eternal!  
Many Christians are waiting to enter eternal life when they die and go be w the Lord...but that's not what Jesus and the NT writers say!

“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me HAS eternal life and will not be judged but HAS crossed over from death to life.”  
John 5:24

“Since, then, you HAVE BEEN RAISED with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.”  
Colossians 3:1

There is a concept in scripture called "ALREADY & NOT YET". Ever hear of it?  
It pays close attention to scripture details. In this case the tense of the words matter. There is an "already" resurrection that takes place once a person believes. This is what the “New Birth” is all about (read John chapter 3)

Though in this fallen world nothing is complete. It is the inauguration (beginning), deposit (Eph 1:13-14) that guarantees what is "not yet" which is the absolute completeness or what is called the consummation, or the completeness of all Jesus died to give us! The fullness takes place in the next life, but it begins in this one!

This is why Jesus can say "he who believes...HAS!  
The first fruits of resurrection life - here, now, today, 2020!...and will (for certain) never, ever die...cuz we are in for sure!

This is rock-solid truth to rest & rejoice in, over the coronavirus pandemic, or any and all plight you find yourself facing in this frail & broken world! We have the very victory of Jesus who came and triumphed over this world, the flesh & the devil...to secure for you forgiveness of sins and righteousness before God!

The Solution: Resurrection Life Begins Here and Now, by faith in Jesus Christ!

“Jesus said..., “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;”  
John 11:25 NIV  
<https://www.bible.com/111/jhn.11.25.niv>

We can rest because...  
It. Is. Finished!

Amen

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