## Good News

For those in fear, uncertainty and confusion

## Tired of hearing had news?

There's often a disaster somewhere; bush fires out of control, a surprise attack leaving a number maimed or dead. There's the increasing scourge of knife crime, and of course there's the deadly Coronavirus popping up in the most unpredictable places. As a result, many live in fear.

While some suffering is a direct result of people's selfishness or greed, most seems quite indiscriminate. Suffering, sickness and death comes to everyone.

We all need some good news! The good news is that evil will not have the last word. God has not left. us without hope! The Lord Jesus Christ came from heaven into this world to save sinners. Born in Bethlehem just over 2000 years ago, his birth was announced to shepherds as "good news of great joy . . for all people . . for unto you is born ... A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord". After they had seen the new born Saviour they went out to spread the good news.

The Bible says the cause of misery in the world is consequence of mankind's rebellion against a Holy God. Everyone does wrong, others can see it and my conscience confirms it. We sin when we fail to obey God's good commandments. Sin is being selfish, proud or unthankful to God. The evils in the world anger God who will justly punish us on the day of judgment. The Bible speaks as much of the wrath of God as of his love. This is why we all need a Saviour.

The Lord Jesus, holy and sinless, gave his perfect life

as a sacrifice on the cross to save others from the consequence of sin. The Bible declares, "Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God". (1 Peter 3:18).

Jesus died but then rose from the dead showing that God has accepted this punishment for sin

To be a Christian, is to follow Christ as Lord and Saviour. Jesus saves all who turn from their sin and seek him for forgiveness. Those who follow him have peace with God, joy, hope for the future, and eternal life.

We know for certain there is an afterlife because Jesus spoke of it and came back from the dead to prove it.

After Jesus was crucified on the cross he was buried. Three days later he rose from the dead just as he predicted. He appeared to his disciples and also to over 500 people at the same time. (1 Corinthians 15:6)

After death every one of us will have to give an account of our

life to God. "It is appointed for man to die once, and after that the judgment". (Hebrews 9:27)

Jesus gives a sure hope to those who turn to follow him of being in heaven, with no more pain, sorrow, sickness or death. It is a place of perfect peace and everlasting joy.

Like to know more? Text: 0795 1866 124 for a free *Ultimate Questions* booklet.



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