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The Message From 2020

What a crazy, strange, surreal year. Maybe *different* would be the best way to describe 2020. Whatever word we might choose to fit this past year, it was certainly one like we've never seen before. Our nation and the entire world was affected by a pandemic with a virus that killed many. It's not something that most of us want to dwell on. We'd like to forget about all of it and just move on. But, maybe you have questions. I know I do. Like, what do we do now? Or, was God trying to tell us something this past year? If so, what? And does the Bible say anything about tragedies like this?

In September of 2001, after the horrifying events of a day we now refer to as 9/11, a pastor on the program Larry King Live was asked a question by King on national television. The question was, "What's the message from all of this?" The pastor answered, "The message is that we are all going to die, and we have no control over when and how it's going to happen." Wow. That may sound harsh, insensitive perhaps, maybe even a bit rude. But, that is the message. That's the message, plain and simple. We are all going to die.

During Jesus' earthly ministry, he addressed a similar situation. In the book of *Luke* chapter 13, it was reported to him, that a tragedy had occurred. Evidently many Galileans were unjustly killed by the Roman leader Pilate. Those that were with Jesus apparently thought that the Galileans that were killed must have done something sinful to deserve this death. And Jesus spoke to those with him, obviously reading their thoughts and said, "*Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans because they suffered this fate? I tell you no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.*" And Jesus continued to speak relating another tragedy. "*Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were worse culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem? I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.*" Here, Jesus plainly gives us the message and the right response to the message. The message: We are all going to die, and we deserve it. The response: Repent. (cont.)



*Praising God for the wonderful family time we shared over Christmas with everyone home.
We may or may not have spoiled the grandkids! 😊*

“Proclaiming Christ and Encouraging Others Through Music and God’s Word”

The Bible is very clear in stating that we are all sinners, (Romans 3:23) and that we deserve death, spiritual separation from God and eternity in hell (Romans 6:23). None of us is righteous (Romans 3:10). We have all *chosen* our own sinful way (Isaiah 53:6). Every breath that we breathe, every second of every minute of every hour of every day is a blessing and a gift from God. Yet, we do not seek Him or honor Him or thank Him. We have no fear of God. When Jesus said to those with him, “*unless you repent, you will all likewise perish,*” that should’ve put fear into everyone listening. It should put fear into us now. But, we don’t want to face the truth that we are going to die. We don’t want to talk about it. It makes us uncomfortable. We try our best to avoid even mentioning it. According to a Georgetown University study, 65 million people die every year. That’s 178,000 people dying every day, even without a global virus. The message is, we are all going to die, and because of our sin and our rebelliousness toward God, we don’t deserve to live. We are going to die. That’s the message. But, that’s just part of the message.

The second part of the message is that God did something for us. We just celebrated Christmas and the birth of Jesus. In Matthew 1:21, we are given the reason why Jesus came, “for He will save his people from their sins.” That’s the rest of the message. The good part. The amazingly great, awesomely wonderful part. ***John 3:16*** says, “*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.*” Perish. There’s that word again. We all deserve to perish, but God offers us forgiveness of our sins and salvation through His Son Jesus Christ and eternal life with Him in heaven! God cries out to us to come to Him and be saved. ***Psalms 86:5*** reads, “*For You Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all who call upon You.*” ***Isaiah 45:22*** says, “*Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God and there is no other.*” ***Ezekiel 18:32*** states, “*For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies, declares the Lord. Therefore, repent and live.*” ***2 Peter 3:9*** affirms the same. “*The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish.*” God longs for us to turn to Him.

Back in *Luke 13*, right after Jesus says that unless we repent, we will all perish, He shares a parable portraying God’s love and patience, allowing us more time to turn to Him. But don’t wait. Don’t wait. Life is a terminal illness. We are all going to die. ***Hebrews 9:27*** reads, “*And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once, and after this comes judgment.*” For those that don’t repent and believe in God’s only Son Jesus Christ for salvation, *when* they die, judgment will come, and it will be too late.

The message from 2020 to everyone on the earth is to repent, turn to God, and be saved.

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Year-End Notes:

We have enclosed contribution receipts for 2020 for tax purposes for gifts given for \$250 or more. If you would like a receipt and didn’t receive one, please let us know. All gifts given to our ministry are tax deductible.

Also, if you would like to receive our newsletter by email instead of a paper copy or wish to be removed from our list, let us know.

We are very thankful for the extra financial gifts we received last quarter to help with our many expenses and upcoming ministry taxes. If you would like to partner with us on a monthly basis, we would be grateful and appreciate your prayerful consideration.

May God richly bless you in this New Year.

Romans 8:1, 2

“Therefore there is now no condemnation at all for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.”

Please pray with us:

- *As we resume our Truth Singers January 14
- *As we start up 2 new Bible Studies in *Ephesians*
- *That we can sing and minister again soon in the nursing homes
- *That our FCA students would desire to know God more
- *For our health and protection
- *For daily sanctification and boldness in sharing the Gospel

Thank you to everyone who sponsored a Truth Singer for Christmas! We had a “drive-through” Christmas party in which we handed out Christmas cookies and juice, distributed 63 gifts, and delivered 17 more. It was SO good to see and hear some of our Truth Singers again, even through masks and van windows! Please pray for our special needs friends.



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To Marriages through Marriage Mentoring,
To Students through FCA, and Home Bible Studies*

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