

the BUTTERFLY EFFECT



Inspired by my daughter's elementary school project...

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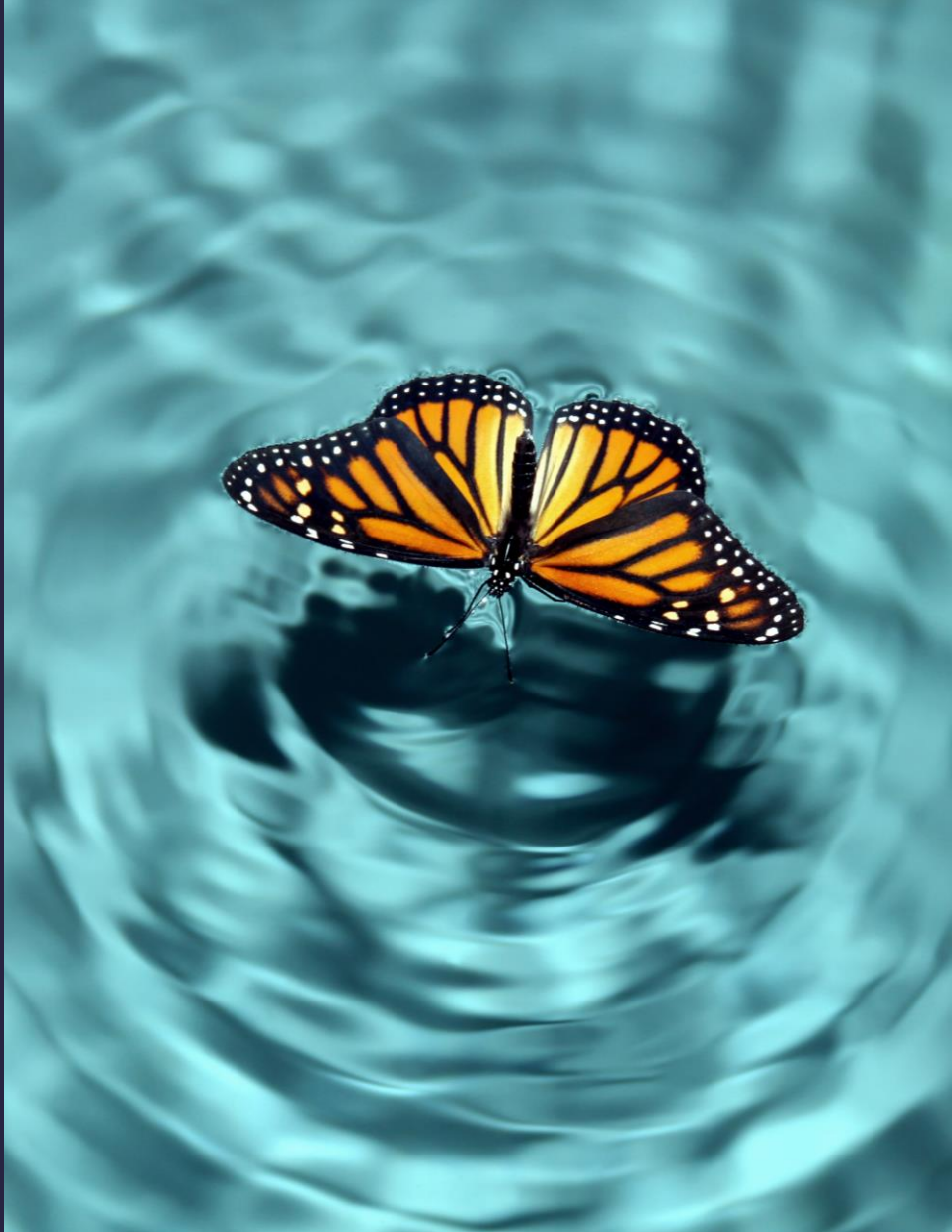
- ... World events
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- ... YOUR EXHORTATION



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- What is the **Butterfly Effect**?



- Definition of the Butterfly Effect:
- In 1963, Edward Lorenz made a presentation to the New York Academy of Sciences and was literally laughed out of the room. His theory, called the butterfly effect, stated that a butterfly could flap its wings and set air molecules in motion that, in turn, would move other air molecules—which would then move additional air molecules—eventually becoming able to influence weather patterns on the other side of the planet.



- Meaning of the Butterfly Effect:
- “**Every** single thing **you** do matters. **You** have been created as one of a kind. **You** have been created in order to make a difference. **You** have within you the power to change the world.”

– Andy Andrews

Let's start by considering...



now DID YOU KNOW...THE TRUTH IS...

You are in a war, a battle for your soul...

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

6 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? – Matthew 16:26

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

1 Peter 5:8



also DID YOU KNOW... THE TRUTH IS...

12 Therefore, just as through one man **sin entered the world**, and **death through sin**, and **thus death spread to all men**, because **all sinned**—

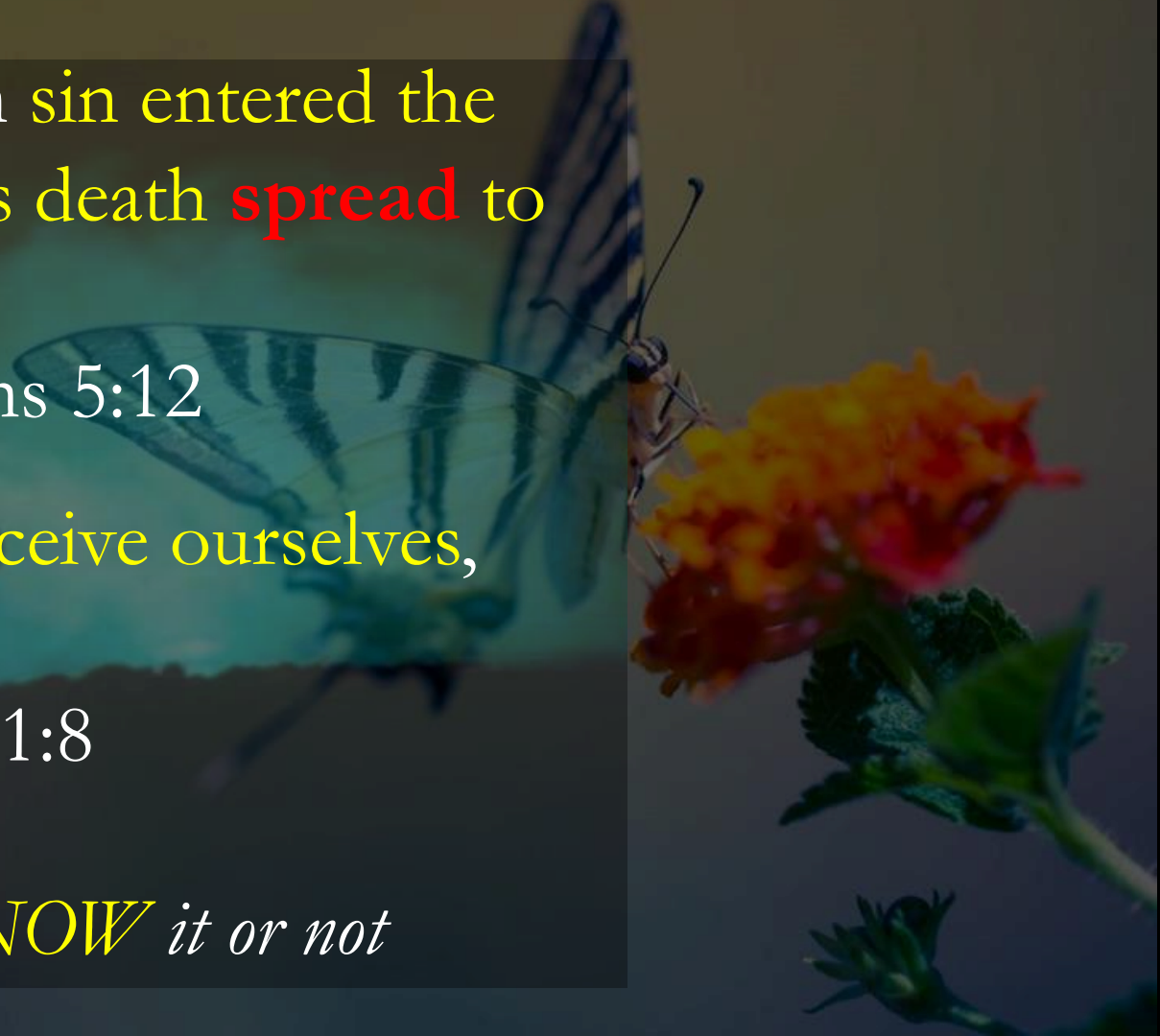
— Romans 5:12

8 If **we say that we have no sin**, **we deceive ourselves**, and the **truth is not in us**.

— 1 John 1:8

You are in a war, a battle for your soul...

*Whether you like it or not...whether you **KNOW** it or not*





furthermore DID YOU KNOW... THE TRUTH IS...

23 For the wages of sin is **death**, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

– Romans 6:23

18 Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the **free gift** came to all men, resulting in justification of life.

– Romans 5:18

*“With Christ
Free is Free”*

36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, **you shall** be free indeed.

- John 8:36

Have you heard of “Fake News”...
What is **truth**? Can you handle it?



Apostle Paul inspired by the Holy Spirit writes:

12 For **we** do **not wrestle against** flesh and blood, but:

- **against principalities,**
- **against powers,**
- **against** the rulers of the **darkness of this age,**
- **against** spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

- Ephesians 6:12

38 Pilate said to Him, “**What is truth?**” And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, “I find no fault in Him at all.

- John 18:38

As I contemplated on the previous **truths**, let's now consider...

... **World** events

We live in a new **Global Connected Era**...

Referred to as the **Digital Age**

- ❖ Also called the **information age**, defined as the time period starting in the 1970s with the introduction of the personal computer with subsequent **technology** introduced providing the ability to transfer information **freely** and quickly.



2000BC	12th Century	1876	1994	2007
				
Smoke Signals	Carrier Pigeons	Landlines	WWW.	Smart Phones



... **World** events ... Is Free... *Free?*

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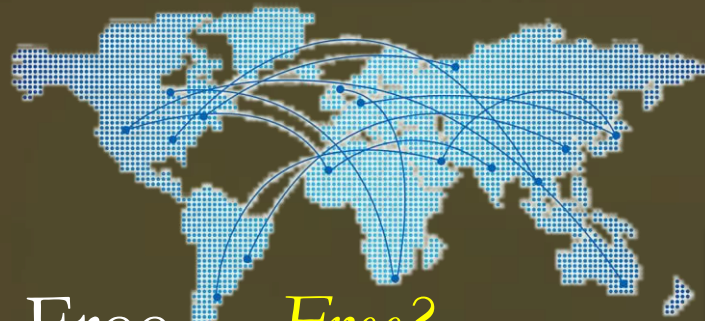
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...technology introduced providing the ability to transfer information **freely** and quickly.

Let's investigate...

There is a **cost** to Free...

... **World** events ... Is Free... *Free?*



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- “Smart News”
- “Keeping you current”

- “Fake News”
- “Spreads Faster”
- “Spreads Deeper”
- “than ‘Verified’ (truths)”

- “Sent by ~3 million people”
- “Not bots (machines)”
- “(People) primarily responsible for the spread of disinformation (untruths)”

We must always be on guard, what we listen to, read, and see; as we are in a war for our souls, who is behind the “free” information?



The cost of freedom
is eternal vigilance.

Thomas Jefferson

Jesus Says in John 17:17:

17 Sanctify (*set them apart*) them by Your truth. Your word is truth.



... **World** events ... the BUTTERFLY EFFECT



...As we look at world events, **even the smallest idea**... whether good or bad, can **take root** and affect each of us, and **spread**...we must be careful to **guard our hearts & minds** to know what is truth, to affect our world with good and truth. Christians are to be **SALT & LIGHT**.

13 “**You** are the **salt** of the **earth**; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then **good for nothing** but to be **thrown out** and **trampled underfoot** by men. - Matthew 5:13

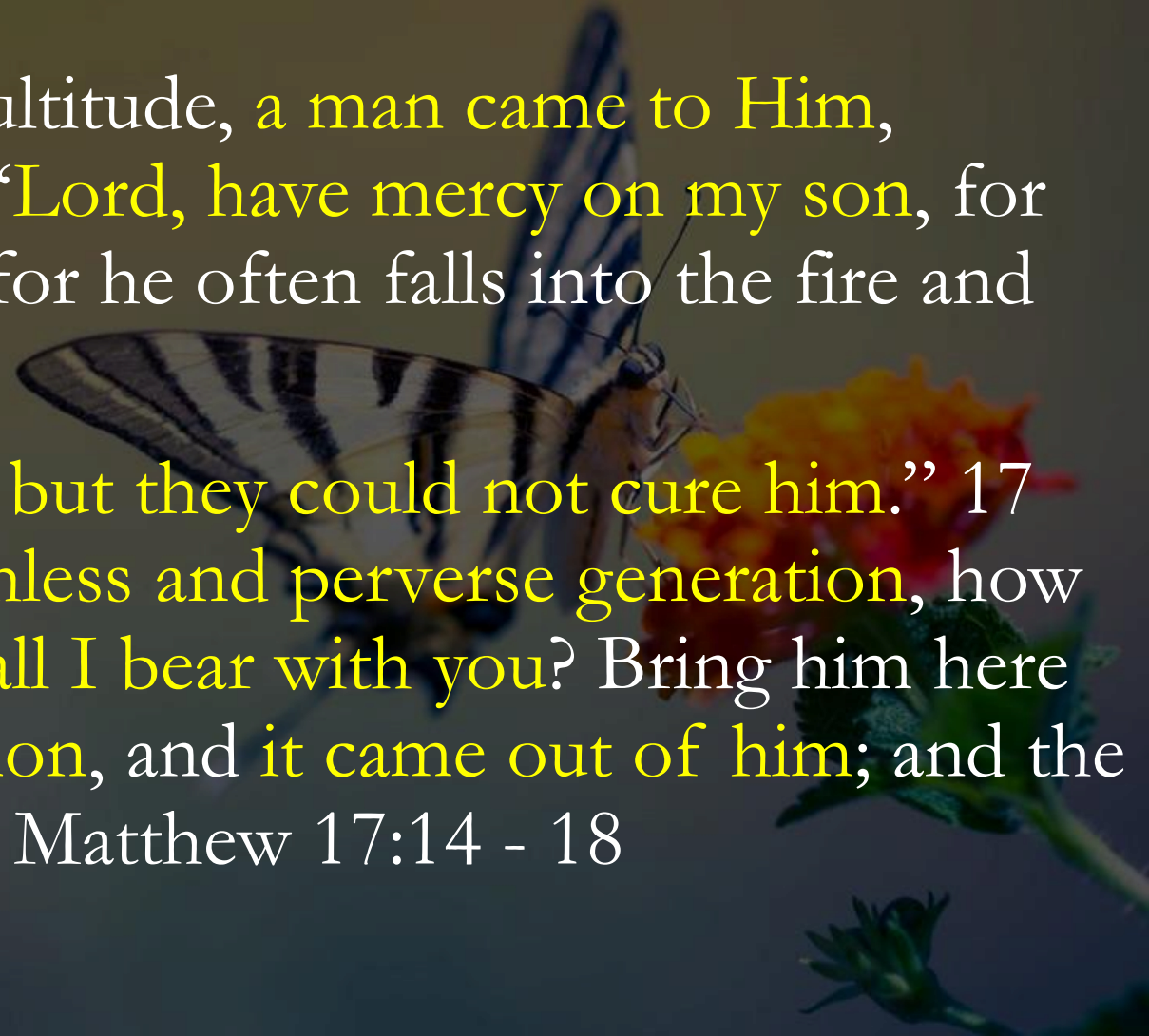
Everything you do matters... Let's look at your Faith...

... Biblical examples



14 And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, 15 “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.

16 So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.” 17 Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. - Matthew 17:14 - 18



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... Biblical examples



19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” 20 So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” - Matthew 17:19 - 20

We see here that the smallest change we can make with just strengthening our faith, the putting forth of actions to our beliefs in Jesus, we can move mountains with our perceived “small contribution” of our lives in the world around us.



... Christ's encouragements



- Jesus invites us to examine the **size** of our Faith.
- Consider **God's love towards us**, that while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us** (Romans 5:8). How can **one Man** affect the **entire World** for good?
- God's Angels rejoice in Heaven over **1 sinner who repents**. (Luke 15:10).

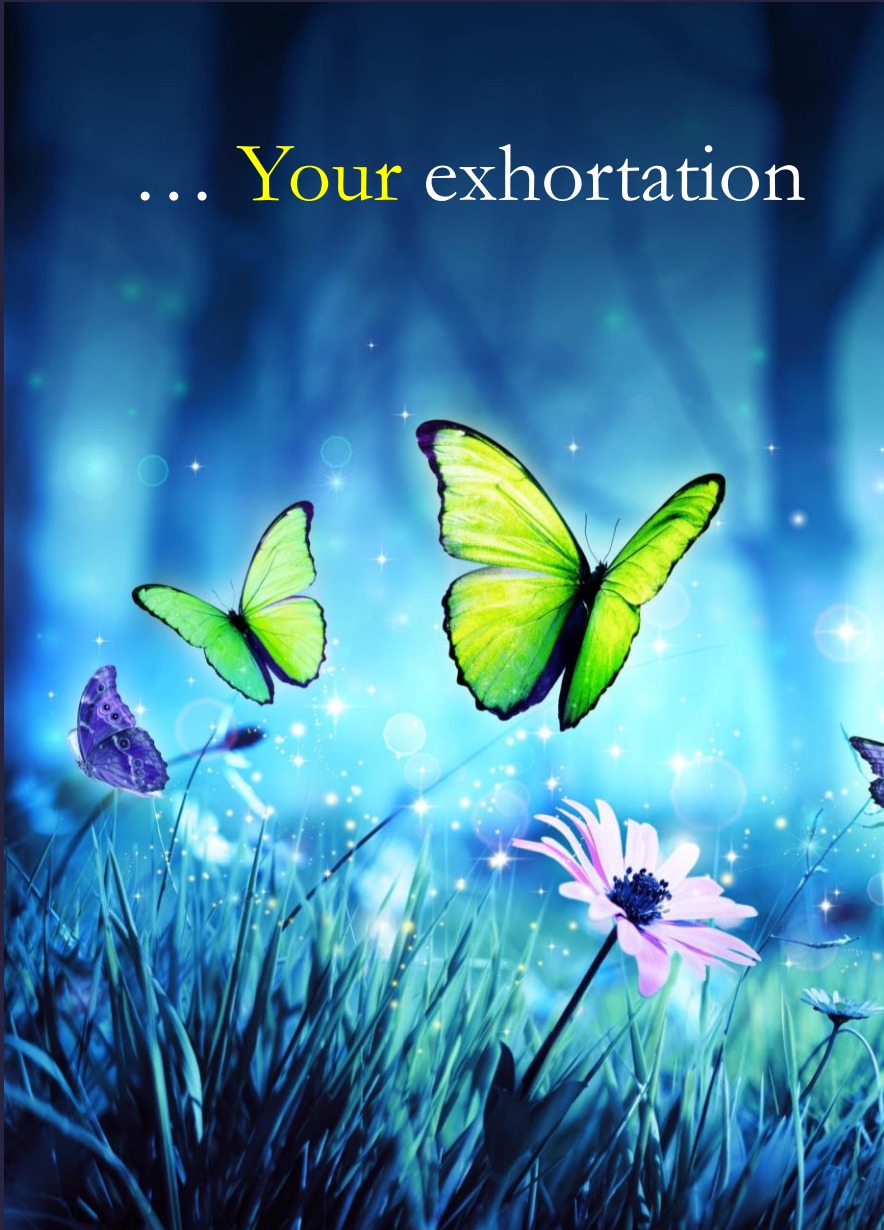




- Jesus also describes the **size** of the Kingdom of Heaven as the same.
- 30 Then **He** said, “To what shall we liken the **kingdom of God**? Or with what parable shall we picture it? 31 **It is like a mustard seed** which, when it is sown on the ground, is **smaller than all the seeds on earth**; 32 but **when it is sown**, it **grows up and becomes greater than all** herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade.”

– Mark 4:30 - 32

... **Your** exhortation



- What's your **Butterfly Effect**?

... Your exhortation



- What's your **Butterfly Effect**?
- Every single thing you do matters...

9 The Lord is not slack concerning His **promise**, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward as, **not willing that any should perish** but that **all** should come to repentance. - 2 Peter 3:9

... Your exhortation



***You** have been
created in order to
make a difference*

26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” Genesis 1:26 - 28

... Your exhortation

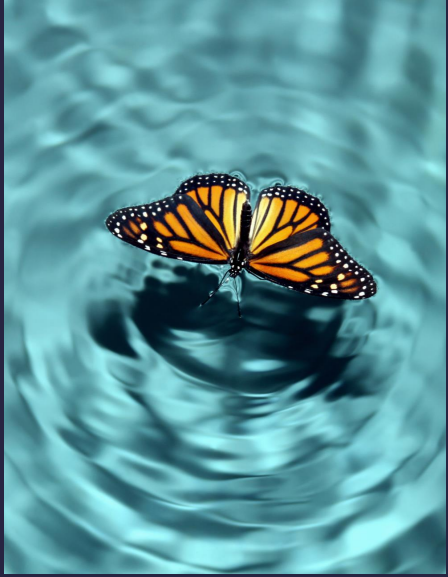


- You have been created as one of a kind.
- With God, all things are possible (Matthew 19:26) / All things are possible to him who believes (Mark 9:23)
- 13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:

Fear God and keep His commandments,
For this is man's all. 14 For God will bring
every work into judgment, Including every
secret thing, Whether good or evil.

- Ecclesiastes 12:13 - 14

... Your exhortation



Love
Bless
Do Good
Pray
Be Perfect



- 43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? 48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. - Matthew 5:43 - 48

15 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel (good news) to every creature. - Mark 16:15

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God has Promised by his Son, Jesus Christ...

You Receive Free Gift Holy Spirit and Eternal Life

Acts 2:38

You ... Hear the Word

You ... Believe in the Truth, Jesus died for your sins

You ... Repent of your Sins

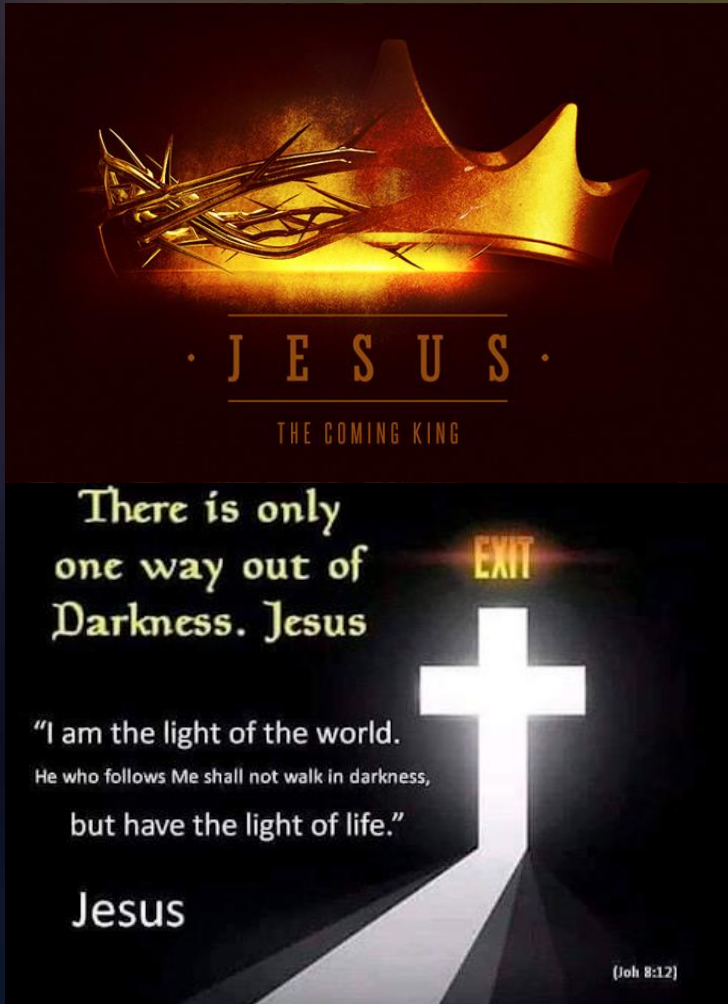
You ... Confess Jesus is Lord and Christ

You ... Be Baptized For Remission Of Your Sins, Salvation

You ... Live Faithful until Death

Revelations 2:10

You... will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. – James 1:12



... God is calling You

A graphic featuring a blue circle with the text "WATER baptism" in white. The background shows water splashes and bubbles, suggesting a baptism scene.

WATER
baptism

... Your invitation

- Why not make that small step **Today For your Salvation?**
- Tomorrow may be too late
- ❖ But **when they believed** Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. – Acts 8:12
- ❖ Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “**See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?**” – Acts 8:36