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Our text for today is **2Corinthians 10:3**:

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

Thank you for listening and thinking with me as we study God's Word to obtain the mind of Christ, meaning, to have the Bible illuminated in our minds so we can clearly understand the principles that Jesus taught and base our daily personal decisions on those principles.

We come to Church because we want to be obedient to the Bible, which is the doctrine of Jesus Christ, in an informed, insightful and intelligent manner.

As we begin, let me communicate to you that my preaching is based upon the fact that every episode recorded in the Bible is literally true.

We live in a culture in which fantasy and fiction dominate, but we need to resist the allure of made-up stories and intellectually concocted arguments as we develop faith in the meticulously recorded factual history of the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ by the eyewitnesses who were present on the scene.

We must do whatever we need to do to develop the personal faith needed to believe that the Bible is the absolute truth, and recognize that every fiction put forth by man or by the devil to contradict or minimize the impact of Biblical accounts is a lie.

In our study for today, this 10th chapter of the book of 2Corinthians, Paul reminds the Corinthian church, once again, that the Christian church is in a war against sin. Paul informs the Corinthians, in **2Corinthians 10:1–3**:

1 Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—who in presence am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you.

2 But I beg you that when I am present I may not be bold with that confidence by which I intend to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

My friends, the church cannot afford to be oriented towards the things of this life. Possessions, earthly accomplishments, fame and reputation cannot be the focus of the church. The spread of the gospel has to do with convincing people that their objective should be everlasting life, and this physical life that we are living on earth is certainly not everlasting life.

The Psalmist tells us, in **Psalm 90:10**:

10 The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

There are some who make it to ninety or even a hundred years, oh, but do not be deceived, even those with the longest life in the flesh will not be here forever.



The Apostle Paul admonishes the Corinthians to begin to change their perspective. Our objective to serve the Lord must take into account the fact that it is ours to convince, convict, and convert as many as we can to the Lord's side, for the only eternal commodity that we can effect is the souls of man. Paul informs us, in **2Corinthians 10:4–6**:

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

Oh, we must become adept at pulling down the intellectual strongholds of the devil. In previous messages, I talked about my journey to Christianity. The Bible teaches us, in **Proverbs 22:6**:

6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Oh, but my parents, God rest their souls, had a different perspective. They went along with the societal norm that said that lying to children about supernatural things was harmless. They told me the normal stories that parents tell children, about Santa Claus, the Tooth Fairy, the Easter Bunny and whatever other fairy tales that were considered normal in the day of my young childhood. At the same time, my mother took me to church every Sunday, and I listened to the preacher as he talked about Jesus Christ rising from the dead.

But at some point in my intellectual development, I found out that there was no Santa Claus, there was no Tooth Fairy, and there was no Easter Bunny. And as a young fellow, the one thing I could not figure out is why my parents told me these things if they were not true. Why would Momma go to the store, buy me a toy for Christmas, and then tell me that Santa Claus brought it? What did she get out of doing that? Why would she put a quarter under my pillow when I lost a tooth and then tell me that the Tooth Fairy brought me the money? What was the point? I didn't get it, and I couldn't figure it out. It made no sense.

But now, having studied history, I understand. When the Constantine, the first Roman Emperor that became a Christian, made Christianity the state religion of the Roman empire, he was aware of the fact that every Roman citizen did not convert to Christianity just because he did. This being the case, Constantine decided to allow those unconverted Romans to participate in Christianity by having pagan festivals at the same time that Christian festivals were celebrated. Thus, the Christians and the pagans could celebrate side by side, without disrupting the flow of religion in the Empire.

In western civilization, we have carried on Constantine's traditions. We have the celebration of Santa Claus in parallel with the celebration of the birth of



Christ. And while we Christians sing “Silent Night”, those that do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ sing, “Santa Claus is coming to town.” And since they are both considered “Christmas” songs, each group can participate in Christmas.

As an adult believer, I get it. But as a child, it made no sense, especially since my parents were very much against me telling untruths. If I told my parents a lie, I was severely punished. So how is it that they could lie to me about things that my young mind considered extremely important, like what I was going to get for Christmas?

And if my parents lied about Santa Claus flying around the world in just one night, how could I believe them when they told me about a man who rose from the dead? Just think about it. Which one sounds more likely to you?

But I was blessed. When I was a young child, my mother decided that my brothers and I would develop musical skills, and made us take piano lessons. We all did well, and when I reached high school age, the choir director was leaving the church in which my older brother was the musician and moving to a Baptist church. He asked me to come with him to be the church musician at his new church.

Oh, the Baptist church was different than the Methodist church that we had been attending. Although the choir director still taught anthems, most of the songs that the Baptists sang were hand-clapping, up tempo songs. And it didn't take me long to start using the jazz riffs and licks that I learned on my own to play the hymn and songs that they sang.

The church people loved my playing. So, I stayed in church, not to worship the Lord, but to work on my jazz game. And even when I went to college, I occasionally found a church to go to where I could exercise my gift. Eventually I got married and moved into the community, and found a church that needed a musician. I became a faithful member, not because I believed in the Lord, because I didn't, but because I loved to play jazz and they loved to hear it.

But one day, a fellow wanted to come by and ask me to participate in the evangelism program that the church was starting. “No point”, I told him. “I love playing the keyboards in the church, but I know that all that stuff about a man rising from the dead isn't really true. It's like the story of Santa Claus and Easter Bunny. It's just something that they tell children to keep them in line.”

“No”, the fellow said, “the gospel is absolutely true. And I can prove it to you.”

“OK”, I replied, “I like proof. Prove it to me.”

The fellow told me to meet him in the grad stacks in the Michigan State University library, and when we met, we began studying the evidences for the Resurrection. Within a few weeks, I realized that everything supernatural that my parents told me was not a lie, and I became convinced, based on the history of the Christian church, that if the Lord Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead,



something more miraculous had to happen to account for the sequence of historical events that happened after His death on the Cross.

I was converted to Christianity because of my personal research, as Paul tells us, in **2Corinthians 10:4–6**:

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

Christians, we cannot afford to capitulate to Constantine's idea that pagan festivals and Christian festival must coexist side by side, for pagan festivals are carnal, based upon a lie. And when we tell our children lies, it generally comes back to bite us. Jesus tells us, in **John 8:44**:

44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

The gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is replete with supernatural events, and if we want to transmit the gospel to our children, we cannot lie to them about supernatural events, because if we do, we are just giving the devil a foothold.

But bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ means telling our children or whomever with which we come into contact to spread the Gospel the absolute truth. Jesus tells us, in **John 8:31–32**:

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Paul tells Timothy, his son in the ministry, in **2Timothy 2:15–17**:

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

16 But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness.

17 And their message will spread like cancer.

Lies spread like cancer. I don't think that it is possible to overestimate the damage that one can do by intentionally lying to those who look to us for information about the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul tells us, in **Ephesians 6:11**:

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

The armor of God does not consist of lies. Paul, as a truth teller and teacher, puts on his armor because he wishes to establish his authority with the Corinthians. Paul tells them, in **2Corinthians 10:7–9**:



7 Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? If anyone is convinced in himself that he is Christ's, let him again consider this in himself, that just as he is Christ's, even so we are Christ's.

8 For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the Lord gave us for edification and not for your destruction, I shall not be ashamed—

9 lest I seem to terrify you by letters.

Church discipline is a serious matter for young churches. This was especially true for young churches in Paul's time, which existed without the Canon, the agreed upon list of New Testament Scriptural books that we rely upon today. Paul is constructing the Canon with his letters, but you can understand how some in the church might not desire to yield to Paul's authority. After all, Paul is not the most imposing preacher in the world, as **2Corinthians 10:10** tells us:

10 "For his letters," they say, "are weighty and powerful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible."

Paul has a great intellect, but is not in the greatest shape. After Paul's Damascus Road experience, which permanently damaged his eyesight, Paul suffered great bodily harm at the hands of the persecutors of the church. Paul tells us, in **2Corinthians 11:23–28**:

23 Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often.

24 From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one.

25 Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep;

26 in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

27 in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—

28 besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.

Paul bears, in his body, the marks of his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. As a function of this, Paul is not nearly as imposing a figure as the ones to whom he writes this letter. But Paul, as a minister of the gospel, is not taking a back seat to anyone. Paul informs the Corinthians, in **2Corinthians 10:11–12**:

11 Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such we will also be in deed when we are present.

12 For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.



Paul has the bona fides that verify his apostolic ministry. But those preaching in Corinth have not been in the mission field. They have not put themselves in harm's way to spread the gospel as has Paul, but simply preach in the comfortable church. And their preaching competition has to do with who can come up with the most impressive presentation, which is entertaining from the standpoint of the appreciation of those who come to hear the message, may not do much to bring souls to the Lord.

Paul has a completely different perspective and track record. Paul informs them, in **2Corinthians 10:13**:

13 We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us—a sphere which especially includes you.

It was probable that these erudite Corinthian preachers competing for the most eloquent presentation would not even be Christians were it not for the evangelistic ministry of the Apostle Paul. Paul continues, in **2Corinthians 10:14–16**:

14 For we are not overextending ourselves (as though our authority did not extend to you), for it was to you that we came with the gospel of Christ;

15 not boasting of things beyond measure, that is, in other men's labors, but having hope, that as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere,

16 to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's sphere of accomplishment.

Paul wants the Corinthians to preach in their churches. Paul greatly desires that the Corinthians observe church discipline in their churches and run them well. Paul desires that the Corinthian preachers become the type of preacher that he is, and that their commendation of themselves will eventually have real merit. Paul planted the Corinthian church, and he desires that the church that he planted grow and mature, because there are other regions that need church plants as well. If the Corinthians can grow and develop on their own, Paul, gladly, will not have to spend his time writing them correcting letters and can concentrate on others that need his leadership.

But Paul is an author of the Canon. Paul is an apostle, having spoken directly to the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul will always have the responsibility to oversee that which the Corinthians are doing. Paul is in prayer that his oversight will not be needed to keep the church at Corinth on track, but Paul wants the Corinthians to acknowledge that his writings are to be taken seriously and should Paul hear that there is a problem in the Corinthian church, Paul reserves the right, as an apostle to Corinth, to address it.

But even so, Paul wants the Corinthian church to know that he is not the one to whom they will ultimately have to answer. No matter how diligent the Corinthians are, their application of Christianity will not, ultimately, fall to the credit of Paul. For Paul, like every preacher and teacher, is a servant of the Lord



Jesus Christ. Paul went through the trials and tribulations that we earlier recounted in this lesson, oh, but Paul is not the one that hung on Calvary's Cross from the sixth to the ninth hour, paying the penalty that we owe for the sins that we have committed.

Paul might be an overseer of the church, but the church belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ. And Paul makes it clear, in **2Corinthians 10:17–18**:

17 But “he who glories, let him glory in the LORD.”

18 For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends.

The church, regardless of the location, regardless of the preacher, regardless of the congregation, belongs to the Lord. As Paul tells the Corinthians, in **1Corinthians 3:6–7**:

6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

As the hymnologist tells us,

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word:
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.
Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.
Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, in love may dwell with Thee.

Paul was a great evangelist, but Paul is not the reason that the church exists. Great preachers and evangelists have planted churches and nurtured congregations from the days of the Apostles to the present day, oh, but none of them is the reason that the church exists. Great architects have designed magnificent edifices for congregations to occupy in which they can gather for worship, but those buildings are not the reason that the church exists.

The church exists because of amazing grace, which will always be my song of praise. For it was grace that bought my liberty. I do not know why the



Lord Jesus Christ came to love me so, but He looked beyond my faults and saw my needs.

Oh, because I was a blasphemer. In my day, I memorized every dirty story that was out there, and told them in the most profane way possible for the amusement of the crowd. Then, I would show up in church on Sunday morning, not to worship, but to work on my jazz game. Yes, I was a church attender, but I did not believe in God one bit more than I believed in the man in the moon. Oh, I went through the motions for an hour on Sunday, but if you caught me on any other time, you would hear profanity and blasphemy coming out of my lips.

Oh, and I was not the only one. I had peers who were drunkards, others were sexually immoral and others were sinners of all types. And even before we were born, the Lord Jesus Christ looked out from His vantage point in Eternity and saw the lost nature of my soul, of the souls of my peers, and of the souls of all mankind.

Oh, praise His name, the Lord Jesus Christ decided to do something about it. He got on the train of nature, travelled through forty-two generations, and got off in a little town that they call Bethlehem.

The Lord Jesus Christ was born into this world of a virgin who was made pregnant by being overshadowed by the Holy Spirit of God, so that He would rightfully be called the Son of God. He was born in Bethlehem, and grew up in Galilee. His cousin, John the Baptist, established a ministry baptizing the people for Jewish repentance down at the Jordan River. And when the Lord Jesus Christ reached thirty years of age, He went down to the Jordan to be baptized. John the Baptist recognized the Lord Jesus Christ and said “Behold, the Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world.”

John the Baptist knew that the Lord Jesus Christ was the Savior of the world. How does a mere preacher baptize the Savior of the world? John the Baptist said to the Lord Jesus Christ, “I need to be baptized by you, and you come to me?”

But Jesus replied, “Permit it to be so now, that we might fulfill all righteousness.” So, John the Baptist baptized Jesus. And when Jesus came out of the water, the Holy Spirit lit on Jesus’s shoulder in the shape of a dove.

Thus, the Lord Jesus Christ began His earthly ministry. The Lord Jesus Christ called twelve disciples to teach them that which they would need to know to establish His church. And then the Lord Jesus Christ began his miraculous preaching and teaching ministry. He made the lame man walk. He made the dumb man talk. He made the deaf man hear and the blind man see.

But the scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees in charge of the Jewish Temple rejected every miracle that the Lord Jesus Christ performed. When the Lord Jesus Christ cast a demon out of the blind, mute man so that the blind mute man could see and speak, those scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees in charge rejected Jesus and said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.”



But Jesus asked them, “Any kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. If I cast out demons by the prince of demons, then how does his kingdom stand? But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is among you.”

But the Jewish leadership was not interested in the kingdom of God. The Jewish leadership was interested in maintaining their positions as leaders of the Jewish Temple, and the Lord Jesus Christ’s miracle ministry was threatening their positions, as the people were beginning to give their allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ. The people believed in Jesus as they said, “When the Christ comes, will He do more miracles than this Man?”

Jesus had a friend, Lazarus by name, who had two sisters Mary and Martha. Lazarus suddenly fell ill, so Mary and Martha sent for Jesus to heal Lazarus, as Jesus had healed others. But Jesus tarried in the place where He was until Lazarus died. Once Lazarus died, Jesus told His disciples that He was going to wake Lazarus up out of sleep. “Lord”, said the disciples, “if Lazarus sleeps, he will get well.”

Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there. Nevertheless, let us go to him.”

By the time that Jesus and His disciples made the journey to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, Lazarus had been dead for four days. This is important, because it was a known fact among the Jews that after three days, decomposition set in to the dead body, and there was nothing that could be done for the person that died.

When Jesus arrived, with the many Jewish mourners milling around the family, both Mary and Martha met with Jesus in private and reproached Jesus, saying, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

Jesus asked them, “Where have you laid him?”

Mary and Martha said, “Come and see.”

The tomb was a cave with a stone over the entrance. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha objected. “Lord, he has been dead for four days. There will be a stench.”

But Jesus said, “If you take away the stone, you will see the glory of God.” So, they rolled the stone away from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus prayed, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me.”

Then, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth.”

The dead man walked out of the grave bound in his grave clothes. Jesus said, “Loose him, and let him go.”

Oh, you can imagine the thrill among the mourners when Lazarus came back to life. But some of them went back to the Jewish leadership and told them



that which Jesus had done. And the Jewish leadership held a council to decide what they should do about this miracle working Jesus.

The Jewish leadership was concerned about their position with the Romans. If Jesus sufficiently undermined their leadership position with the people so that they could not control the people, the Romans might come with their armies, remove the Jewish leadership from the positions and occupy the Palestine.

Finally, the High Priest said, "You know nothing at all, nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish."

The council agreed with the High Priest. From that day, they plotted to put the Lord Jesus Christ to death.

I want you to understand the depravity of man. The Lord Jesus Christ, who walked among the Jews for three and a half years doing nothing but good, raised His friend Lazarus from the dead after Lazarus had been dead and buried for four days, and the only thing that the religious leadership could think of to do was kill the Lord Jesus Christ so that they could stay in power.

And this is the religious leadership. These are the men that stand before the altar and perform the religious rituals that ostensibly connect the Jewish nation with the Lord God.

Oh, but before you judge them harshly, I implore you to think back over your own life. The Jewish leadership coveted power, but think of the things that you have coveted. What would you have done to obtain them? And do not say to yourself, "Well, I'm not as bad as them." Maybe you aren't as bad as them because you haven't had the opportunity to be as bad as them. Maybe, if put in a similar position, you might be worse. After all, Paul does tell us, in **Romans 3:23: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,**

And all means all, because the meaning of all is all.

Nevertheless, the Jewish leadership got their opportunity to kill the Lord Jesus Christ. And they got their opportunity because the Lord Jesus Christ gave them the opportunity, as the Lord Jesus Christ came here to die, to pay the penalty that we owe for the sins that we have committed.

The Lord Jesus Christ could have easily avoided the Cross, but He did not. Once crucified, the Lord Jesus Christ could have easily come down from the Cross, but He did not. The Lord Jesus Christ intentionally stayed on that Cross, so that from the sixth to the ninth hour, from noon to three o'clock in the afternoon, the Lord God could pour down all of His wrath against sin on the Lord Jesus Christ. The hymnologist tells us:

Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin has left a crimson stain



But Jesus washed it white as snow

On that Old Rugged Cross the Lord Jesus Christ took all of the encapsulated wrath of God against sin. The Lord Jesus Christ bore our sins in His body on the Cross. And when the very last sin was paid for, Jesus uttered, in the Greek, "It is paid, the debt is paid." So that our sins, though they be many, would be atoned for and might be forgiven. Then, His mission to planet earth being complete, the Lord Jesus Christ hung His head in the locks on His shoulder, and He died.

Oh, the Jews watched as they took His body down from the Cross thinking that they had won the victory over Him. Finally, that Galilean prophet is dead, and we don't have to worry about seeing Him anymore. Ah, but wait. Didn't He say, in **John 2:19**:

19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

So, the Jews asked the Romans to guard the tomb until the third day. Oh, they didn't think that the Lord Jesus Christ would actually rise from the dead, but they thought that Jesus' disciples might have some mischief planned. So, they guarded the tomb.

But on the third day, just as the Lord Jesus Christ prophesied, He rose, physically, from that borrowed tomb. And after He rose, the Lord Jesus Christ interacted physically with the women that came to the tomb to anoint His body. Then the Lord Jesus Christ interacted physically with the two disciples traveling on Emmaus Road. Then, the Lord Jesus Christ interacted physically with the ten disciples gathered in the Upper Room. The disciple Thomas missed the meeting, so a week later, the Lord Jesus Christ came back to the Upper Room where they were meeting to interact physically with Thomas to convince Thomas that He had in fact risen, physically, from the dead.

Paul tells us that afterward, the Lord Jesus Christ met physically with His brother James, and then met with over 500 men at once, the majority of which were alive when Paul wrote and would testify to the meeting. Then Jesus met once more with His disciples, and the disciples watched as the Lord Jesus Christ rose into the heavens on a cloud.

And the folk in Jerusalem knew that the tomb where the Lord Jesus Christ was laid was empty. Forty days later, at the feast of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit fell on the disciples like a rushing mighty wind. The disciples began declaring the Resurrection in languages that they had not learned, by the power of the Holy Spirit. When the people gathered around them to observe this verbal miracle, Peter stood foremost and preached his great Pentecostal sermon. Because the people knew that which had happened at the tomb, 5000 men recognized that Peter was telling the truth, were saved from their sins and joined the Christian band.



Oh, and from that time to this one, men, women, boys and girls have been coming to a saving knowledge of the truth, that the Lord Jesus Christ died on Calvary to pay the penalty that we owe for the sins that we have committed and, as **John 3:16–17** tells us:

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

The gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is the truth. Oh, you don't have to believe me, but the evidence is available if you want to research it for yourself. But let me say, without fear of successful contradiction, that which Paul said, in **Romans 6:23**:

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

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved from sin, death, hell and the grave. There is no more urgent task that you have to do on earth than to come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. So, I admonish you, if you have doubts, do whatever research you need to do, for the evidence is both complete and ample. The Lord Jesus Christ loves you, and has made a wonderful way for you to have everlasting life. Don't ignore Him today, but come to Jesus, just as you are.

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