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Let's Get Our Story Straight

(Not everyone who speaks for God has a clue)

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“For I have a great sense of obligation to people in both the civilized world and the rest of the world, to the educated and uneducated alike. So I am eager to come to you in Rome, too, to preach the Good News. For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. **This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight.** This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, ‘It is through faith that a righteous person has life.’” (Romans 1:14-17 NLT)

The Bad News

“Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins.” (Ephesians 2:1 NLT)

“Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.” (James 4:17 NIV)

“Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, **without hope and without God in the world.**” (Ephesians 2:12 NIV)

I am deeply & completed **damaged.**

I am hopelessly in **debt.**

I am utterly powerless to **change.**

And everyday carries me closer to my day of **reckoning.**

“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27 KJV)

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The Good News Movement

God is into **redemption.**

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.” (Ephesians 1:7 NIV)

God is into **reconciliation.**

“And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did **beseech you by us** . . .” (2 Corinthians 5:18-20 KJV)

God is into **renewal.**

“...and have put on the new self, **which is being renewed in knowledge** in the image of its Creator.” (Colossians 3:10 NIV)

God is into **resurrection.**

“Jesus told her, ‘**I am the resurrection and the life.** Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?’” (John 11:25-26 NLT)

God is into **restoration.**

“I will always be your God and the God of your descendants” (Gen 17)

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, ‘Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.’ And the one sitting on the throne said, ‘Look, I am making everything new!’ And then he said to me, ‘Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.’” (Revelation 21:1-5 NLT)

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