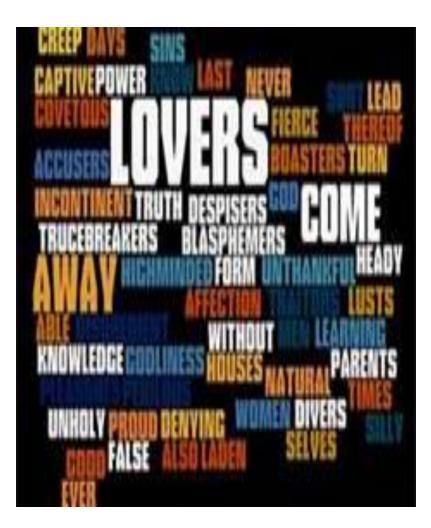
#### A Message Of Hope



This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

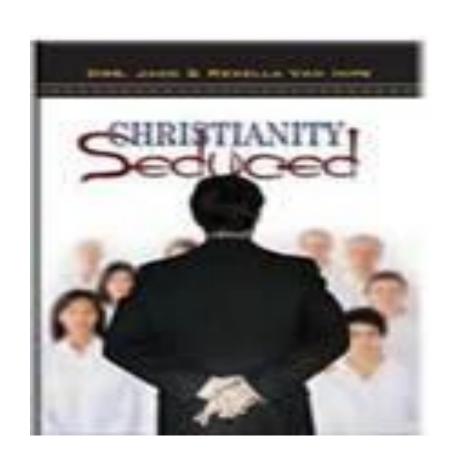
For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 2 Tim. 3:1-5

#### **But Things Get Worse**



But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. 2 Tim. 3:13

## In The 1950"s The Main Issues For Teens Were

**Smoking** 



Going to Movies

**Drinking** 





#### **Divorce Was A Shame**

#### **There Was Honor In The Home**

"Marriage is honorable in all and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." Heb. 13:4

## Things Have Changed Since Then

- Drug abuse is rampant
- ☐ Couples no longer marry, they live together
- More divorces than marriages
- ☐ Homosexuality is presented as an alternate life style. Same sex marriage.
- No longer prayer in schools
- More than 1.5 million abortions a year
- Billions of dollars are spent annually on pornography



### Uncertainty

Desperation

#### **Describes Our Age**

#### **Fatalist Say**

"eat drink and be merry, for tomorrow we may die"



#### **Pessimist Say**





#### **Atheist Say**

"no God, no hope beyond, so let your conscience guide you"



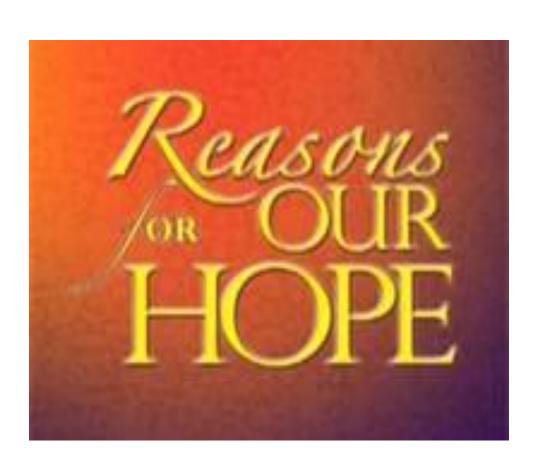
## There Is Hope Found In The Gospel

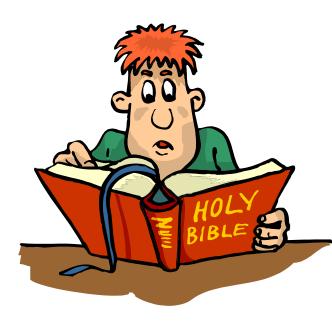
To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Acts 26:18



For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Rom. 1:16

## What Does The Gospel Offer





#### A Message of Love



But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10

#### The Gospel Teaches Us To



#### **Brethren**



Let brotherly love continue. Heb. 13:1

But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. 1 Thess. 4:9

#### **Family**

Lean on each other's strengths; each other's weaknesses.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; Eph. 5:25

That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. Tit.

2:4-5

#### **Enemies**



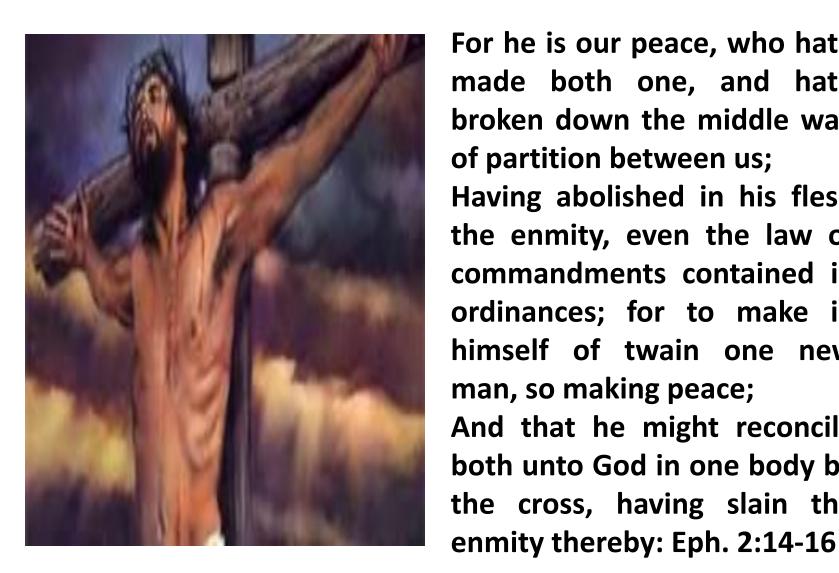
But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; Mt. 5:44

#### Neighbor



And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Matt. 22:39

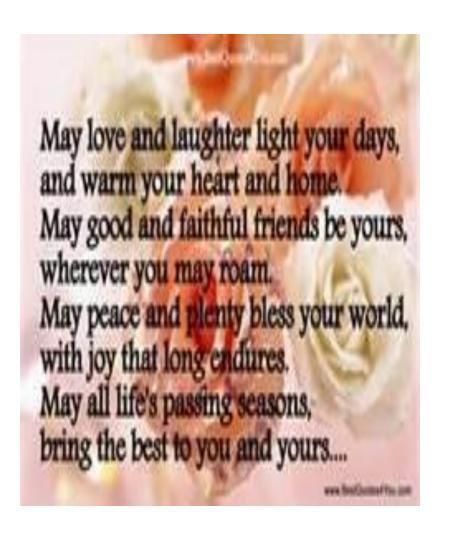
#### A Message of Peace



For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the

# Peace With God and Man Brings

#### Longer Life



For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. 1 Pet. 3:10-11

#### **Peace of Mind**



Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:6-7

#### Message of Hope



Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Heb. 6:19

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 1 Pet. 1:3-4

#### Message of Hope



- An atheist has a reason, but no hope for his reason
- A hypocrite has hope, but no reason for his hope
- A Christian has a reason for his hope and a hope for his reason

#### Message of Faith



But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder them that diligently seek him. Heb. 11:6

## If We Have Faith There Will Be No Doubt About

- God's existence
- Virgin birth
- Resurrection of Christ
- The inspiration of the Bible



#### The Gospel Is A Message of

Love Peace Hope Faith