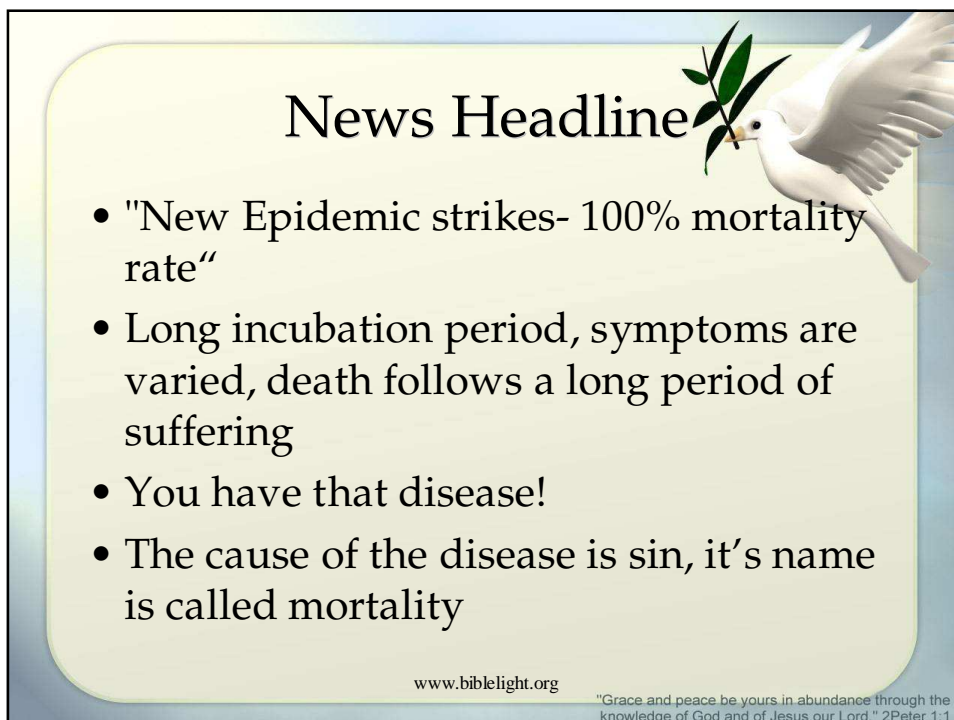


**God's Offer to  
you**

**Eternal Life**

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**News Headline**

- "New Epidemic strikes- 100% mortality rate"
- Long incubation period, symptoms are varied, death follows a long period of suffering
- You have that disease!
- The cause of the disease is sin, it's name is called mortality

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## News Headline



- You will die! No one likes thinking about death and hope it strikes later not sooner.
- God said quite clearly that because of sin, all will die. There is no cure known to man
- Man rather than accept this fact, in effect says that the diagnosis is wrong, he will not really die, but will get a remission and live
- This in effect what the idea of having an immortal soul says!

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## Is there a cure?



- God does offer a cure
- Effective some people.
- God's "cure" from the disease of sin is salvation offered through Jesus
- The promise of future resurrection from death and the gift of eternal life.

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## What is death?



- Popular belief man has an immortal soul which goes to heaven at death: Westminster Confession Of Faith Chapter XXXII
- **I.** The bodies of men, after death, return to dust, and see corruption, but their souls, which neither die nor sleep, having an immortal subsistence, immediately return to God who gave them. The souls of the righteous, being then made perfect in holiness, are received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God, in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies. And the souls of the wicked are cast into hell, where they remain in torments and utter darkness, reserved to the judgment of the great day. Beside these two places, for souls separated from their bodies, the Scripture acknowledges none.

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## What is death?



- The Bible says: "Behold all souls are mine.. ..The soul who sins shall die." Ezek 18v4
- "In death there is no remembrance of you; in the grave who will give you thanks?" Psa 6v5
- "The living know that they will die; but the dead know nothing... the memory of them is forgotten, also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished." Ecc 9v5-6

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## Why we die?



- Estimated 6,250 people die per hour, 150,000 day
- Die from: accident, disease, war, old age
- Reality is that 100% of people die!
- Reality is that the real cause of death is sin
- “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”  
Rom 6v23

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## What hope have you got?




- The reality is that: “there is no-one who does not sin” 1Kings 8:46
- Summary of the situation sin = death.  
All die!
- The purpose of God: “as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord” Num 14:21

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## What hope have you got?




- As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy towards those who fear Him..
- As a father pities his children so the Lord pities those who fear Him..
- The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him... to such as keep His covenant and those who remember His commandments to do them”  
Psa 103:11, 13, 17-18

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## The offer of God



- The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Rom 6v23
- Reason for life? Jesus said: “This is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.” John 17:3

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- Resurrection through faith in Jesus Christ
- Jesus said to Mary "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies" John 11:25
- Proof? Paul said:
- "Now **He commands** all people everywhere **to repent**. For he has set a day when he will **judge the world** with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given **proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.**" Acts 17:31

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- "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his **abundant mercy** has begotten us again to a living hope **through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**
- to an **inheritance** incorruptible, and undefiled and **that does not fade away,** reserved in heaven for you,
- who are kept by the power of God **through faith** for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." 1Peter 1:3-5

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- How do we accept the offer of God?  
Four stages:
- **Knowledge:** “the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness—a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time” Titus 1:1

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- **Belief:** “Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.” 1 John 5:10 (NIV)
- **Faith:** “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”... .. “But without faith it is impossible to please Him (God)” Hebrews 11:1, 6

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- **Obedience** –faith into practice: “He that believes and is baptised will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned”  
Mark 16:16
- “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ” ... ..  
“And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” Gal 3:26-29

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- “as many of us as were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death... ..se we also should walk in newness of life... .. Do not let sin reign in your mortal body ... ..sin should not have dominion over you.” Rom 6v3-14
- **Resurrection to judgement.** “Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.” Dan 12v2-3

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- **“Come now, and let us reason together,** says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If you are willing and obedient” Isaiah 1:18-19
- “And the work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.” Isaiah 32:17

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- Will you accept the gracious offer of God or reject His mercy?
- **The choice is yours, but it is a life or death decision!**

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