January 2016 “Link”

2016 has begun. You and I have a blank sheet before us. Sure, you and I have dates of activities posted on our calendars but in reality none of knows what a day will hold. That is why we must settle the issue of eternity before we are faced with it in death or at the return of Jesus Christ. When He will return is not known to any of us. God’s word says, 1 Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. 2 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. 3 While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; 5 for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; 6 so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober . 1 Thes 5:1-6 (NASB) “ While no one knows the day or the hour we must be prepared.

The only way to be prepared is through a personal relationship with Jesus. In case you are reading this and you are unsure of or have never trusted Christ as personal savior, let me share a few verses from God’s word that might help. These come primarily from the book of Romans but other verses are sighted as well.

**John 3:16 (ASV)** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.

**Romans 3:23 (ASV)** for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God;

**Romans 6:23 (ASV)** For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 10:9-10 (ASV) 9** because if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved: **10** for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

If you have or will believe these words from God’s inspired Word, then the following verses will be a word of comfort for you.

**Romans 5:8 (ASV) But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

**Romans 8:1 (ASV) There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus.**

It is my prayer that 2016 will be the greatest year you have ever encountered with Christ.

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