

## God Is Inevitable

It is speculated that Paul or someone who worked closely with Paul (Luke, Barnabas, or Apollos) wrote the book of Hebrews (actually a long letter) in chapter 10 is writing about God's new covenant through Jesus Christ super-ceding his old covenant of the Mosaic law and animal sacrifice.

### **Hebrews 10:12ish-18**

As a priest, Christ made a single sacrifice for sins, and that was it! Then he sat down right beside God and waited for his enemies to cave in. It was a perfect sacrifice by a perfect person to perfect some very imperfect people. By that single offering, he did everything that needed to be done for everyone who takes part in the purifying process. The Holy Spirit confirms this:

This new plan I'm making with Israel  
isn't going to be written on paper,  
isn't going to be chiseled in stone;

(remember)

This time "I'm writing out the plan in them,  
carving it on the lining of their hearts."

He concludes,

I'll forever wipe the slate clean of their sins.

Once sins are taken care of for good, there's no longer any need to offer sacrifices for them.

**32-39**Remember those early days after you first saw the light? Those were the hard times! Kicked around in public, targets of every kind of abuse—some days it was you, other days your friends. If some friends went to prison, you stuck by them. If some enemies broke in and seized your goods, you let them go with a smile, knowing they couldn't touch your real treasure. Nothing they did bothered you, nothing set you back. So don't throw it all away now. You were sure of yourselves then. It's still a sure thing! But you need to stick it out, staying with God's plan so you'll be there for the promised completion.

**It won't be long now, he's on the way;  
he'll show up most any minute.  
But anyone who is right with me thrives on loyal trust;  
if he cuts and runs, I won't be very happy.  
But we're not quitters who lose out. Oh, no! We'll stay with it and  
survive, trusting all the way.**

**God is inevitable.**

I had a tough week his week  
I have a boat I'm restoring...I'm into restoration...you learn  
Nearly 6 years...no pressure...no rent  
**some enemies broke in and seized my goods...I didn't smile...**  
but I do know my real treasure is safe

Time's up! The eviction  
The Mast  
The Tide  
The question...how can we go anywhere?

My mother is still here...but her memory is mostly gone...it is sad thing to  
lose ones memories.

Things I remember:

Getting a switching..."mamma, mamma, mamma."

Son you don't have to always make that noise...you can just sit down hard  
until it goes away

Boy don't mess with them white girls...they ain't nothin' but a whole lotta  
trouble.

I remember my Uncle Toy Lee Williams who was a gentle Baptist preacher  
and church builder in Southern Georgia

Gentle...contradiction...Baptist preachers

My Uncle Toy raised up 9 Churches...I had the opportunity of addressing a couple in my early teens.

I vaguely remember how simple down home religion got replaced by higher learning at the University level...and sex, drugs, and classical music...

Then there were a couple of years that I don't remember much of at all  
Hey drugs were fun...until they killed my brother

Years later what I tried to not remember during my "wild years" was the Vision I had of Jesus asking me to evangelize...and my subsequent refusal and failed attempt to shake off the experience...to deny Christ  
...but of course...God is inevitable

Sometimes a conversation will yield a single thought that will resonate deeply and stick in your memory like my missionary friend Chuck Conrad in Loreto saying:

"One day you are going to wish that you had done more for the Lord"

One of the greatest of God's blessings is that He too is really into restoration

And I'm just grateful that I can on occasion be useful in His Kingdom

To share Him with others...not so much those who have never heard about Him...but the ones in denial.

It is not a question of whether there is a God or not ...He has left is fingerprint indelibly on each of us in a way that we CAN deny...the very fact that people feel a need to deny God is further evidence of his presence.

It isn't a matter of believing in God...it's a matter of not unbelieving

His plan is already carved in our hearts.

I have a friend who lives in the sea...uses Christ's name more than I do...just not in the proper context...denial

Remember Hebrews 10:17ish

**This time "I'm writing out the plan in them, carving it on the lining of their hearts."**

**God is what? ...inevitable.**

**There's a children's story that I will absolutely not be able to read you that I have been saving for while...I will try...it will be hard because it is a allegory of my life...**

Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown

- **Psalm 53:1 (excerpt).**  
**The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God,"...**
- **This fool has said There is no God...I stand corrected**

God is inevitable and Jesus will come after His lost sheep.  
He is the God of restoration.

Plan of restoration...

## God's Plan of Salvation/Restoration

### **The Bible says there is only one way to Heaven**

Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." **(John 14:6)**

### **John 14:6 (The Message)**

6-7 Jesus said, "I am the Road, also the Truth, also the Life. No one gets to the Father apart from me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him. You've even seen him!"

### **Good works cannot save you.**

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." **(Ephesians 2:8-9)**

7-10 Now God has us where he wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.

### **Trust Jesus Christ today! Here's what you must do:**

#### 1. Admit you are a sinner.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"  
**(Romans 3:23)**

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"  
**(Romans 5:12)**

"If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us." **(1 John 1:10)**

2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent).

Jesus said: "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (**Luke 13:5**)

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:" (**Acts 17:30**)

3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried, and rose from the dead.

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

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

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (**Romans 10:9**)

4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your life to become your personal Saviour.

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (**Romans 10:10**)

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (**Romans 10:13**)

**What to pray:**

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His **precious blood** and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Saviour.

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" (**John 1:12**)

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (**2 Corinthians 5:17**)

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**If you have received Jesus Christ as your Saviour, as a Christian you should:**

1. Read your Bible every day to get to know Christ better.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." **(2 Timothy 2:15)**

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."  
**(Psalms 119:105)**

2. Talk to God in prayer every day.

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." **(Matthew 21:22)**

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."  
**(Philippians 4:6)**

3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" **(Matthew 28:19)**

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." **(Hebrews 10:25)**

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"  
**(2 Timothy 3:16)**

4. Tell others about Christ.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." **(Mark 16:15)**

"For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" **(1 Corinthians 9:16)**

"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." **(Romans 1:16)**