

BEYOND SUNDAY



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This guide offers a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

MESSAGE THEME

You're Not the Biggest Loser

PRAYER FOCUS

Father God, I pray that You'll open my eyes to all the incredible blessings You've given me. Your tremendous sacrifice covered every past and future mistake. Please teach me to accept this free gift, walk in faith, and live a life that honors You. In Jesus' Name, amen.

KEY TRUTHS

God sent His only Son to Earth to destroy the works of the enemy. According to the Bible, Jesus redeemed us by paying the highest price, a price we can never repay.

There are two kingdoms: the Kingdom of God and a demonic kingdom. The world is under the sway of the Devil, but God called us to repent and change how we live, inviting us to be a part of His Kingdom. The precious blood of Jesus brought us back from Satan's domain. Now, we can seek first the Kingdom of God. Christ did everything we needed Him to do; this is the Gospel. Instead of praying for God to show up, we can ask Him to open our eyes to what He's already done.

"Religion" is vastly different than true Christianity. Religion is mankind trying to reach for God, but Christianity is God reaching out to us; it's about what *He* did. This is the fundamental difference that sets Christianity apart.

Thankfully, we don't have to do anything to get God's attention. Putting our faith in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ allows us to participate in the Gospel.

When Paul received Christ, Jesus first told him about his inheritance. We don't acquire our inheritance from God when we die; we became eligible to accept it when *He* died. We inherited forgiveness, healing, peace, grace, and the renewing of our youth. We can never qualify for the blessings of God through our works, but our Father qualified us by being a part of His Kingdom. There's a list of laws and rules the people of God had to follow in the Old Testament, but in the New Testament, Jesus fulfilled those laws and conditions for us. God desires to bless us precisely as if we were Jesus. The power of God that raised Christ from the dead is working through us and in us.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

The most important thing we can do is prioritize seeking the Kingdom of God. By placing God first in all aspects of our lives, we can demonstrate to our loved ones, friends, and colleagues that the Kingdom of God is more significant than our personal desires. The most crucial commandment we've received is to love the Lord. The second is to love others as we love ourselves. (Matthew 22:36-40)

Instead of asking God to appear, we can believe He already has. Receive what God has done for you and thank Him for it.

REFERENCE VERSES

- 1 John 3:8, 5:19
- Romans 1:16, 4:25, 3:25
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Ephesians 2:2, 1:16-20
- 1 Peter 1:18-19
- Acts 20:28, 26:17-18
- Matthew 6:33, 22:37-40
- Colossians 1:12-13, 2:6
- John 10:10, 8:34
- Psalms 103:2-5
- 2 Peter 1:2-4

DECLARATIONS

God has a plan for me and has prepared good works for me.

I've been delivered from darkness and transferred to the Kingdom of God.

Christ paid for my past and future sins, and I can access my God-given inheritance.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, thank Him, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.



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