

1. **GOD LOVES YOU** and wants you to have **eternal life** with **Him**.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

But most people aren't experiencing a meaningful life and aren't sure that they have eternal life because...

2. Man has a **SIN problem** which **SEPARATES** him from GOD. Every one has sinned.

Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

3. The **good news** is that **JESUS CHRIST** is God's **solution** to your sin problem. He is the **ONLY way** to heaven.

1 Peter 3:18 "For Christ also died for sins once and for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God..."

4. Therefore you must **REPENT** of your sins and place your **FAITH** in **JESUS alone** to **save** you.

Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the GIFT OF GOD; not as a result of works, that no one should boast."

5. Upon believing and receiving Jesus, you have a **NEW LIFE** with complete assurance of **SALVATION**.

1 John 5:13 "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

Life-Giving Words of the Bleeding Word Incarnate

The four apostles who wrote the gospel accounts in the New Testament narrate the crucifixion of Jesus from different lenses. For instance, Jesus' words "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" is in Luke's gospel but is not cited in John. The differences in their narration show that the gospel writers wrote their accounts independently and that the account about the death and resurrection of Jesus was not contrived.

There are three things we can draw from Jesus' life-giving words as he hanged on the cross and became weaker. Jesus, the Mediator between the Holy God and Sinful men, started to intercede for his tormentors saying: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34).

First, in the midst of extreme pain and humiliation, and growing weaker, Jesus turned to prayer. How many of us, in the midst of pain or suffering, would immediately turn to prayer?

Second, it was a prayer of intercession. Jesus prayed, not for himself, but for His tormentors, that His Father will forgive them for their wicked deeds.

Third, it was an intercessory prayer for salvation. Jesus prayed for forgiveness, not judgment - for us who are the guilty, who deserve condemnation, judgment and the wrath of God because there is no one righteous, not one. (Romans 3:10). So Jesus prayed to "forgive them for they ought to know that what they have done is sin."

If you have a family member, a classmate or a colleague at work who does not know Jesus intimately, know this truth: God desires for him or her to be saved. That is why Jesus gave himself as a ransom to pay the debt of our sin (2:6). Jesus himself said: For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The response of those who had witnessed the execution of Jesus may also reflect the condition of our hearts. Three groups of people witnessed the crucifixion vv. 32-43. First, we have the Roman soldiers who, according to Luke in v. 34B, cast lots to divide his garments. It seemed that they have become desensitized in executing people. It is like sin - when we give in and let sin rule us, we become desensitized by it.

The second group were the ordinary Jews, the people who stood by (v. 10). This same crowd who welcomed Jesus as they took palm branches and went out to meet him (John 13:13) were the same crowd who shouted "Take him away, take him away, crucify him" while Jesus stood before Pilate. (John 23:21) While Jesus hanged on the cross and uttered the words "Father forgive them..." they were unmoved.

The third group were the Jewish rulers or Jewish leaders. They were not satisfied with just standing by to watch Jesus die. They mocked him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One."

Are we like the Jewish rulers who understand Jesus' claims and know his teachings, his miracles, his deeds, his life, but are undecided whether to give our heart to him and become his follower? Jesus prayed for the forgiveness of our sins. But we must acknowledge our sin, believe in Him and accept his forgiveness.

Or are we like the crowd, who merely stood by and watch the crucifixion take place? Have we become desensitized to sin, like the Roman soldiers who have become desensitized to crucifixion? If we have become lukewarm in our relationship with Jesus, go back to the Cross! For the cross reminds us that Jesus' death made it possible for God to declare you and me righteous before him.

And to those who have decided to follow Jesus to the fullest extent of your life and prepared to suffer and die to yourself, may grace and peace of Jesus be multiplied to you.

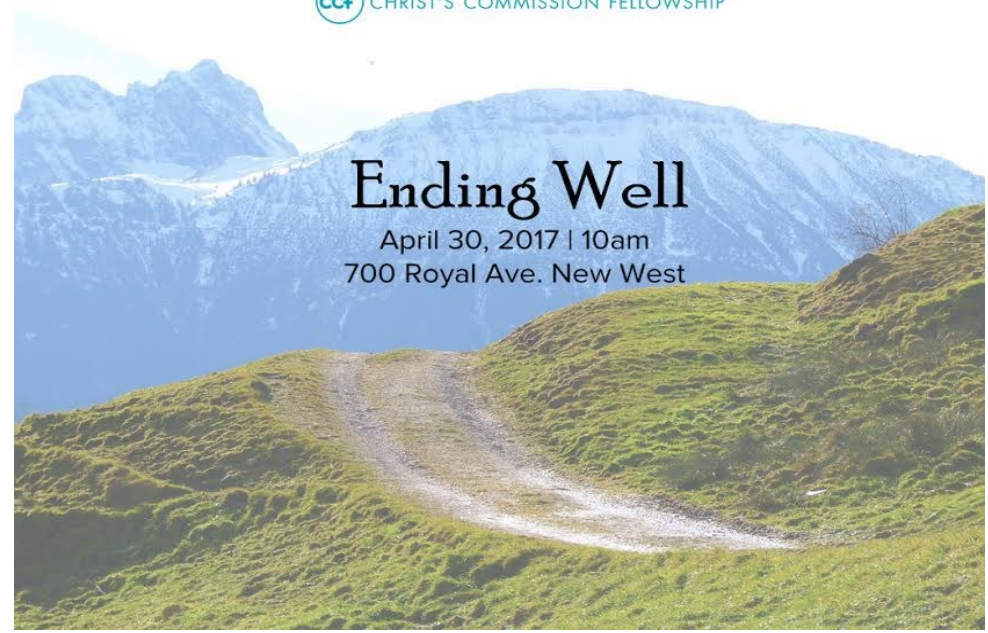


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	Single Ladies' Group (Richmond) 7:00 – 8:30pm		
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Young Men's Group (Richmond/Burnaby)			
Couples' Group (Tri-cities)			

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Join us for our **IDR** on June 9-11, 2017 at Charis Camp & Convention Center, Chilliwack, BC. Deadline to register is on May 14, 2017.



Ending Well

April 30, 2017 | 10am
700 Royal Ave. New West

Order of Service

April 30, 2017
10:00 am

- Call to worship
- Praise and worship
- Children dismissal
- Announcements
- Sermon
- Response song
- Benediction

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Worship service on Sunday, May 7th, will be held at Room S1812 and S1814 (Level 1 South Side). There will be ushers at main entrance to guide worshippers. Worship starts 10am.