

Isaiah 60:1-3

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Since the Eden account of Genesis 3 when sin is introduced, God's concern has been focused on redeeming mankind from sin and its consequences.

- Genesis 3:15, *"I will put hostility between you and the woman and between your offspring and her offspring...will strike your head..."* (protoevangelium or "first good news")
- Genesis 12:3, *"I will bless those who bless you, I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*  
(Abrahamic Promise)

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- *“Jesus replied to them, ‘It is not those who are healthy who need a doctor, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.’” (Luke 6:31,32)*



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- *“For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of an unblemished and spotless lamb. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was revealed in these last times for you. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.” (I Peter 1:18-21)*

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- *“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” (1 Peter 2:9,10)*



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*"Since by the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive the overflow of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ... The law came along to multiply the trespass. But where sin multiplied, grace multiplied even more..." (Romans 5:17,20)*



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*"This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in him. If we say, "We have fellowship with him," and yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth. If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:5-7)*



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*“And let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24,25)*



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*"Therefore, since we have this ministry because we were shown mercy, we do not give up. Instead, we have renounced secret and shameful things, not acting deceitfully or distorting the word of God, but commending ourselves before God to everyone's conscience by an open display of the truth..."*



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*"But if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." (II Corinthians 4:1-4)*



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*“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one’s possessions—is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world with its lust is passing away, but the one who does the will of God remains forever.” (I John 2:15-17)*



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Our failure to walk in the light in this life will only lead us to spending eternity in darkness away from our loving Father.

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***"The night is nearly over, and the day is near;  
so let us discard the deeds of darkness and  
put on the armor of light."*** (Romans 13:12)

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