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Some have a weekly appointment with the week-end to party and fill up on drinks and debauchery, and through that maintain a sense of happiness. But they are like balloons that can't manage to remain inflated (if that could be compared to an actual state of happiness)... And the week-end brings (in various ways) that air pump they must hold on for dear life to. Holding a glass of alcohol while partying is a comforting pose and can project, along with a smile, that one has found what is positive about this life. "What are you doing this week-end?" is the ultimate question that will reveal if one has "a life" or has possibly found a corner of relevancy in a life that is otherwise in lack of meaningfulness.

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How about not needing such week-end appointments and having a heart full of peace and joy steadily, and having a source for such peace, joy and love, that is reliable and that you can go to freely, with no need to put on masks? In fact that path requires that no mask be put on. It's a path where honesty about your actual misery, humility – and not pride, and sincerity about seeking a new way, are required. With a multitude of masks, you can only fool other miserable creatures who claim to always be "having fun", but who at the core hate truth and so can't possibly keep it real in their lives or face the reality of it. So the fun (or what has the appearance of fun) that they seek is a form of escape. It never truly satisfies because it only brings the illusion of such an escape.

But if you will open your heart to the truth so as to ensure that your life is established on it rather than being a self-maintained delusion (including through the use or practice of any addictive thing that you may call your "fix" that actually keeps you in bondage), you will have unlimited access to a 24/7 healer and comforter. You will receive his healing first of all as you are brought from darkness to light and saved from a destructive path of sin. You wouldn't know if no one came to you preaching that news. But that healer's name is Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, the Son of God and Savior of the world. And He can be found and He can be known.

In fact, Jesus is close to the broken-hearted to save them. But if they have been programmed (through various means) to "act happy" and maintain an "I am all set" attitude, then there is no truth in that, so no need of help/deliverance that is acknowledged, and so also Jesus is not called upon by that soul. That path of wrongness is all very costly. For if healing is offered, that implies there exists a brokenness of some sort that needs to be addressed. Neither ignoring it nor denying it will solve anything. But Jesus has spoken, for all those who have ears to ear. Obey his voice who says, "Repent and believe the Gospel" (Mark 1:15; Acts 17:30-31).

Look around and consider all the problems in the world. Yet the biggest problem of every soul is being separated from God. Whatever propaganda may have reached you so far, please consider this carefully: sin is going our own ways and disregarding God and his ways; sin is disobeying God and not loving Him; and sin brings separation between God and man, and ultimately utter destruction, while the alternative to that is God's gift of eternal life, fellowship and an intimate spiritual relationship with Him.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."
(Romans 6:23)

"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear." (Isaiah 59:2)

The existence of God is not in question here, but may we be honest about our attitudes towards Him whom we do know exists and created this world that we see. He knows that we all know that He exists, and is waiting for all to turn to Him and seek Him and his ways. Though some of us can grow strong and boastful in opposing God and elevating what we suppose we have figured out about our existence apart from acknowledging Him and his word, He sees through our lies and no one can "fake it till they make it" with Him.

Hebrews 4:12-13

12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

If you have heard his voice today, do not harden your heart. Call upon Him with sincerity. If you believe what you have heard, ask God to lead you to a relationship with Him. (There is no formula to repeat, only address God reverently from your heart and have a frank talk with Him about the direction of your life and where He stands in the picture.)

Psalms 25:8

God and upright is the Lord; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

When you know the truth (cf. John 8:31-36) and know that you have had an encounter with Jesus (John 14:21), you will have your eyes opened to see who was full of nonsense and perishing (while claiming otherwise, that is, claiming to be wise and full of life). You don't know until you know there is another way and find that way. That other way you thirst for, his name is Jesus. He is true joy, peace and eternal life! Seek Him with your whole heart. A half-hearted

approach to God will not work. That is the testimony of those who have believed and have been found by Him (from being lost). Jesus Himself will be found by all those who diligently seek Him. You can have a personal relationship with Him and conquer death and truly live your life to the fullest!

Luke 5:31-32

31. Jesus answered them, "Those who are healthy have no need for a physician, but those who are sick do. 32. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He exists, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

John 3:36

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

James 1:21-25

21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

May Jesus bless you!

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