



THE WORD *Alive*

The Preaching Ministry of
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GOD'S UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE PLAN PT 2

4 KEYS TO ETERNAL COVERAGE

GOD'S PURPOSE – OUR NEED – GOD'S PROVISION – OUR RESPONSE

KEY #2 OUR NEED

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

Do you know for certain that you have **ETERNAL LIFE** and that you will go to heaven when you die?

Another question to consider is:

Suppose you were standing before God right now and He asked you, "Why should I let you into My heaven?" What do you think you would say?

GOD'S PURPOSE: IS THAT WE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

(Universal Coverage that is Affordable)

Eternal life gives meaning to life. *Yet...*

Our sinful nature keeps us from fulfilling God's purpose for our lives. *Thus...*

II. OUR NEED:

OUR NEED IS TO UNDERSTAND OUR PROBLEM.

(We have a pre-existing condition: SIN)

We are all sinners by nature and by choice.

Ephesians 2:1-3 ¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath."

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

SIN: to miss the mark, to err, be mistaken; to miss or wander from the path of uprightness and honor, to do or go wrong; fall short of God's standard; to wander from the law of God, violate God's law.

2 key aspects:

There IS a standard by which we are to live: "The Glory of God".

Every person has fallen short of (missed) the standard: "All have sinned and fall short..."

We Cannot Save Ourselves!

"not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:9)

We deserve Death and Hell!

"For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23)

It is true that: God is holy and just and punishes sin, yet, He loves us, and has provided forgiveness for our sin.

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom 5:8)

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-- it is by grace you have been saved. (Eph 2:4-5)

CONCLUSION

You and I have a desperate need to understand our preexisting sinful condition. The Good News is that God provides universal coverage despite our preexisting condition through the forgiveness of our sins in Christ Jesus.