

Which New Normal?

Whether you believe it or not, there is a God who has created and sustains the entire universe, including planet Earth, with all its varied geographical features, natural resources, plant life, and every living creature and human person that has ever existed on it (Genesis 1:1, Colossians 1:17). For thousands of years, in every part of the world, governments, societies and peoples have used their human intelligence and ingenuity to develop a life system that would allow them to live their lives in the best possible way, largely without any thought or consideration for the God who gave them that intelligence in the first place.

While this effort has resulted in varying degrees of success, it has always strived for improvement, and this process has come to be considered as the accepted “normal”. Now that the Covid-19 pandemic has completely disrupted that “normal” way of life in every country, many people are wondering how long it will be until things can go “back to normal”. There is even much talk about the possibility that this may never be possible, and that the world will have to accept the reality of a “new normal”. But no one is too certain what that “new normal” will look like.

God in His Word, the Bible, tells us about, not ONE, but TWO “new normals” on the horizon, and He gives us each individually the choice of which one we would like to participate in. He has also told us that both of these two “new normals” could start at any moment, and when they do, they will start suddenly, without any second chance to reconsider your choice. If you are reading this message, God is giving you this opportunity right now. He does not promise to offer it again tomorrow, or even in another hour.

So here are your two choices:

1. If you realize and confess to God that you have sinned before Him, and believe in your heart that His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, took the punishment that you deserved when He died and shed His blood on the cross and then rose from among the dead, then you will have complete forgiveness of all your sins and eternal life in Heaven with Him. The Bible tells us that in Heaven, there is no night, no sin, no curse, no pain, no death, no sorrow, no tears, no crying, ...only perfect peace and joy, forever. God loves you, and this is the “new normal” that He wants to give you and freely offers now. «*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved*» (Acts 16:31). You can choose this “new normal” right now. Please do!
2. But if you refuse God’s love, and ignore His offer of free salvation from the judgement your sins deserve, then you are in effect choosing a completely different “new normal”, one that was never God’s choice for any one. You are choosing to be punished for your own sins, forever tormented by the flames in what the Bible calls a “lake of fire”, a “furnace of fire”, or “Hell”. “Hell” is a word that is often used very loosely by many people in everyday speech, but it is a very real place, where there will be only weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth forever. Would you really want to choose this to be your “new normal”? It does not have to be. You still have time, right now, to choose the option described above in number 1. «*Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire*» (Revelation 20:15); won’t you let Him write down your name in His book right now?

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