



On Sunday, December 26, 2004, a Tsunami killed over 150,000 people. There was a massive earthquake that measured 9.0 on the Richter scale six miles under the Indian Ocean. It was one of the strongest earthquakes known to man. It caused a 620-mile section of the earth's tectonic plates to shift. It has been reported that the energy from the quake was equivalent to one million atomic bombs.

The pressure was so powerful that the island of Sumatra was moved. The earthquake created massive underwater waves that while propelling their way from the epic centre, reached speeds up to 600 miles an hour.

The waves slowed down slightly as they began to rise above the surface of the ocean. They had reached a height of fifty feet when they hit the shore of Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, India and several other countries. Waves travelling 500 miles an hour totally devastated the areas that were hit, killing tens of thousands of people. The financial cost has reached billions of dollars; however, the human cost is impossible to calculate. The question is: **where was God when it happened? Where was God?**

FIRST, WE NEED TO REALIZE WHO GOD IS

God is the creator of this world. **Genesis 1:1** says, *"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."* God created everything and everything belongs to Him. The hymn writer said it well when he penned the words, *"This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget, that through the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet."*

Whether man chooses to believe it or not, God is the all-wise, all-powerful, unchanging Creator of this world, and He will have His way in everything. The Bible says in **Isaiah 46:10**, *"My counsel shall stand and I will do my pleasure."* Job said, *"I know that thou canst do everything and no thought of thine can be hindered"*



Psalm 115:3 reads, *"He hath done whatsoever He pleased."*

At His pleasure, the Red Sea was divided. At His pleasure, the earth opened and rebels who were contending with Moses were buried alive.

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Psalm 115:3

He ordered the sun to stand still and He ordered it to go back ten degrees. He had ravens give food to Elisha. He had an iron axe head float on the top of the water. He caused lions to be tame so that Daniel would not be eaten and He caused bears to eat some young people because they were making fun of His servant. *"He hath done whatsoever He pleased."* God will continue to do whatsoever he pleases without asking for approval from any of us.

Psalm 135:6 says, *"Whatsoever the Lord pleased that did He in heaven and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places."*

God could have stopped the Tsunami if He wanted to. The Bible says in **Mark 4:41**, *"...even the wind and the sea obey him."*

Psalm 107:25 says, *"For he commandeth and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof."*

Those Tsunami waves would not have been fifty feet above the surface if God chose to stop them.

Psalms 7:11 says, *"God is angry with the wicked every day."*

Deuteronomy 32:41 says, *"I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me."*

Deuteronomy 32:43 says, *"...he will avenge blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries..."*

Luke 12:5 says, *"But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed*

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hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him."

Paul the apostle said in **2 Corinthians 5:11**, *"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men."*

WHERE WAS GOD ON DECEMBER 26, 2004

Geographically, it is impossible to answer that question. **Psalms**

139:8 says, *"If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there."* Verse nine continues, *"If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me."*

When people ask where God was, the question they are really asking is why didn't He stop that disaster? Why did He let 150,000 people die? The Bible says, *"God is love."* What kind of love is this?

My heart goes out to those mothers when I see pictures of them crying over their children.



People point their finger at God and ask why He didn't stop it from happening?

I find it very interesting that people who say they don't believe in God blame Him when a disaster comes along.

NO ONE REALLY DIED IN THE TSUNAMI

We need to understand that we exist here on God's earth in a body. In First Thessalonians 5:23, Paul the apostle referred to man as a three-part being. We consist of a *"...spirit, soul and body."*

The Bible says in **Hebrew 9:27**, *"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement."*

Notice, when the body dies, **"...after that,"** the person who lived in the body is still alive and will face God to give an answer for their actions during the time they spent living here on God's earth.

Those little children who died in the tsunami didn't really die, only their bodies died. The Bible says when a child dies, he goes to Heaven.

God took thousands of children to Heaven on December 26, 2004, who may not have been in Heaven had they grown up under a godless religion and rejected Christ as their Saviour.

WHO CAUSED THE TSUNAMI?

When God made man, He gave us a free will. There would be many people upset with God if they did not have a free will.

Can you imagine how upset people would be if they did not have the choice to miss church every week? Can you imagine if they had to put their money in the offering plate rather than buy booze? If people were not allowed to watch their X-rated movies, but had to listen to a pastor read the Bible, they would be very upset with God. We all have a free will. We can please God or reject Him.

WITH PRIVILEGE COMES RESPONSIBILITY

With the privilege of having a free will comes responsibility. The Bible says in **Galatians 6:7**, *"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."*

God set up His principle of sowing and reaping and He will not change it so we can sin against Him and get away with it.

GOD'S EARLY WARNING SYSTEM



In the days of Noah, God warned people for 120 years before the flood came. They ignored God's early warning system.

Luke 17:27 says, *"They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the*

day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all."

In **Matthew 24:39** Jesus said they, *"...knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."*

The hours, days, months and years before the tsunami came, people were doing the same thing. They were eating and drinking, they were marrying. People were going about their daily routine with no concern about God's will for their life as they lived on His earth and breathed the oxygen He supplies each day.

Jesus Gave Us An Early Warning Two Thousand Years Ago.

In **Matthew 24:3**, the disciples asked, *"What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"*

Verse 4-8 says, *"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."*

All of These Things Are Happening Today.

God's Word gives detail after detail about the last days.

Concerning local churches God's Word says:



- **Professed Christians** would be neither hot nor cold, but lukewarm.
- **Professed Christians** would be rich in materialism.
- **Professed Christians** would be increased with goods.
- **Professed Christians** would say they have need of nothing.
- **Professed Christians** would not know they are wretched.
- **Professed Christians** would not know they are miserable.
- **Professed Christians** would not know they are poor.
- **Professed Christians** would not know they are blind.
- **Professed Christians** would not know they are spiritually naked.
- **Professed Christians** would be asleep.
- **Professed Christians** would abound with deception or false teaching.
- **Professed Christians** would believe false prophets.
- **Professed Christians** would reject sound doctrine.
- **Professed Christians** would hear only what they want to hear.
- **Professed Christians** would turn away from the truth.
- **Professed Christians** would teach stories that are not in the Bible.
- **Professed Christians** would not be following God.
- **Professed Christians** would corrupt God's ways and His Word.



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Concerning the world, God's Word says:

- Perilous (difficult, trying or terrible) times would come.
- Knowledge shall be increased.
- There would be wars and rumours of wars.

- Nation would rise against nation.
- Tribe would be against tribe.
- There would be famines.
- There would be pestilence or diseases.
- There would be earthquakes.
- There would be hydrogen, neutron, or other such weapons.
- There would be weapons that could destroy the world.
- The Gospel shall be published among all nations.
- The world would have merchants and business men.
- The world will still use ships.
- There would be great and powerful men in the earth.
- The earth would be corrupt.
- The earth would be filled with violence.
- The earth would have senseless, violent, unreasonable people committing unspeakable acts.
- Witchcraft, in various forms, would increase.



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God's early warning system has been in place for 2,000 years! In His early warning message, Jesus mentioned three basic areas.

A COMPARISON

In **Matthew 24:37** He said *"But as the days of Noah were, so shall the coming of the Son of man be."*

Luke 17:28 says, *"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded."*

In the days of Lot, God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah because of what we call homosexuality. God calls it an abomination. Man is about to face the judgement of God again!

Jesus said when homosexuality becomes acceptable, He would be back to judge this sin. Homosexuality is an illicit lust forbidden by God. God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah for this wicked sin and He will not look the other way while Canada legalizes same sex marriages.

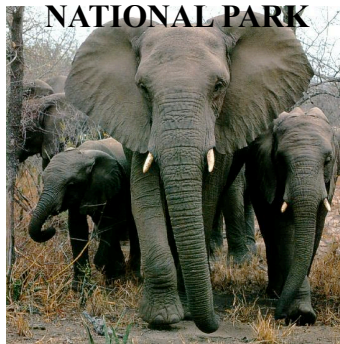
GOD'S EARLY WARNING MESSAGE SAID INIQUITY WOULD ABOUND

Today, pornography is a 57 billion dollar industry. It brings in more money than football, baseball, and basketball combined. The U.S. porn industry dollars exceed the ABC, CBS, and NBC combined.

More than 40% of all women will end their pregnancy by abortion at some time in their reproductive life.

World-wide twenty to thirty million *legal* abortions are performed every year as well as thousands of abortions that are not legal. God has watched in anger as we murdered millions of babies in the name of convenience.

THE ANIMALS IN YOULA NATIONAL PARK



In the Youla National Park in Sri Lanka, there is a 500 square mile wildlife reserve. The giant waves washed floodwaters up to three kilometres inland in the area where those animals were. Trees were uprooted; cars were toppled onto their roof. They found one car at the top of a huge tree.

In that area, when the tsunami hit, there were about 200 elephants, many wild boar, deer, water buffalo and monkeys. Asia's highest concentration of leopards are in that area.

This area was one of the hardest hit areas and yet not one of these animals died. Tens of thousands of people were lost but the animals fled before the waves came. They did not even find one dead rabbit. Elephants that were giving children rides sensed the danger and headed for higher ground. The parents started chasing the elephants to get their children. The parents, the children, and the elephants were all spared.



Ten-year-old Tilly Smith from England was on the beach with her parents. She saw the waves forming and recognized what was happening. She had been studying tsunamis in school and ran to her parents and warned them. They spread the alarm and over 100 people were saved

because they listened to a ten year old girl who saw the danger



COMPLACENCY

Some people ignored the warnings. As the water on the beach began to recede as it first does during a tsunami, some people went out to see the coral.

They wandered straight toward their destruction and even took pictures of the wave as it came to destroy them.

God said it would be like that at the end of the age. People today watch the end approaching and live in complacency. They refuse to heed the warnings.

Preachers are preaching and people still aren't listening. God still has His early warning system in place; however, people are not paying any attention.

In **Matthew 24:42**, Jesus warned, "Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." Today, people would rather watch violence on television.

A CATASTROPHE

The death toll during the tsunami will be but a drop in the bucket compared to what is coming in

the days ahead. God's early warning system tells us in the book of Revelation, one quarter of this earth's population will die at one time. That is, **1.25 billion people will die as quickly as that tsunami killed 150,000 people.**

Following this, the Book of Revelation tells us over one half of the population that is left will die in still another catastrophe.

The Bible says meteorites will fall from the sky, poisoning the waters. The Bible says wars and diseases will kill multitudes of people. God's early warning system tells us that death in an unprecedented scale is coming and man chooses to go about life ignoring God's warnings.

More than 2,000 people died when terrorists flew planes into the twin towers on 9/11.

I was watching CNN after the first plane struck the building. I watched the second plane as it hit the second building. I saw the explosion and witnessed hundreds and hundreds of souls going out into eternity. Later I wrote this poem:

WHY?

*When evil men took all those lives,
the world was asking, "Why?"
How could God let this happen?
Why did so many die?*

*We need to stop and think a bit,
how we have treated God.
We spend our lives ignoring Him
while living on His sod.*

*At Christmas time we go to church,
sometimes at Easter too,
But fifty other weeks a year, we've
better things to do.*

*We even say a prayer or two
when we begin to fear,
But living like the Bible says?...We
just don't want to hear.
We do not want Him in our homes,
He's been expelled from school,
We do not want Him in our lives,
His way is just not... "cool."*

*We'll call on Him when someone
dies, make vows at weddings too,
When someone in our home is ill,
we'll say a prayer or two.*

*At school they're not allowed to
pray, the Bible can't be read,
For God is not allowed at school,
until some kids are dead.*

*At Christmas time we'll tell the kids
of Santa and his sleigh,
With just a token mention of the
Christ who came that day.*

*At Easter we might mention God but
bunnies are the thing,
Forget the teachings of His Word, to
fairy tales we cling.*

*When evil men took all those lives,
the world was asking, "Why?"
How could God let this happen?
Why did so many die?*

*The answer is very simple, it always
has been known,
The Bible says we have a choice, we*



WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THE TSUNAMI STRUCK?

God gave man a free will. If man chooses to ignore God, he will reap the consequences. We need not be asking, where was God during the 9/11 attack. We need not be asking, where was God during the tsunami. We need to ask ourselves, *"Where was I when the tsunami struck?"*

The first question in the Bible is in **Genesis 3:9** when God asked man, *"Where art thou?"*

Where are you concerning God? Christ died for you. It was your sin that nailed Christ to the cross. **Do you care?**



The Bible says in **Luke 13:3**, *"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."*

Romans 3:23 says, *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."*

Romans 6:23 teaches us about the consequences of sin. It says,

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Here is the sowing and the reaping process we mentioned earlier. The punishment we reap for our sins is both spiritual and finally a physical death.

Romans 5:8 says, *"But God commendeth (demonstrated) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."* Jesus Christ died for us! He paid the price for our sins.

Romans 10:9 says, *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."*

The Bible says in **John 16:8**, *"And when he (the Holy Spirit) is come, he will reprove the world of sin..."*

Romans 8:16 tells us the Holy Spirit *"...beareth witness with our spirit..."* If the Holy Spirit is dealing with you about your sin, you will know it.

Romans 10:13 says, *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."* Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sins and rescue us from eternal death. Salvation, the forgiveness of sins, is available to anyone who will trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

Romans 5:1 says, *"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace (exemption from wrath) with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Romans 8:1 says, *"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."*

This verse tells us two things. First, the person who trusts Christ is removed from condemnation.

John 3:18 tells us, *"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."*

The second thing **Romans 8:1** tells us is when a person trusts Christ there is a change in his or her life. It says they, *"...walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."*

The Bible plainly tells us in **Second Corinthians 5:17**, *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*

If God is convicting you of your sin as you read this, you need to trust Christ as your Saviour **right now!**

Hebrews 3:7-8 says, *"Wherefore as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts..."*

Jesus refers to a man who was genuinely saved in **Luke 18:13**. *"And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner."*

John 3:16 says, *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever*

believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

If you recognize your sinfulness before God, believing Jesus is the only way to God, as He said in **John 14:6**, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father; but by me." You need only to ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS!

The way is plain and you can be saved this moment, if you will trust Christ as your Saviour. **The choice is yours.** If you delay, it may result in a hardened heart, a wasted life and a tortured soul in Hell!

Will you trust Jesus Christ today and be saved? The Bible says in **Proverbs 27:1**, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth,"

If you are unsaved, you are one heartbeat from Hell! **Trust Christ right now!** **Second Corinthians 6:2** says, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." **Hebrews 3:7-8** says, "Today if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts."

John 3:36 says, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

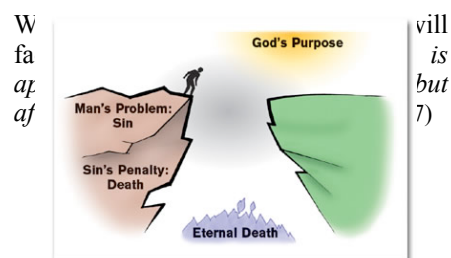
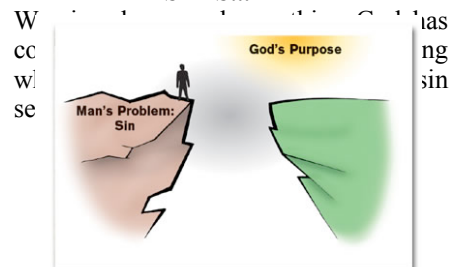
None really died in the tsunami. About 150,000 people left their bodies and have moved on to eternity. Someday you will do the same.

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If you trust Christ as Saviour, we would like to send you some materials to help you understand the Bible. For contact information please check our website.

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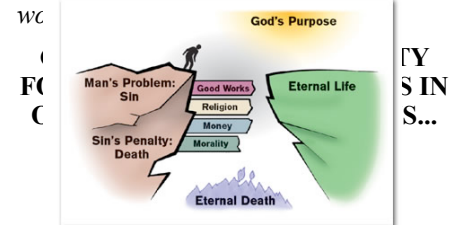


ALL OF OUR ATTEMPTS TO EARN ETERNAL LIFE IS USELESS.

Proverbs 14:12 - "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

Titus 3:5 - "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us."

Ephesians 2:8,9 - "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of

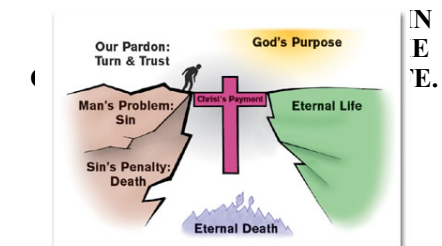


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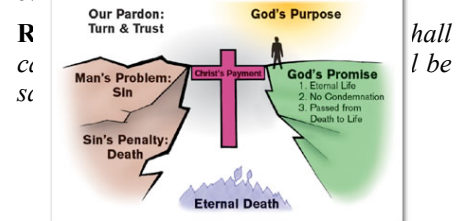
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John 14:6 - "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father; but by Me."

YOU MUST REPENT OF YOUR



Acts 3:19 - "Repent ye, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be



JESUS SAID,

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

(John 5:24)

Christ has promised three things for all who believe:

1. "Everlasting life."
2. "Shall not come into judgment."
3. Has "passed from death into life."



JOSHUA 24:15

"...choose you this day whom ye will serve...as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

God's Early Warning

THIS WARNING WAS GIVEN TO US BY GOD ABOUT 3,500 YEARS AGO!

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