

Ever Wonder? Answers to Important Questions.



Why should I get up in the morning and live life?

I always wanted to be a morning person. You know, the kind of people that whistle on the way to the shower and sing while they dress. Unfortunately, I am not that kind of person. I am one whose addiction to the snooze button almost always has me rushing around in the morning, trying not to be late for the day's events.

God's Word is like an alarm that is ringing. Every time we have lust in our hearts, it rings. Every time we utter an obscenity, it rings. Every time our mouths are full of coarse joking, we hear it ring. The temptation is to hit the snooze button of our conscience and continue sleeping in sin. But snoozing through the alarm of God's holy will is more serious than showing up late for a meeting. If we ignore what God commands, we are in for a rude awakening. In the Bible, we read, "God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient" (Ephesians 5:6). No matter how much we cover our heads with the blanket of denial, we cannot and will not escape the alarm of God's justice.

God's alarm is ringing for us, "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you" (Ephesians 5:14).

Jesus is the light of the world. He came to dispel the darkness that shrouded us by sin and death. His light shone brightly when he was lifted up on a cross to die in order to take away our death. And his light exploded in brilliance when he rose from the dead to prove that he is the world's Savior. Through the good news of God's Word, the light of Jesus Christ shines on us to awaken us from the slumber of sin and darkness of death.

I have work to do on my morning routine. I need to strive to not keep hitting the snooze button. But praise be to God for Jesus, whose light from the cross and empty grave shines on us. Led by his light, we can get up in the morning to live life, "always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20).