

The Greatest Event Ever!

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1 Peter 2:24 *Who his own self bare our sins*
1 Tim 6:11 *Flee these things & pursue*
Hebrews 4:16 *Come boldly unto the throne*
Colossians 2:6 *As ye have received Christ Jesus*
1 Thess 5:11 *Therefore encourage one another*

1 Saying—*That was the greatest event ever!* Would bring many and diverse responses. Most would be from the individual's experiences, their age, or their main area of interest—from sports; to entertainment; to politics and beyond.

2 Regardless of the response, those things are really *not* that important and they would pale in comparison to the event that took place of two-thousand years ago—Jesus going to the cross for *everyone* in the world.

3 Now, any person could be free from the death penalty for the sins they are guilty of—*That was The Greatest Event Ever!*

4 For acquittal from a death sentence, a *choice* has to be made—a choice to *accept* the gift God is offering.

5 We have to be *informed* about it and be *enlightened* to its importance, before making this momentous decision.

6 The event took place in *Israel*—Jesus willingly walked to the cross and gave His life for the world. He made the sacrifice that will erase the sins of anyone in the world—sins that would take them to the flames.

7 Only Jesus could *do* this, and He *knew* this, but He *went* anyway. AV 1 Peter 2:24 “*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree.*”

8 The spiritual condition of the world today compels us to *think* about eternity—because when we *think* of eternity in *Heaven*, it compels us *think* about our life here on *earth*—Is it *pleasing* to God or to the world?

9 We should always want to increase our *interest* in God's Word and *read* it at every opportunity NIV Ephesians 4:13 “*Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*”

10 If we want to see our family and others in *Heaven*, then we should *pray* for them to really *know* God's Truth and be willing to *live* it every day.

11 We should *not* talk about others; *not* criticize and judge their motives; but to pray *sincerely* for them to understand God's Word.

12 The apostle spoke on the *cause* of most problems in the world—heading the list would be the insatiable *love for money*. It is the root cause of so much evil and so many crimes because billions covet after riches only to AV 1 Timothy 6:10 “*Pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*”

13 The greed in the world is worse than it has ever been, NKJV 1 Timothy 6:11 “*But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness*”—fruits of the Spirit.

14 The *greatest event ever* took place so we would *flee* the evils and wickedness of the world—and instead *pursue* a righteous standing before God by faith in His Son; to truly *love* one another; being *patient* and *gentle* with children and all people.

15 If we want to be in *Heaven* and see our family there too, the best thing we can do is *live*

God's Truth in our *own* life and be the example God *wants* us to be.

16 To help others avoid the worst of all fates, including ourselves, the best thing we can do is recommit our life to God and call out for His mercy and grace.

17 AV Hebrews 4:16 “*Come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*”

18 Every *soul* on earth is valuable to God, so they should be valuable to *us* also.

19 Living God's Truth by the power of His Spirit is the best witness we could be—a *shown* lesson is always more effective than a *told* lesson.

20 When we give a visual demonstration to a class, that lesson is very effective and shows them exactly how something should be done.

21 Our *life* should do the same—it should be a *visual demonstration* of God's Truth to our family, friends, and everyone.

22 Many in the world say, *I want to be like* _____ and inserting a famous sports figure or entertainment celebrity—but think how *shallow* and *insignificant* that really is!

23 The only One we should *ever* want to be *like* is *Jesus*—He is the only One we should really want to imitate.

24 When we give our *life* to God, He *removes* the desires for wrong things from our heart—He gives us much *different* likes and interests.

25 The *greatest event ever* is the sacrifice for our sins accomplished on the Cross. AV Colossians 2:6 “*As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him.*”

26 Some worry if people *like* them or not—but the only thing that matters is if God likes the way we live, talk, treat people, etc.

27 It does not matter if people love us or do not love us. Some may cut fellowship with us because of our faith in Christ, but continuing to do God's will is all that matters.

28 AV Ephesians 4:17 “*This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind.*”

29 It is *futile* to follow the world’s plans; wrong attitudes; and empty lifestyles—it is *pointless, fruitless*, and takes us in the *wrong* direction.

30 Jesus was *perfect* and loved everyone *perfectly*—yet He was nailed to a cross.

31 The world has always had it wrong ever since Adam went his own way—but God put a plan in place to save anyone who will *listen, learn, and follow* that plan by the power of His Spirit.

32 When we *think* about what is on the other side; what is *awaiting* us when we leave this world, we begin to walk a little *closer* to God; to be more *loving and patient*; to *read* the Word with keen interest—asking God to open our *understanding* of it and how it applies to us today.

33 Every day we hear on the news of some famous sports figure, politician, or entertainer having passed away.

34 It is then that we realize all the fame, fortune, and notoriety these people enjoyed for whatever time on earth, was all *vanity* because now—*eternity* begins—and continues on and on!

35 All of those people are either in Heaven or in Hell—and they will *be* there forever!

36 The *finality* of people on the obituary page is a real *wakeup call* for anyone—a *stark reminder* to be *sure* they are going in the *right* direction; being *certain* they have divine *love* in their heart—especially for those *lost* in sin and heading in the *wrong* direction. People don’t need more *criticism*—they need *prayers*!

37 God holds the breath of everyone in His hands—we have to be *sure* that our *faith and trust* are in Him and *remains* on Him through every

trial, trouble, and tribulation. The only *learning* position is a *humble* attitude.

38 Pride is deadly and destroys as quickly as anything. When Belshazzar acted from pride, Daniel told him NKJV Daniel 5:22 “*You his son, Belshazzar, have **not** humbled your heart, although you **knew** all this.*

39 23 *And you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone, which do **not** see or hear or know; and the God who holds your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have **not** glorified.*”

40 Belshazzar was about to face his Maker, and it would not go well for him.

41 God holds our very *breath* in His *hands*. We must **thank** Him every day for *giving* us another day—a day when we can glorify *Him* by our *words and ways and songs*.

42 If we ask someone: *Can you help me get where I need to go*—they respond: *Sure, where do you want to go!*

43 If we said: “*I’m trying to get to Heaven; Do you know how to get there?*” Their expression is always interesting, and response would be thought-provoking.

44 We are all on a spiritual journey—and we must be confident of the *destination of* our journey?

45 There was an atheist who was very outspoken about his belief that *there is no God*.

46 Sometime later he passed away—and now he is 100% sure about what is on the other side! The problem is that it is *too late* for him to do anything about it—his **time ran out!**

47 We need to *know* what is awaiting us on the other side—and the *Greatest Event Ever*—took *place*, so we could enter the *right* place.

48 God loved us enough to put a *plan in place* so we would know if we are going in the *right direction* to the *right destination*.

49 Jesus left His Spirit to be with us to empower us to live by faith in Him.

50 We are NKJV Ephesians 2:10 “*Created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*”

51 We need reminders along our spiritual journey—and when God opens the door of opportunity, we should walk through it and try to help someone going through a difficult time.

52 NIV 1 Thessalonians 5:11 “*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*” If we **are** doing what we **should** be doing.

53 The *Best Thing that ever Happened* and The *Greatest Event Ever* to take place, was Jesus taking **our** place on the Cross.

54 AV Romans 5:8 “*God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*”

55 That is really good to *know*—He took **our** place and **paid the price for us!**



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