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restore to me the joy of your salvation and renew a right spirit

A woman wearing a brown hijab is shown in profile, looking towards the left. She is positioned in the foreground, with a vast, rugged mountain range in the background. The mountains are covered in snow and partially shrouded in mist or low clouds. The sky is a deep blue with scattered white clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

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A SERIES ON CURRENT EVENTS

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Why are we dealing with current events?

- Our purpose for the Unshakeable series is for the gospel of Jesus Christ to be lived out as the solution for dealing with our current events.



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Ephesians 2:1-3

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

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What was I before coming to faith in Christ?

- “Dead” – living physical body without God’s Spirit
- “In trespasses and sins” – crossing the line/wrong doing
- “following the course of this world” – not your own
- “following the prince of the power of the air” – belong to Satan’s kingdom
- “by nature children of wrath” - not just born with it but it is who am I by nature

Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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Ephesians 2:8-10

For by **grace** you have been saved through **faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **not a result of works**, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



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Salvation is not...

- Christian morality
- Doing all the right things to gain merit with God
- Spirituality w/o Jesus
- Redefining who Jesus is
- Open to your interpretation
- Religion
- Agreement in worldview

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.



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1 Corinthians 15:1-4

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,



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List of current events

- Occupy Wall Street
- Me Too Movement
- BLM, CRT and WOKE
- Immigration
- COVID w/restrictions
- People not working
- LGBTQ/Gender Identity
- Corruption
- Cancel culture
- Censorship in social media
- Racism
- Proposal 5



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- Man's ability to destroy himself

Ephesians 2:11-12

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time **separated from Christ, alienated** from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having **no hope** and **without God** in the world.

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Ephesians 2:13-19

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought **near** by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our **peace**, who has **made us both one** and has broken down in his flesh the **dividing wall of hostility** by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself **one new man** in place of the two, so making **peace**,

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and might **reconcile us both** to God in **one body** through the cross, thereby killing the **hostility**. And He came and preached **peace to you** who were far off and **peace** to those who were near. For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are **fellow citizens** with the **saints** and **members** of the household of God..

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- see the Holy Spirit living in my worldwide family



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Celebrating my Lord Jesus' death...

Jesus died to bring peace and end hostility in this world through His shed blood. Jesus gave His all on the cross.

As I come to celebrate what He has done, does He have my all?



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