

## Get God; Get Hope

Non-Christians (“Gentiles” in parts of the New Testament) are described as  
“*having no hope and without God in the world*” (Eph. 2:11-12)

“Godless” includes: “Foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.” (Titus 3:3)  
It also includes: Fretful, worrying about daily food and clothing (Matthew 6:25-34)

**Make the choice to be godly!**

**Leave off the foolishness**, the worries and the anxieties. “Worry is a choice.”

**“Just say NO” to negativity.** (Yes, that’s supposed to be ironic.) You’re the light of the world and the salt of the earth. Shine brightly! Spice things up!

**Embrace love and goodwill.** Say something positive about someone. If you have something negative to say about someone..... “Zip it.” It doesn’t need to be said. “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.” Eph. 4:29

**Quit serving your evil lusts and pleasures.** Crucify your flesh with its passions and desires. (Gal. 5:24) Find some self-control. (2 Peter 1:6) You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. (Philippians 4:13) [The Gentiles say stuff like, “I can’t,” and “It’s hard.” Of course YOU can’t! That’s the point of coming to Christ in the first place! Of course it’s hard. That’s because this life is a test.

**See through your own self-deception** and Satan’s deceptions.

**Turn from your disobedience.**

**Escape from your doubts and fears.**

*For the non-Christian: Come to Jesus. Believe that He’s God’s anointed, the Savior of the world. Turn from your sins and die with Christ, being buried with Him through baptism into death.*

*For the Christian: Look again to Jesus. Remember your good faith and past obedience and your purification. Turn again from your sins and die with Christ.*

*“Take up your cross daily” (Luke 9:23)*

*“reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.*

*13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. (Romans 6:11-14)*

*Let Christ live in you (Gal. 2:20)*