

Looking for a guaranteed investment?

In a world that is being dominated by the three big "R" words, many of us have begun to wonder what the future really holds.



Some of us have spent years working hard, saving and investing, all in the hope of being able to enjoy life, not just now, but well into the future.

Some of us who are younger have watched as this economic meltdown has sent hundreds of ordinary people to the wall, and we've begun to wonder whether there will actually be a future for us at all!

In 2009 the first of the big "R" words began to appear regularly on the pages of just about every major news paper in the country. Australia, like so many other developed economies had slumped into **RECESSION**! Millions were being wiped off the stockmarket. Investments that were once considered to be as 'safe as houses' were being stripped away.

But in the face of all of this, many of our governments went into overdrive seeking to prop up their ailing economies with the next big "R" word - **RESCUE** packages! Billions have been poured into our economies all in the hope of staving off a deep and protracted depression like that of the 1930s. In addition to this, many governments have tried to lift the gloomy economic outlook from our eyes by talking up the 3rd big "R" word - **RECOVERY**!



But what will recovery really mean? The Bible tells us that the real problem confronting us today is not just a matter of economic recession where our investments may well be failing us. Our real problem is a 'spiritual' recession where our hearts have been drawn far away from the God who made us. **For too long we've been tempted to put our faith and our confidence in our own abilities and our material wealth.** We've thought that these would be the things to bring lasting satisfaction and joy. But the dream has begun to crumble. Yet, in the midst of this painful recession, many of us have begun to sense that our real problems are not just economic. Our real problem is selfish ambition and love of material things that have turned our hearts away from God. You know the Bible calls that turning away from God, sin! Like the economic recession that is taking thousands of people down the drain, so too sin is destined to ruin each one of us – damning us to an eternity of separation from God!

The message of the Bible is that long before you and I were even born, God devised a Rescue package – a means by which we could be bailed out of the hopeless clutches of our sin. His rescue package didn't come in the form of a short-lived 'stimulus package' that would enable us to keep investing for the few short years of our earthly lives. His rescue package came in the form of a person, His one and only Son, Jesus Christ. As He died on the cross almost 2000 years ago, He paid the price for all of our sin – our careless rejection of God. He bought up the 'bad debts' of our sin, so that we could be completely forgiven. Then He rose again so that we might be given with a brand new investment portfolio. One which would last for all eternity to come. He rose again so that we might be given the free gift of eternal life!

How can we lock into this investment which guarantees eternal life?

Jesus said: God loved the world of people, (like you and me) so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that whoever chooses to believe in Him, should not be forever separated from God, but have eternal life.



If you would like to be assured of this guaranteed investment, it can be yours today for free. All it requires is that you acknowledge the fact of your own sin (your selfish determination to live for yourself instead of God); that you turn from your selfishness and sin, and you surrender your life in faith to Jesus Christ who died in your place.

If you will, God has promised that He will not only wipe out the debt of your sin, but He will gift to you an investment that will last for all eternity to come – the gift of eternal life!

If you would like to receive this guaranteed investment which Jesus promised as a free gift then why not tell God right now by praying something like this....

Dear God, I know that for too long I have ignored you and tried to live life my own way. I have invested so much of my time and energy into things which will not last. I acknowledge that I have sinned by living for myself without regard for you. Thank you that you sent Jesus Christ to die for my sins. Right now I want to turn from my selfishness and sin, and I want to surrender my life in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ. Please forgive me for all my sin and give to me the new life you promised, a life which is lived in peace with you and a life which will last forever. Amen.

If you prayed that prayer, can I encourage you to contact us at www.citytabernacle.com.au

