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Grace Point Church

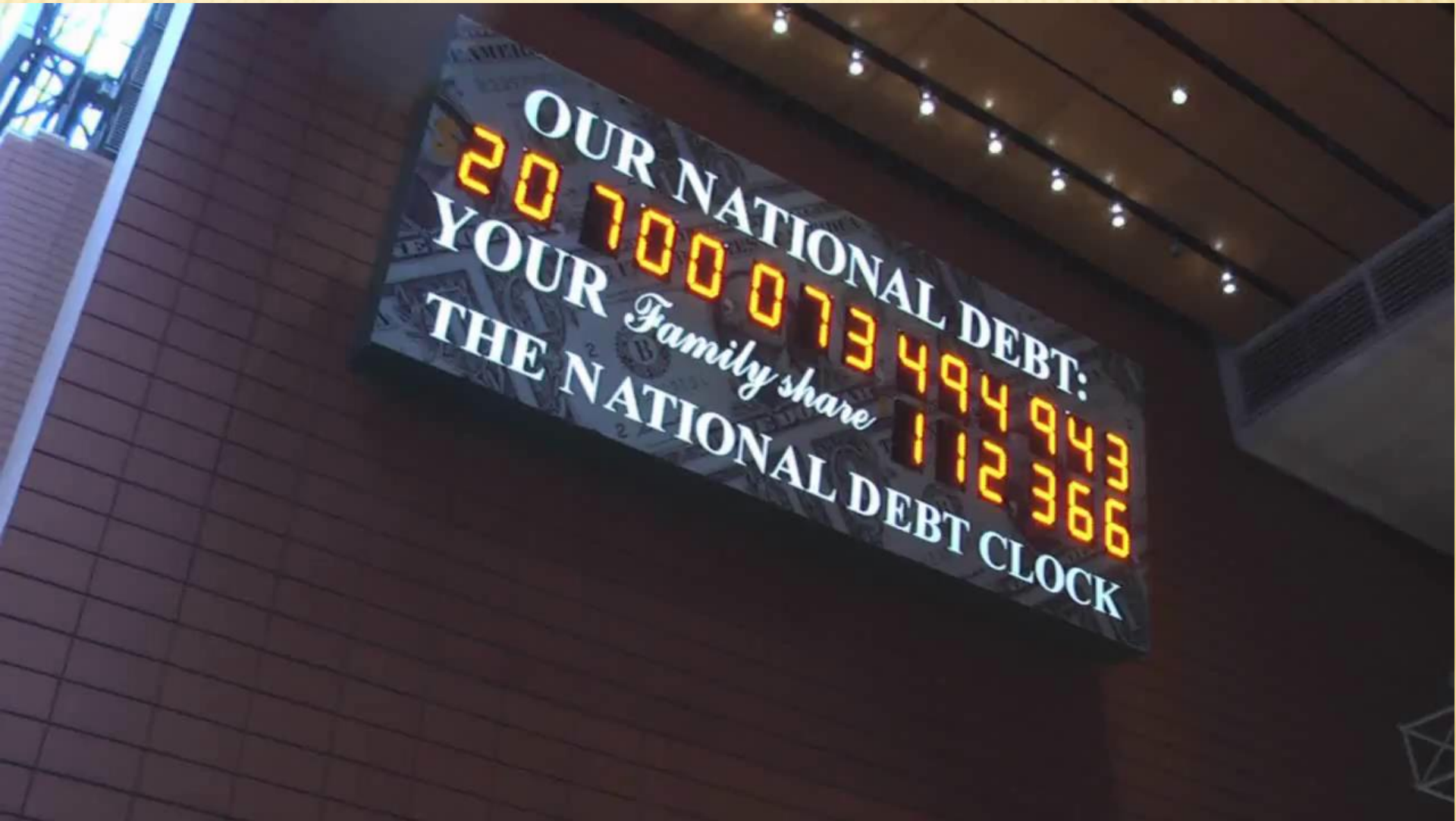
HOPE: A GOOD THING?



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- ✗ Or dangerous thing that drives a man insane?
- ✗ The worst of evils?

NATIONAL DEBT CLOCK NEAR TIMES SQUARE



ISAIAH 59:2

“Your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear you.”

ROMANS:

- ✕ *Written by the Apostle Paul*
- ✕ *Written late 56 AD or early 57 AD*
- ✕ *From Corinth on his way back to Jerusalem*

Romans 1:18-20 - Gentiles

“But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness.

They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them.

For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky.

Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.”

Romans 2:1 – Moral people

“You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things.”

Romans 2:23-24 – The Jews

“You are so proud of knowing the law, but you dishonor God by breaking it. No wonder the Scriptures say, ‘The Gentiles blaspheme the name of God because of you.’”

ROMANS 3:9-12 – All others

“Well then, should we conclude that we Jews are better than others? No, not at all, for we have already shown that all people, whether Jews or Gentiles, are under the power of sin. As the Scriptures say,

*‘No one is righteous—
not even one.*

*No one is truly wise;
no one is seeking God.
All have turned away;
all have become useless.*

*No one does good,
not a single one.’”*

Two Responses

1. *Must improve my behavior;
I need to do better.*
2. *There is no god that
demands so much.*



Romans 8:1

*“So now there is no
condemnation...”*

Rom. 3:19-25a, 27-28

19 Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God.

20 For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

Rom. 3:19-25a, 27-28

21 But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago.

22 We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

Rom. 3:19-25a, 27-28

23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

24 Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.

Rom. 3:19-25a, 27-28

27 Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith.

28 So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.

Romans 8:1

*“So now there is no
condemnation for those who
belong to Christ Jesus.”*

Romans 10:9-10

9 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

Romans 10:11-13

11 As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.”

12 Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him.

13 For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:14-15

14 But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

15 And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!”

Pi²

Pray Invest Invite

PRAY daily for those on your Pi² list, for providential moments, and for opportunities, boldness, and clarity

INVEST and build authentic relationships and real friendships with those on your list

INVITE them to the appropriate level of commitment (attend church, small group, read a book, go for coffee to discuss faith, trust Christ)

Who's on your **Pi²** list?

Family Member _____

Friend _____

Co-Worker/Classmate _____

Neighbor _____

Providential moments _____ Pray for open doors _____