

## The GOOD NEWS is about OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

It has been recorded in a book called THE BIBLE

and consists of FOUR POINTS . . .

## MAN WAS CREATED TO LOVE GOD, BUT MAN SINNED AGAINST HIM INSTEAD.

God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5)

Thou shalt <u>love</u> the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. (Deuteronomy 6:5)

For <u>all</u> have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

 $\dots$  so  $\underline{\text{death}}$  passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. (Romans 5:12)

Sin is <u>ignoring</u> or <u>disobeying</u> God. God cannot tolerate sin. Because man sins, he must face <u>punishment</u> instead of friendship with God:

... to go into <u>hell</u>, into the fire that never shall be quenched. (Mark 9:43)

### Can something be done about this? . . .

## AS SINNERS, MAN CANNOT DO ANYTHING TO GET BACK TO GOD.

All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. (Isaiah 64:6)

What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun? (Ecclesiastes 1:3)

So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. (Romans 8:8)

Without God, man's life is empty. So he tries to fill it with:

- SUCCESS IN STUDIES, BUSINESS OR FRIENDSHIPS
- FUN, FOOD AND GAMES
- HIS OWN PHILOSOPHY OR RELIGION

but life is still empty and meaningless.

His only hope is . . .

## GOD LOVES MAN AND CAME AS JESUS CHRIST TO SAVE MAN.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son (Jesus), that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

Jesus took <u>our</u> punishment for sins, by being nailed on a cross until he died.

Christ died for our sins . . . He was buried . . . He rose again the third day . . . (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

(He then went up to heaven and promised to come back!)

Jesus said:

I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14:6)

You too, need to be saved through Jesus . . .

### JESUS WILL SAVE YOU WHEN YOU TURN FROM YOUR SINS AND TURN TO HIM ALONE

He said:

All that the Father giveth me shall <u>come to me</u>; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. (John 6:37)

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

Therefore:

• Admit your sin
God be merciful to me a sinner. (Luke 18:13)

- Believe in Jesus

  Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, . . . (Acts 16:31)
- Give up your life to Jesus
  I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

By receiving this gift of salvation of God, you begin a <u>new</u> <u>life</u> as His disciple forever!

# **WILL YOU TURN** TO JESUS TODAY?

If you want to turn to Jesus . . .

. . . humbly admit to God that you are a sinner and that you need the saving power of Christ's death to remove your sin and make Him ruler of your surrendered life.

God cares for your <u>attitude</u>, not your words. Ask him now for salvation; pray to Him from your heart.

Jesus has promised:

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. (John 6:37)

- If you have received Christ by faith, whether you felt it or not, the following things have happened:
- Christ came into your life. (Hence you are a Christian) (Colossians 1:27; Galatians 2:20)
- Your sins were forgiven (past, present and future). (Colossians 1:14; Isaiah 1:18)
- You were born again and became a child of God; you can now know God personally. (John 1:12-13; 17:3)

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and . . .

- You have eternal life. (John 5:24; 1 John 5:11-13)
  You have started to be transformed back to the image of Cod from which man had fallen, perfecting helinose and
- God from which man had fallen, perfecting holiness and bearing fruits of righteousness. (2 Corintians 3:18; 7:1; Galatians 5:22-23)
- You have received power to live the victorious Christian life, overcoming sin and temptation. He will lead you through every trial and tribulation. (Roman 6:7,18; 1 John 5:4-5)

you can never lose these things because . . .

You have become a new creature (2 Corintians 5:17) and you can never lose your status because Christ has said:

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. (John 10:28)

You need to receive Christ only once.

### He has promised never to leave you. (Hebrew 13:5)

This assurance unburdens your heart; thank God and be pleasing to Him with your whole life, in love and appreciation of all He has done for you. The Word of God,



not our feelings, should be the grounds for our faith. Your trust should only be on the complete Truth in the Bible.

What happens now?

### Christian Growth

If you have just been born again, your relationship with God has just begun. You will increasingly know God, love God and serve God with your whole heart and life.

Spiritual growth results from faith in Christ, and is manifested in:

- Communicating daily with God in prayer. (John 15:7)
- Getting to know God through daily <u>Bible reading</u>. (Acts 17:11) begin with the Gospel of John.

- Obeying God increasingly. (John 14:21)
  Confessing to God when you displease Him by
- committing sins. (1 John 1:9)
  Trusting God with every aspect and detail of your life.
- (1 Peter 5:7)
   Depending upon <u>God's Spirit</u> within you to guide, lead
- and live your daily life. (Galatians 5:16-17)
  Showing Christ to others by your transformed life and
- Showing Christ to others by your transformed life and words. (Matthew 4:19; 5:16)

What about the church?

### The Church

You have also become part of the 'body of Christ' or the Church, comprising all born-again people in the world (1 Corinthians 1:13) and God has intended that His disciples be together to encourage and teach one another as well as to worship and win souls to Him as one (John 17:22). No Christian should live to himself.

Take the initiative to visit a nearby local protestant church where Christ is honoured and His Word is preached and taught (not all 'churches' which mention Christ are true to the Bible). Make plans to attend regularly and be established there.

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