

do you know for sure

that you are going to be with God in Heaven??

If God were to ask you, **"Why should I let you into My Heaven?"** what would you say?

Not sure? Then this booklet has . . .



you could ever hear!

The few minutes it will take you to read this may be the most important time you will ever spend!

Did you know that the Bible tells **how you can know for sure** that you have eternal life and will go to be with God in Heaven?

"I write these things to you . . . so that you may know that you have eternal life." 1 John 5:13

HERE'S HOW: The Bible says there are 5 THINGS you need to know about eternal life:



eternal life is a free gift!

The Bible says,

". . . the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

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And because **Heaven is a gift**, like any other genuine gift . . .

it is not earned or deserved

No amount of personal effort, good works, or religious deeds can earn a place in Heaven for you.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8,9

WHY is it that no one can earn his way to Heaven?



man is a sinner

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"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

MAN

Sin includes much more than murder or robbery, in fact, it is anything we think, say, do, or don't do, that does not please God.

And because of this . . .

man cannot save himself

If you wanted to save yourself by good deeds, do you know how good you would have to be?

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Matthew 5:48

With such a high standard, no one can save himself.

However, in spite of our sin . . .



God is merciful

And doesn't want to punish us.

The Bible says that "... God is love." 1 John 4:8 And He says, "... I have loved you with an everlasting love" Jeremiah 31:3

But the same Bible which tells us that God loves us, also tells us that . . .

God is just

And therefore must punish our sin.

The Bible says . . .

".... Yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished" Exodus 34:7

". . . The soul who sins is the one who will die." Ezekiel 18:4

We Have A Problem

God loves us and doesn't want to punish us.

But He is just and must punish sin.

God solved this problem for us in the Person of ...

who is He?

The Bible tells us clearly that He is the infinite God-Man. "In the beginning was the Word (Jesus) ... and the Word (Jesus) was God. And the Word (Jesus) was made flesh, and dwelt among us" John 1:1,14 Jesus Christ came to earth and lived a sinless life, but while on earth . . .

what did He do?

He died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins and rose from the grave to purchase a place in Heaven for us.

"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity (sin) of us all." Isaiah 53:6

Jesus Christ took our sin in His body on the cross and offers you eternal life (Heaven) now and forever, as a free gift.

This gift is received by . . .

Many people mistake 2 things for saving faith:

aith is the key that opens the door to heaven

- 1. Saving faith is not just head knowledge about God.
- 2. Saving faith is not just turning to God for temporary needs.

saving faith is

trusting in Jesus Christ alone for our eternal life both now and forever. This means trusting in what He has done rather than in what we have done.

"... Believe (trust) in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved ..." Acts 16:31

You have just read the **Greatest Story** ever told about the **Greatest Offer** ever made by the **Greatest Person** who ever lived – **JESUS CHRIST**.

The question that God is asking you now is . . .

would you like to receive the gift of eternal life?

Because this is such an important matter, let's clarify just what it involves.

It means that you need to:

TRANSFER YOUR TRUST From what *you* have been doing to what *Christ* has done for you on the cross.

ACCEPT THE LIVING CHRIST AS SAVIOR

Open the "door" to your heart and invite Him in. He says: "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in . . ." Revelation 3:20

RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS LORD

Give Him the "driver's seat" and "controls" of your life, not the "back seat."

REPENT OF YOUR SIN

Be willing to turn from anything that is not pleasing to Him. He will reveal His will to you as you grow in your relationship with Him.

Now, if this is what you really want . . .

you can go to God in prayer right where you are.

You can receive His gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ right now.

"For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:10,13

If you want to receive the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, then call on Him, asking Him for this gift right now.

HERE'S A SUGGESTED PRAYER:

"Lord Jesus, thank You for Your gift of eternal life. I know I'm a sinner and do not deserve eternal life. But You loved me so You died and rose from the grave to purchase a place in Heaven for me. I now trust in You alone for eternal life and repent of my sin. Please take control as Lord of my life. Thank you so much!"

If this prayer is the sincere desire of your heart, look at what Jesus promises to those who believe in Him:

"... I say unto you, he that believes on Me has everlasting life." John 6:47

to God's family...



If you have placed your trust in Jesus Christ's sacrificial death, you have received His free gift of eternal life! And now, you are a child of God. Forever!

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD!

"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12

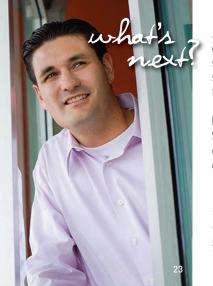
today is your spiritual birthday!

A DAY YOU WILL ALWAYS WANT TO REMEMBER!

The Bible speaks of those who receive eternal life in these words:

"Children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." John 1:13

When you were physically born, the day of your birth was your physical birthday . . .



Just as a newborn baby grows physically, in a similar way we grow spiritually, by taking the following steps:

READ THE BIBLE

Starting with the Gospel of John, read a chapter each day.

"Like newborn babes, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation." 1 Peter 2:2

PRAYER

Spend time each day talking with God.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6

WORSHIP

Regularly attend a church that honors Jesus Christ and teaches you the Bible.

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalm 122:1

"God is Spirit, and his worshipers must worship Him in spirit and in truth." John 4:24

FELLOWSHIP

With Christians who will help you grow in faith.

"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ." 1 John 1:3

WITNESS

Tell others what Jesus Christ means to you!

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses . . ." Acts 1:8



Spiritual birth certificate

for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13)

Knowing that I have sinned, and I need the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior, I now turn from my sins and trust Him for my eternal life. I ask Jesus Christ to forgive me, and to deliver me from sin's power and give me eternal life.

I now give Jesus Christ control of my life. From this time forward, as He gives me strength, I will seek to trust Him and obey Him in all areas of my life.

Signature	Date	
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If you have appreciated the GOOD NEWS you have just read, please let us know. We want to rejoice in what God has done in your life and help you grow spiritually. Please call, visit, or write the church listed below.

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