

God loves YOU even if you are a sinner.

How God Thinks of Sinners

God doesn't think bad thoughts about you. He loves YOU even if you have made many mistakes and done many wrong things in your life.

God LOVES you and He wants to show you His plans which He has for YOUR life. God also desires to have a **PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP** with YOU.

Luke 5:31-32 NKJV

Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 NKJV

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us not willing that any should perish but all should come to repentance

God's Plan For YOU

God's plan for ALL people is that through His Son Jesus Christ, we would believe in Him, receive Him as Lord & Saviour and have eternal life.

John 3:16-17 NKJV

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.



The devil hates you and has a terrible plan for your life

The devil's plan for YOUR Life

The devil's plan is to tempt you and to persuade you to rebel against God by living a lifestyle that is contrary to God's values, God's teachings and God's plan for your life.

Any form of rebellion against God is classified as SIN. Breaking God's laws and commandments is SIN.

1 Peter 5:8-9 NKJV

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

John 10:10 NKJV

(Jesus speaking) – "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

The devil's plan for all people, is that they would rebel against God and thus live a sinful life and end up eternally in a place called hell.

Revelations 20:10 NKJV

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

MAN'S PROBLEM ... SIN & Separation from God

We Are ALL Sinners & Fall Short of God's Glory

From the moment that Adam & Eve listened to the serpent by disobeying God in the Garden of Eden, SIN existed in the life of man and thus caused a SEPARATION between God and man.

BEFORE man sinned, man had a PERFECT relationship with God and man was living a PERFECT LIFE without tribulation; without trials; without hunger; without poverty; without disease; without death.

However man's sin or rebellion against God ushered in all sorts of problems that we see in the world because man gave in to sinful fleshly desires.

•Romans 3:23 NKJV

For ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

•Romans 6:23 NKJV

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

•1 John 1:10 NKJV

If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

•Isaiah 59:2 NKJV

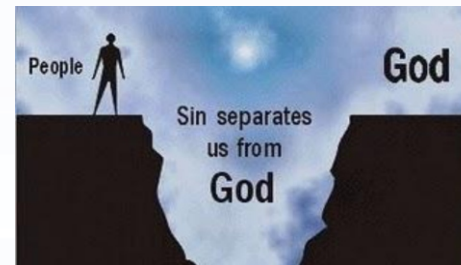
But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

Sin has brought about death in two forms; death in **physical form** and death in **spiritual form** where one is spiritually separated from God.

Examples of Sin's that Separate Us from God

•Galatians 5:19-21 NKJV

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.



God's Solution ... Jesus

JESUS CHRIST is the Answer

Jesus Christ is the only answer to this problem. He is the only One who can bring us back to God. He taught us how to live a righteous life; and then He died on the Cross and rose from the grave, paying the penalty for our sin and bridging the gap between God and people.



•John 14:6 NKJV

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

•1 Timothy 2:5 NKJV

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

Jesus being the Son of God, lived an INNOCENT and SINLESS life on earth. Jesus then died for ALL of us who are guilty of SIN. Jesus became our sacrifice & resurrected so that:

- 1) We do not have to suffer the wages of sin which is death (spiritual separation from God)
- 2) We are reconciled with God our Creator
- 3) We may day-to-day have a personal one-on-one relationship with God in Christ Jesus
- 4) We may live a victorious life in Christ and overcome the deception and temptations of our adversary the devil through Jesus.

•1 Peter 3:18-19 ESV

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

•Romans 5:8 NKJV

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Our Response ... Receive Jesus as Lord & Saviour

We Must Be Born Again

- 1.If we are to experience God's love and God's plan for our lives, then we must individually receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.
- 2.If we are to experience eternal life and have a personal relationship with God, then we must individually receive Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.
- 3.If we are to overcome the temptations of the devil and experience victory over all sorts of sins in our life, then we must individually receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

•John 3:3 NKJV

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

•John 1:12-13 NKJV

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become CHILDREN OF GOD, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

•Ephesians 2:8-10 ESV

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

•2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a NEW CREATION; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new

Receiving Jesus Christ as Your Lord & Saviour means the following

- 1.That you become a born again Christian
- 2.That you are a child of God & part of God's kingdom
- 3.Through Christ you can overcome life's challenges
- 4.That in Christ you have eternal life and are saved from eternal separation from God.
5. Your salvation is not by your personal effort or merit
6. Your salvation is a gift from God
7. Your salvation is by God's grace or great kindness

Simple Steps to Salvation

1. ACKNOWLEDGE: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13).

You must acknowledge that you are a sinner and that you therefore need Jesus in your life.

2. REPENT: "Unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3)

Repenting means: to change your mind; a sincere turning away, in heart, mind and action; Therefore God wants you to repent of sinful values and of sinful living. God wants you to decide to follow Him.

3. CONFESSION: "If we confess our sins. He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9)

God is a forgiving God. God will forgive any sin that you have done because Jesus died for ALL your sins and to set you free from the bondage of all types of sin in your life.

4. BELIEVE: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting" (John 3:16). **You must believe that ONLY Jesus can save you and restore your relationship with God. You must believe that Jesus is the ONLY way by which you can have everlasting life and escape from eternal separation from God. You must believe that Jesus died on the cross for you and resurrected from the grave.**

5. RECEIVE: "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12) **By faith, You must receive Jesus as Your Lord & Saviour and therefore; you become a child of God; you become born again; you become a Christian; you restore your broken relationship with God**

Become A Christian Today

PRAY THIS PRAYER TO RECEIVE JESUS AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOUR RIGHT NOW:

This prayer is an expression to God of your FAITH & TRUST in Him for providing your salvation. (You can also pray in your own words)

"Lord Jesus, I thank You for Your love and grace. I thank You that You died on the cross for me and resurrected so that I may have eternal life through You.

I confess Lord that I have sinned against You and today I ask You to forgive me of all of my sins, past present and future.

I repent of all of my sins and I ask You to cleanse me Jesus. Thank You for forgiving my sins.

From this moment, come into my life Lord Jesus & take full control of my life. I want to follow You Jesus and I want to follow Your ways. Save me and from today, make me the person You want me to be. By faith in you Jesus, I believe You, I receive You and I trust You as my Lord and Saviour - Amen"

WHAT HAPPENS

The moment you receive Jesus by FAITH, the following happens:

- 1.Jesus now lives inside of you (**1 Corinthians 6:19,20**)
- 2.You are now a child of God (**John 1:12**)
- 3.You are a new creation in Christ; (**2 Corinthians 5:17**)
- 4.Your sins are ALL forgiven (**1 John 1:9**)
- 5.You now live your life by FAITH & BELIEF in God (**2 Corinthians 5:7**)
- 6.The Bible is your infallible & God inspired manual for life (**2 Timothy 3:16,17**)
- 7.In Christ Jesus, the Lord will enable you to fulfill and experience His plan and purpose for your life. (**Romans 8:28**)
8. You have eternal life through Christ (**John 3:16**)

WHAT'S NEXT

- 1.Read and meditate on the word of God (**Psalms 1:1-3**)
- 2.Pray to God daily (**1 Thessalonians 5:17**)
- 3.Share the gospel of Jesus Christ (**Matthew 28:18-20**)
- 4.Trust God in every area of your life (**Proverbs 3:5,6**)
- 5.Obey the Lord (**Matthew 7:24,25; James 1:22-25**)
- 6.Have God control your life daily (**Galatians 5:16-25**)
- 7.Join a good bible-based church



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