

Do You Know Jesus?

Dear Friend,

God, who created you, has a plan of complete fulfillment for your life. Jesus says, "I have come that they (you) may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10, NIV)

DO YOU WANT NEW LIFE?

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

It's available! Jesus in Matthew 11:28 invites you to come. He says, "***Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.***" It is that simple.

But what things are making you weary and burdened? Jesus in the Bible diagnoses the cause of weariness and burdens - SIN. It's sin that separates us from God.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) Sin is rebellion or indifference toward the One who created you - GOD. Romans 1:28-32 reveals some of the nature of sin, ***"And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them."*** Romans 6:23 further says, ***"The wages of sin is death"***, then adds this great statement of hope for all those who have found themselves in the traps of sin, ***"but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*** Yes, Heaven and a new life are waiting for you as a free gift, and all you need do is accept it.

GOD HAS PROVIDED A WAY TO NEW LIFE!

"God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

JESUS, WHO NEVER SINNED, PAID FOR OUR SIN THROUGH HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" (John 14:6)

How do you deal with your sin? ***"Unless you repent, you too will all perish."*** (Luke 13:3) Repentance is best described in Proverbs 28:13, which says, ***"He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy."***

HOW TO REPENT:

At this point it is perhaps time to pray a prayer like this - *"Lord Jesus, help me see my sin and all You want me to confess to You now."*

Next confess all the sin He has brought to your mind. Then claim God's promise of forgiveness. ***"If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sin and purify us from all unrighteousness."*** (1 John 1:9)

Remember, God does not lie - you are forgiven.

NOW IS THE TIME TO RECEIVE JESUS BY FAITH.

"To all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or of a husband's will, but born of God." (John 1:12-13)

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved...for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" (Romans 10:9,10,13)

To receive Christ as Lord and Savior right now, you might pray a prayer like this: *"Lord Jesus, I come to You a lost and lonely sinner. I confess that only You can take away the burden of my sin. I believe You died on the cross to pay for all my sin, that You were buried and that you rose again so that I can have everlasting life in Heaven with you. Come into my life right now. Forgive me as I surrender my life to You and ask to receive You as Lord of my life. Please give me the assurance of the Holy Spirit that I belong to You. Amen."*

Remember, God does not lie. Christ is in your heart and life.

HOW CAN I KNOW FOR SURE THAT I HAVE A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST?

"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may KNOW that you have eternal life." (1 John 5:11-13)

Remember, God does not lie. You have eternal life.

HOW CAN WE LIVE AN ABUNDANT CHRISTIAN LIFE?

- ⌚ Pray daily.
- ⌚ Read the Bible daily.
- ⌚ When you sin, confess it to Jesus immediately (see 1 John 1:9 above).
- ⌚ Find another Christian with whom to study the Bible and be accountable.
- ⌚ Tell others about what has happened to you.
- ⌚ Worship with other Christians in a Bible-believing church and learn all you can about God's purpose and plan for your life.