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## INTRODUCTION

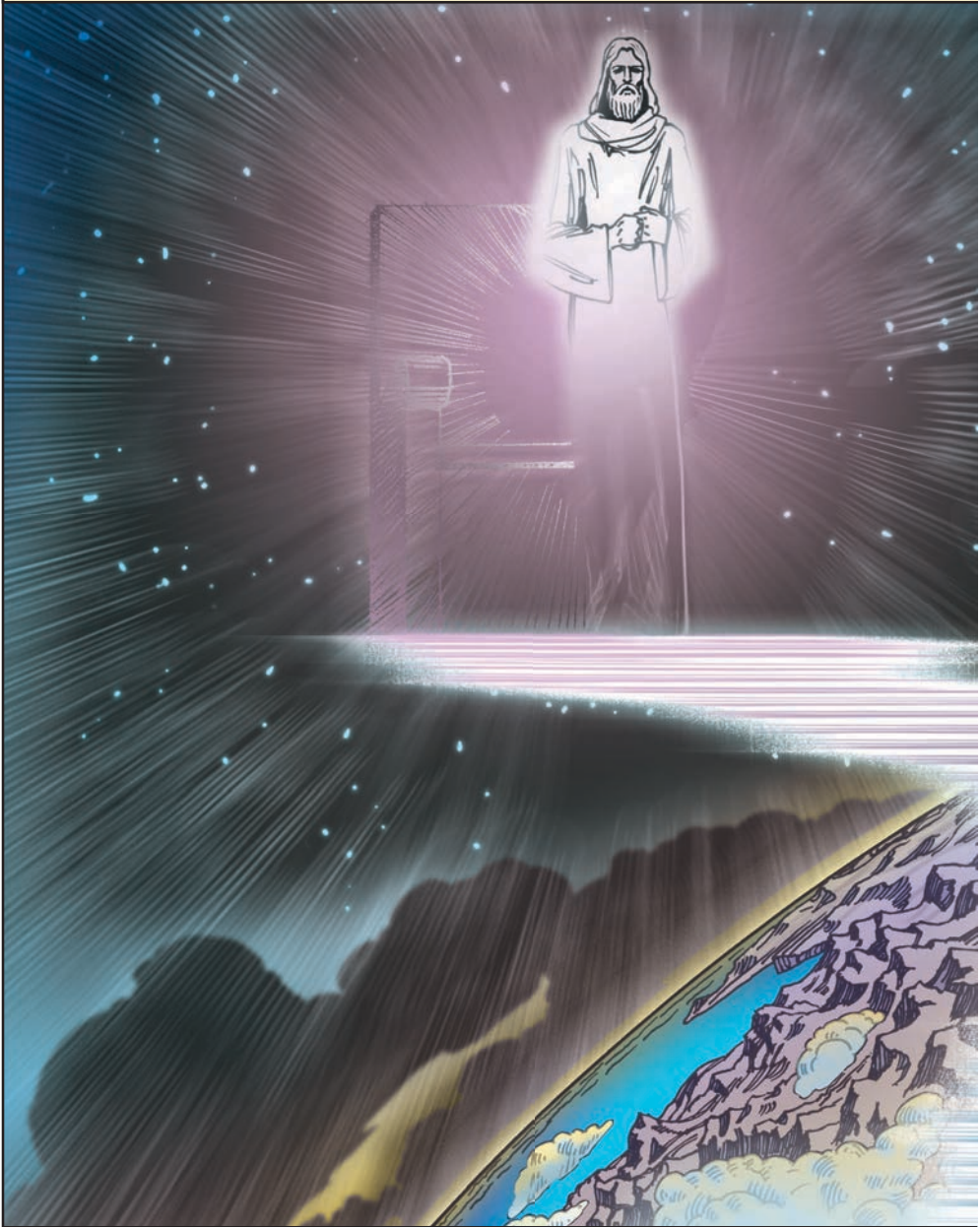
“In fact, if a full presentation of Christ and His Cross is made to us at the very outset, we may well step into a great deal of experience from the first day of our Christian life, even though the full explanation of much of it may only follow later.”

Watchman Nee, *The Normal Christian Life*

When we trust Jesus Christ as Lord, God, Savior and Life, we are also asking Him to take over our will and our lives. In fact He becomes our life. We are transformed; sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly, but change always comes. The very Spirit of God comes to live in us and makes us whole, alive and complete. Life will never be the same when we believe and give our hearts to God.

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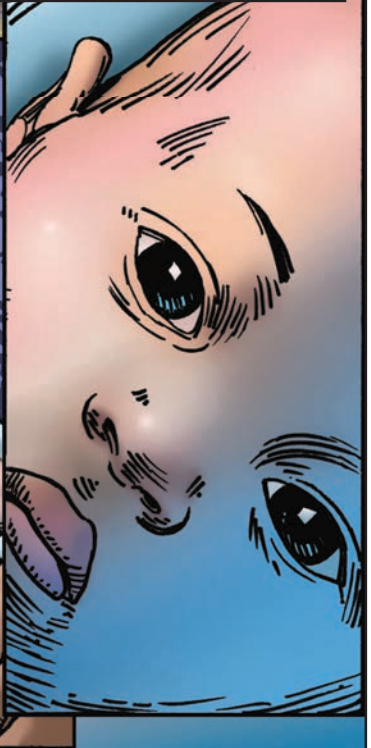
God was in the Heavens and came to earth as a man.



Philippians 2:6-8, John 1:14, Hebrews 1:3, Romans 8:3b, John 10:30, Colossians 1:15,  
Colossians 2:9, Hebrews 2:11-17, Matthew 1:20-23

He was conceived in a miraculous way, but He was born of a woman in the same way we were.

He did this so that we could form a personal relationship with Him and know Him as both God and man and better understand Him as Father.



Jesus went through childhood and adolescence, learned a trade; and when His time came, He began the ministry that He had come to do, revealing Himself to all of us as God and Savior.



Matthew 3:13-17, Matthew 7:28-29, Mark 6:2-3, Luke 2:40, Luke 2:41-47, Luke 2:52

When His purpose on earth was complete, He allowed Himself

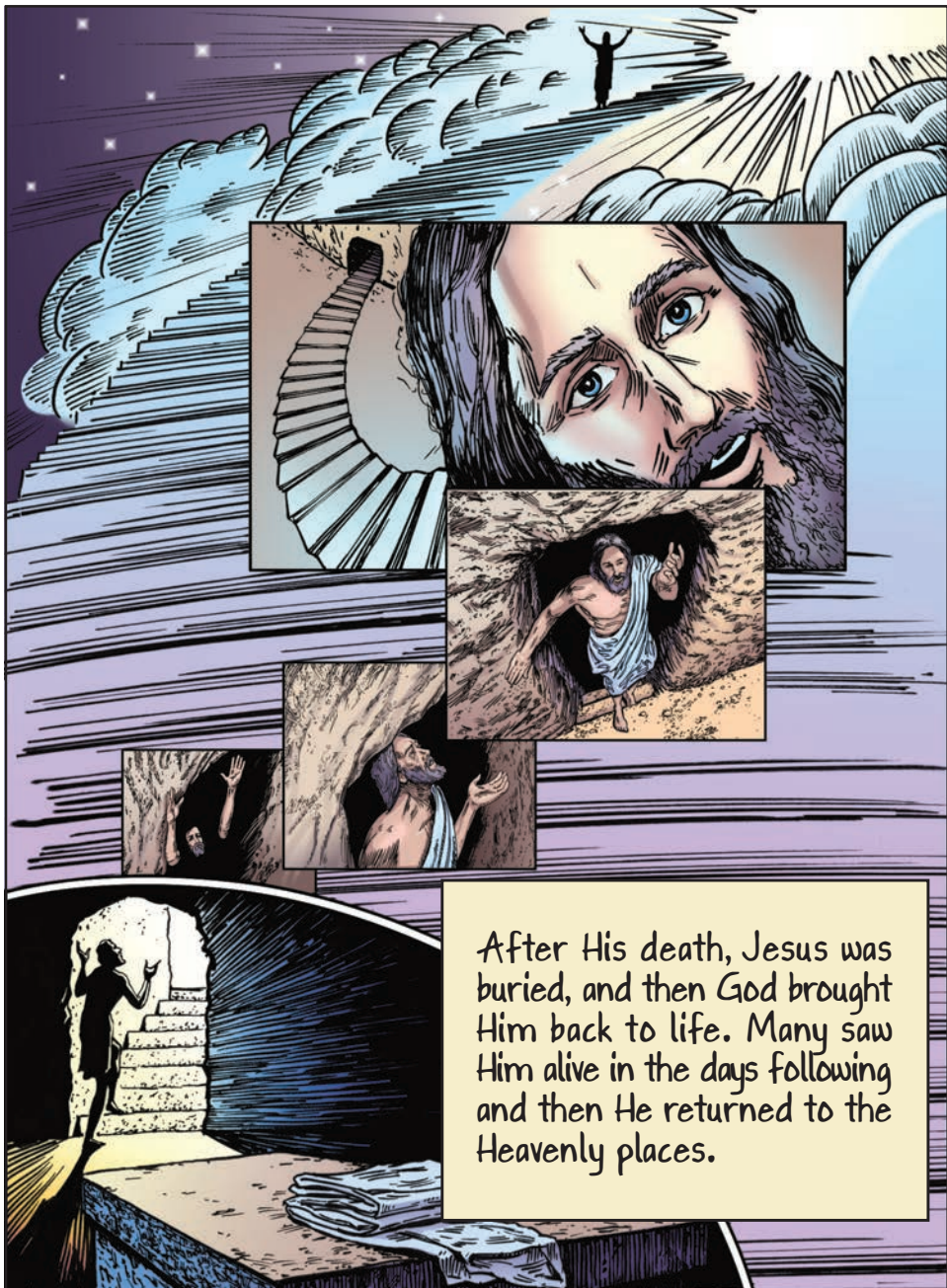


to be crucified. He was humiliated and tortured and then nailed to a cross. Jesus chose to die this most brutal of deaths so you and I wouldn't have to pay the penalty for our wrongdoing. He wanted us to identify with Him and what He went through.



In ways known only to God, the sacrifice and the blood of Jesus Christ is able to wash away our sins and cleanse us forever. This total act of love gave us purity so God could see us as one of His children, just as He sees Jesus.

Matthew 26:28-29, Matthew 27:57- 61, Romans 5: 6, Romans 8:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:14 -15, Hebrews 9:22, 1 Peter 2:24, 1 John 1:7

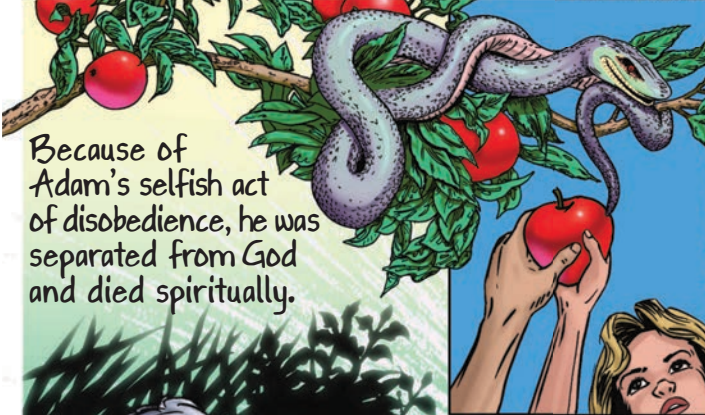
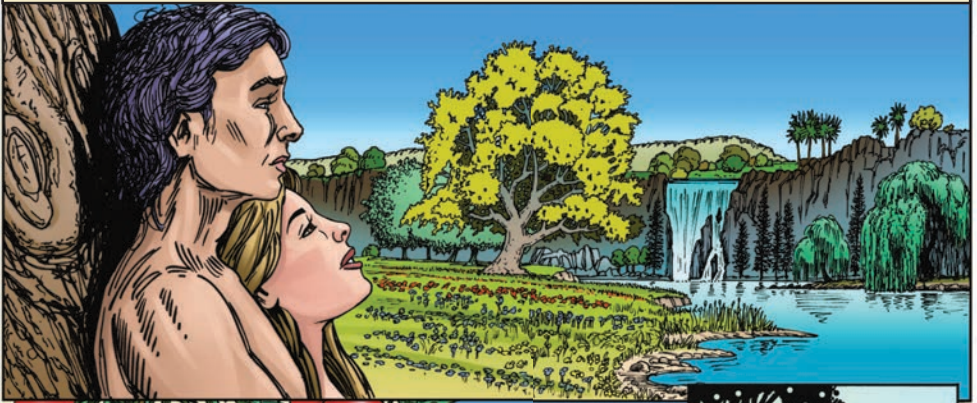


After His death, Jesus was buried, and then God brought Him back to life. Many saw Him alive in the days following and then He returned to the Heavenly places.

Jesus came so that we could establish a personal relationship with Him and to give us His gift of eternal life. Eternal life is Christ's life. It has no beginning, and it has no end.



Why was all this necessary? Because when God created the first man, Adam, He gave him a wonderful life in Paradise, but Adam disobeyed his Heavenly Father.



Because of Adam's selfish act of disobedience, he was separated from God and died spiritually.



From that point, man had a body and soul (personality), but spiritually he was dead to God. He was not whole and could no longer experience the blessings God had in store.

As a child of our parents with a family lineage going back to Adam, we died spiritually with Adam in the Garden of Eden.



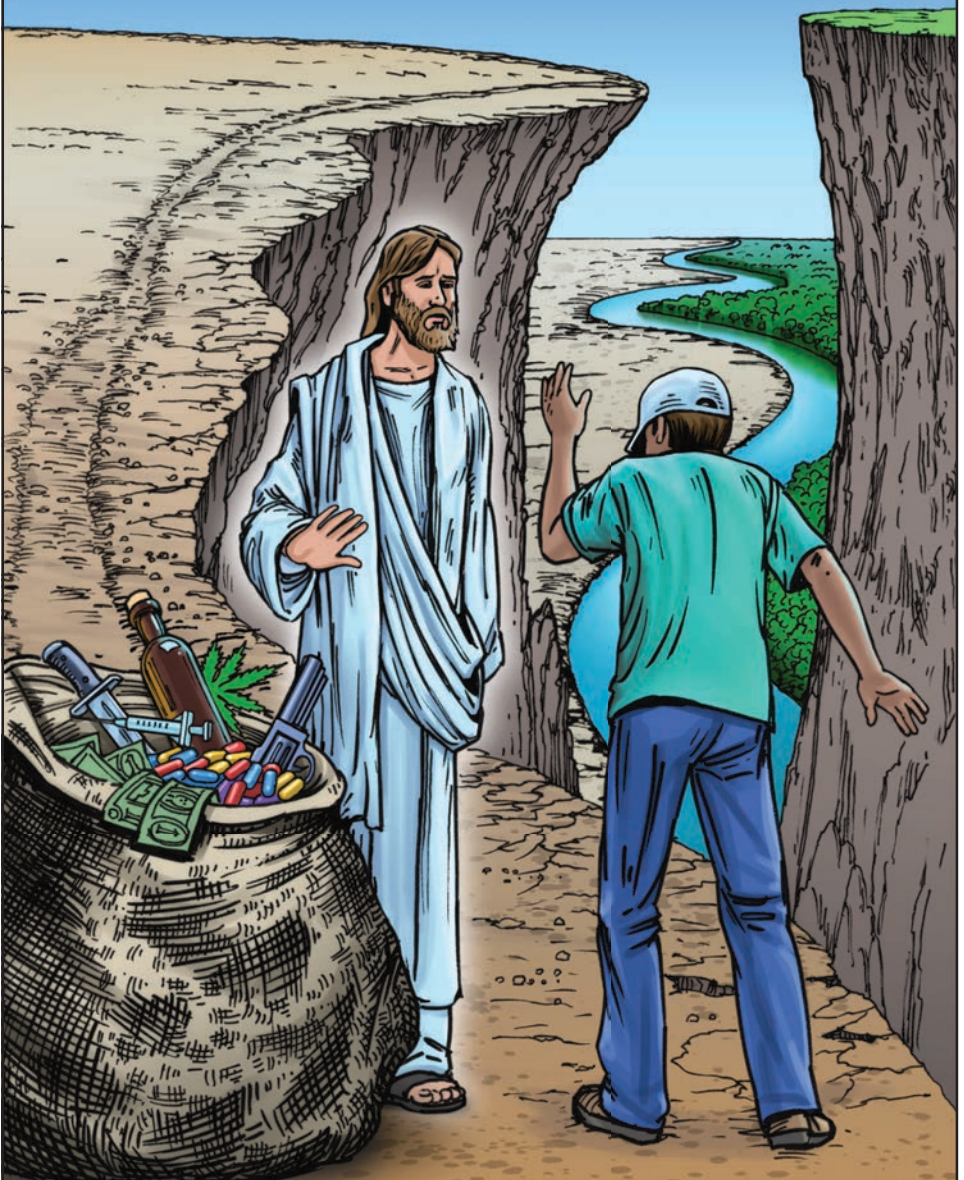
We carry the burdens of that lineage, plus the burdens of our own sins and the emotional baggage we pick up in our lifetime on earth. It is a real bag of junk with shame, guilt, past problems and hang-ups, and bad feelings about our sins and character defects. We are in need of a new lineage and a new family.



One day, someone came along and explained the story of Jesus, how He came to save each of us from eternal death by dying for us and giving us His eternal life. Jesus died, giving us all a way out, a way to experience total forgiveness, unconditional love, and hope of eternal life through Him.

Ezekiel 36:26-27, Acts 4:12, Romans 5:9, 1 Corinthians 15:57, 2 Corinthians 5:18a, Galatians 1:15-16, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 Timothy 2:5-6

Jesus also came so that you and I could have peace and an abundant life on this earth now through a relationship with Him. He wants to show us how to cope with life's problems. Jesus offers hope and a new design for living. Our natural ways keep us self-absorbed and in turmoil. They have not worked.

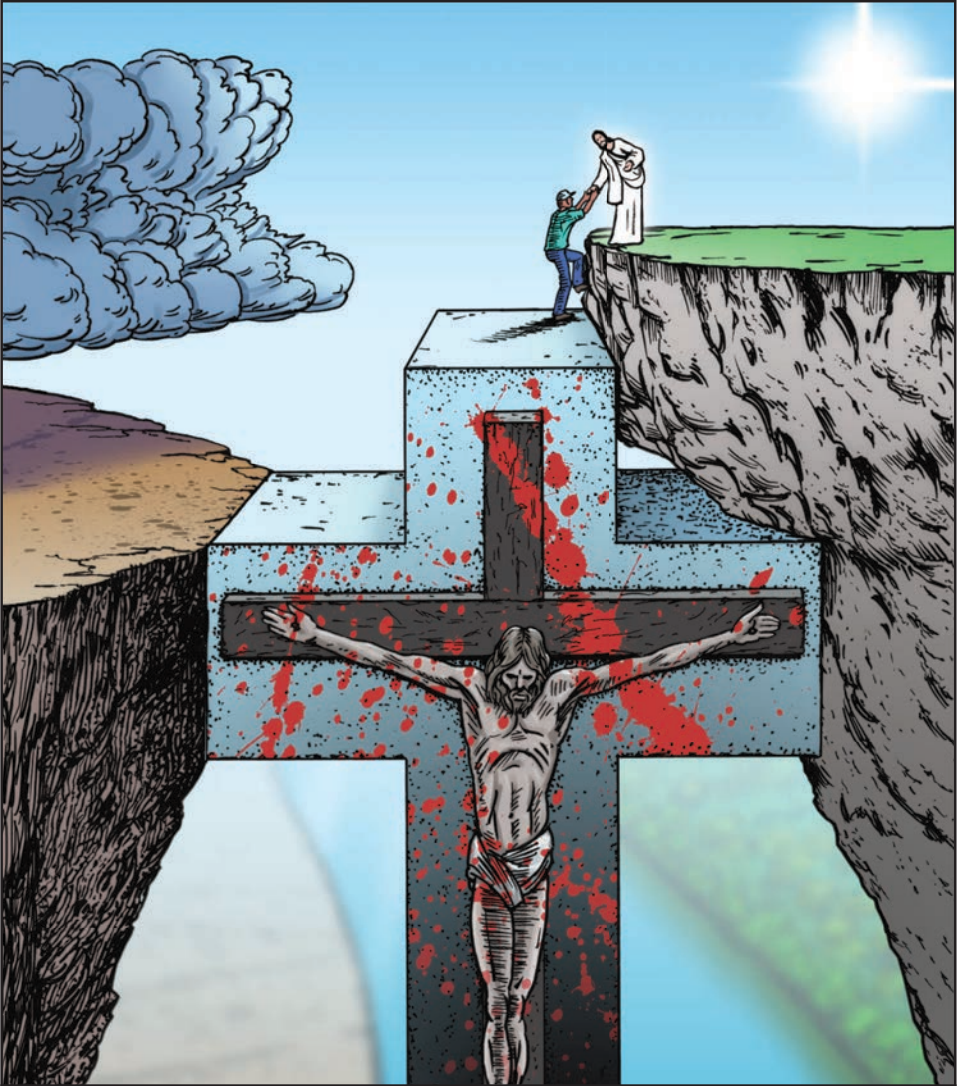




We cannot have peace when we are separated from God. The choices, the ones we make every day, are self-centered and keep us frustrated and separated from fellowship with God. We have a deep yearning for a peaceful union with our Heavenly Father, but we lack that spiritual connection. Our own best thinking and good intentions got us into this mess.

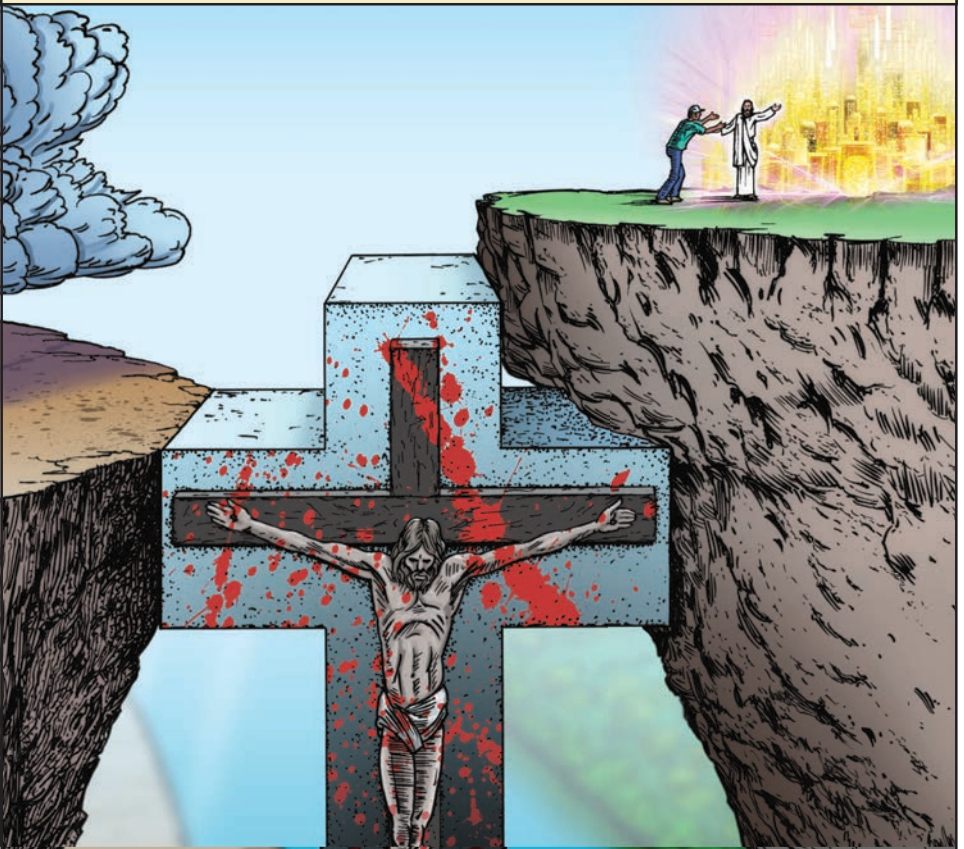
We attempt to bridge the gap that separates us from God, and we seek ways to reestablish a relationship with Him. None work. Only through trust in Jesus Christ can we get in touch with God the Father.



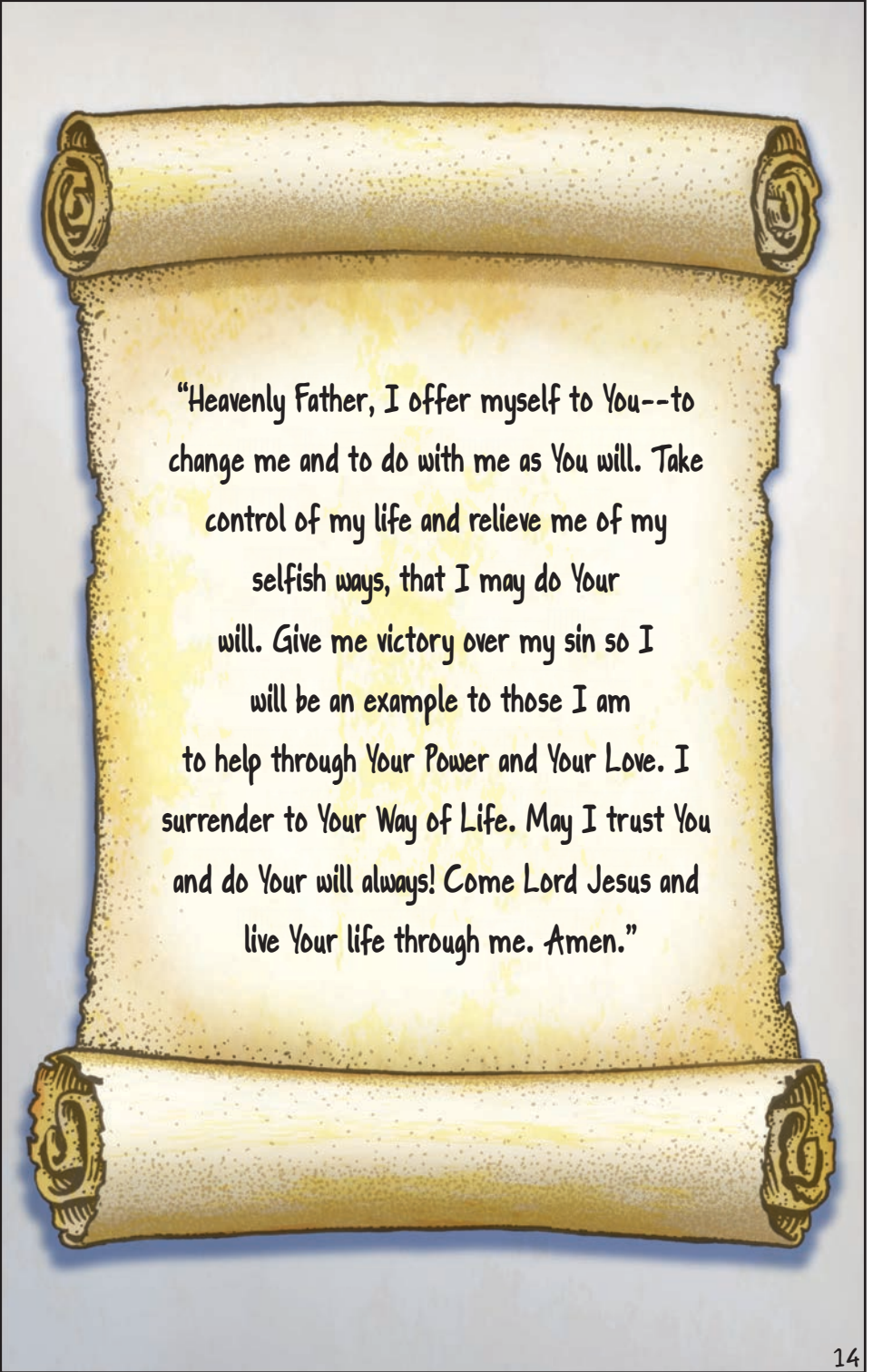


This is the same Jesus who died for all of our sins, faults, and character defects; past, present and future. Through His blood, we can be cleansed and made right before God. We can receive total forgiveness and unconditional love from God the Father. With His death and return to life, Jesus bridged the gap between God and man. That is why He is the Savior of the World.

We all have an opportunity to accept or reject this truth. If we accept these events as true and trust in Jesus as God, we become children of God, with all the rights and privileges Jesus has. We become a co-heir and a brother or sister of Jesus Christ. Turn your will and your lives over to His care with complete abandon. It is not complicated, but it may be one of the most difficult things you have ever done. If you truly want to experience the promises of God and the joy that comes from fellowship with Him, ask Him to take over your life. If you are sincere, the simplest of prayers is enough...because God sees your heart. Give yourself to Him with this simple prayer. **THAT IS ALL THAT IS NEEDED WHEN YOU TRUST AND BELIEVE!**





A scroll with a prayer written on it. The scroll is yellow and has a decorative border. The text is written in a simple, black, sans-serif font. The scroll is unrolled in the center, with the ends rolled up and secured with decorative metal clasps.

“Heavenly Father, I offer myself to You--to change me and to do with me as You will. Take control of my life and relieve me of my selfish ways, that I may do Your will. Give me victory over my sin so I will be an example to those I am to help through Your Power and Your Love. I surrender to Your Way of Life. May I trust You and do Your will always! Come Lord Jesus and live Your life through me. Amen.”



Say with your mouth and believe in your heart that Jesus died, was buried, and came back to life. Trust in Him that He is Lord, Savior and God in the flesh and become a Child of God and co-heir with Christ.

John 11:25-26, John 14:6-7, Romans 10:9, Romans 10:13, 1 Corinthians 6:17, Ephesians 1:5-8, Ephesians 2:8-10, Colossians 2:6-7, 1 John 5:12-13

As you receive the Spirit of God, you become whole and alive to God.



When you ask Jesus Christ to come into your life, you are transferred out of the lineage of your earthly family in Adam and into the eternal life of Christ, the life that is forever in the past and forever in the future. You are transferred to the cross and the old self dies with Christ.



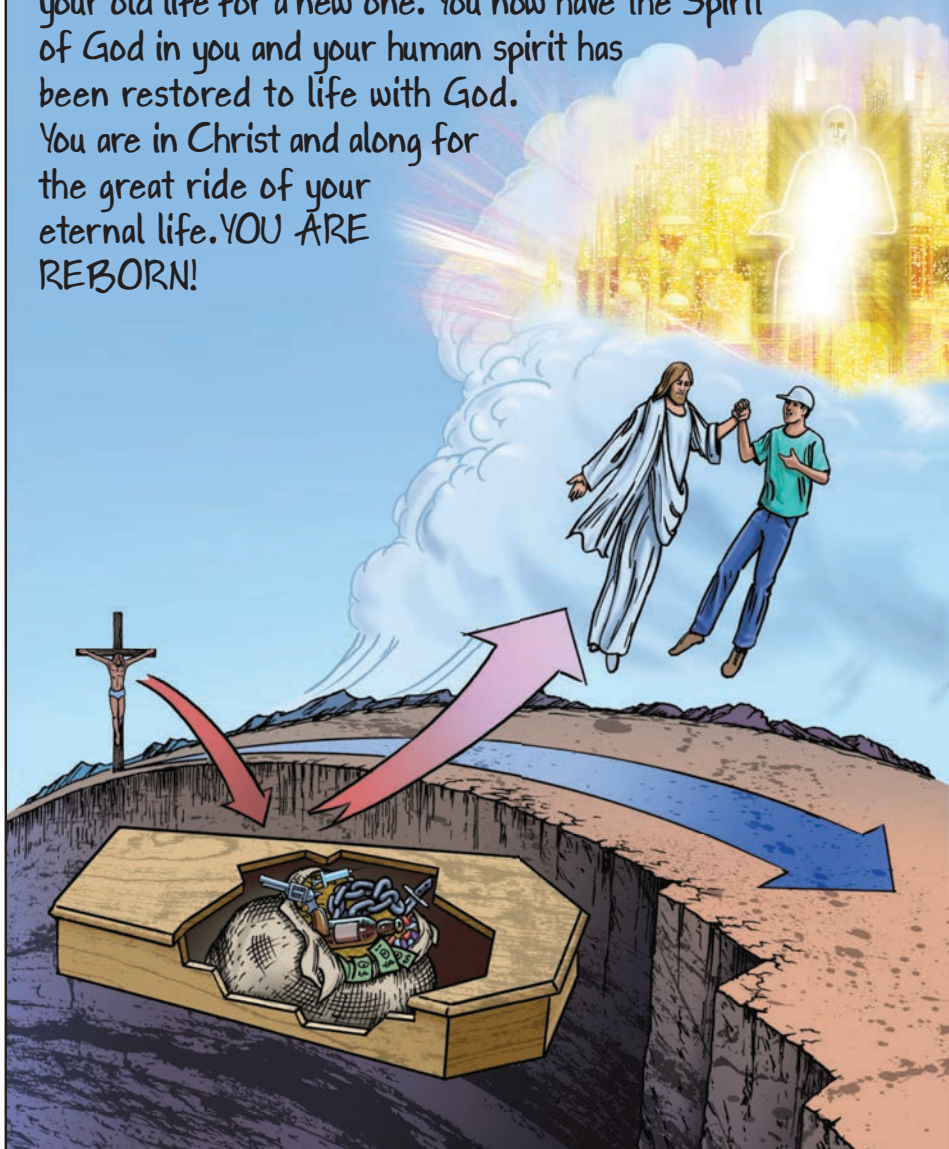
Romans 5:18-19, Romans 8:1-2, 1 Corinthians 15:22, Galatians 5:24,  
Ephesians 1:13-14, Ephesians 3:14-15, 1 Peter 1:18-19



You become one with Him. You are united with Christ, and that will never change. Jesus now lives in you and you in Him. Wherever He goes, you go. Wherever you go, He goes.

John 14:20, Romans 6:6, Galatians 2:20, Galatians 4:4-7,  
Galatians 5:24, Ephesians 1:11, Colossians 2:10

When your "old self" died with Jesus on the Cross, you also were buried with Him. Your new spiritual self comes to life with Christ and ascends into the Heavenly places with Him. You left behind the bag of shortcomings, guilt, sins and shame. You are in Christ, and He is in you. You exchange your old life for a new one. You now have the Spirit of God in you and your human spirit has been restored to life with God. You are in Christ and along for the great ride of your eternal life. **YOU ARE REBORN!**



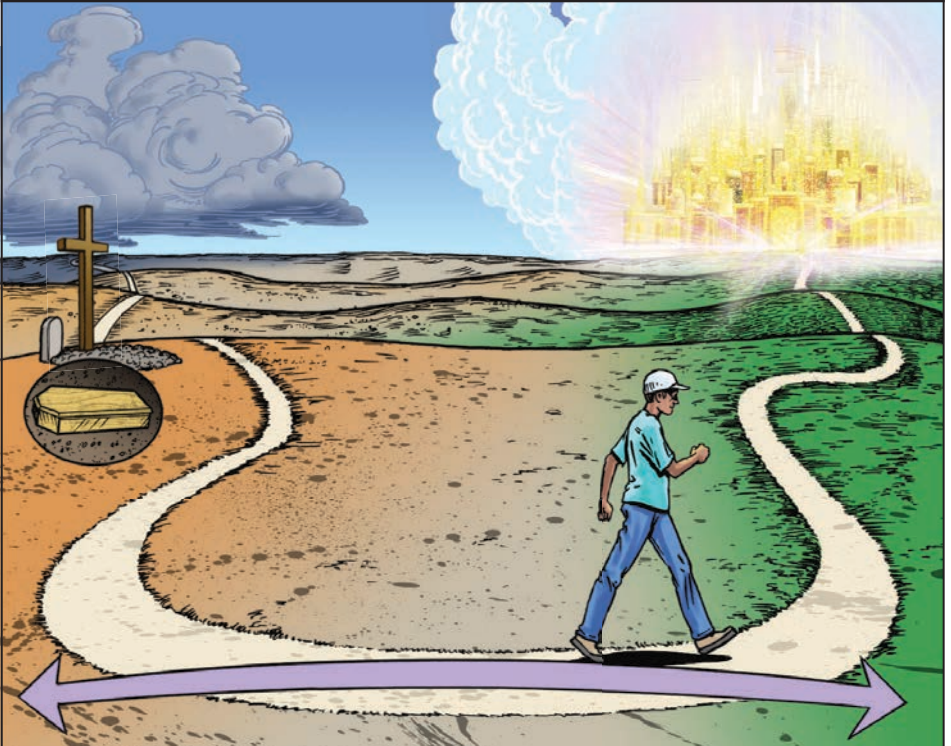
John 3:6, John 11:25-26, Romans 5:5, Romans 6:4-6, Romans 8:10, Colossians 2:12-14, Colossians 3:1-3, Ephesians 1:13b, Ephesians 2:6



If you were sincere in your prayer, you are now a member of a new family -- the Family of God. God the Father adopts us all as His own children, and we become co-heirs with our older brother Jesus. He accepts you and loves you unconditionally as a part of His family. **YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD!**

Psalm 16:11, Romans 5:11, Romans 8:15-17a, 2 Corinthians 5:17,  
Philippians 3:20a, Hebrews 2:11-12, Revelation 21:2

Your old self died on the cross along with the sin burdens Christ carried. You can be relieved that you no longer need be captive to the sins, addictions, and other selfish ways of man. You died with Christ and can no longer be threatened with death as Satan's weapon of fear is rendered ineffective.



A new courage and a new boldness come with this new eternal life. Death no longer has influence and mastery over you. Christ died for our sins of cheating, stealing, lying and a host of other things. We died with Him and we are released from the power sin held over us. We now have the freedom of choice to do things our way or God's way. We did not have this choice before we turned our will and our lives over to the care of God through Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:11-13, Romans 8:1-2, Romans 8:15-17a, Galatians 5:16, Colossians 2:6-7, 2 Timothy 1:7, Hebrews 2:14-15





It may be difficult for us to fully comprehend this truth since our bodies and souls---our personalities---are still living out this life on earth. But now the Spirit of God lives in us and we are spiritual beings. If we are to have the abundant life that God wants us to have, then we must accept these events by faith. Change your thinking and visualize who and where you are. Set your mind on Heavenly things with your Father and not on the garbage that exists in our daily lives on this earth. You will find pure gladness to be in the Family of God. Your old self died, and you have a new life in Jesus Christ. It is a whole new way of thinking. **YOU ARE BEING TRANSFORMED!**

Romans 8:5-6, Romans 12:2, 1 Corinthians 2:16, Ephesians 2:6, Philippians 2:5, Philippians 3:20a, Philippians 4:6-8, Colossians 3:1-3, 2 Timothy 1:7

Our heritage is either in the lineage of our biological parents and Adam, or it is in the Family of God. There are no other choices. Apart from faith in Jesus Christ, each of us remains in Adam.



Many believers think they can have one foot in the lineage of Adam (or the world of our earthly family) and the other foot in the Family of God. The result is inner conflict and spiritual turmoil. Failing to make a clear choice leaves us confused and short of the victory God has for us.

Matthew 7:13-14, Romans 6:16, Romans 7:14-25, Romans 8:1-2,  
1 Corinthians 15:22, Galatians 5:16, Philippians 3:20

Just as God is in three persons, (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) we also are in three dimensions. We live in a body that relates to the environment through our senses. We have a soul that expresses our personality through our mind, will and emotions. And we are spirit, now awakened through our trust in Jesus and our union with His death on the cross, burial and resurrection. Our spiritual dimension is the part of us that relates to God.



Genesis 2:7, Matthew 3:13-17, John 3:6, Romans 8:10, 1 Corinthians 3:16 -18,  
1 Thessalonians 5:23 -24, Hebrews 4:12

Our role is to be absolutely and totally surrendered to Jesus Christ. His desire is to live His life in us and through us in order to accomplish His purpose on this earth.



We literally are the Body of Christ, and He desires to use each of us to reach others and expand the Family. Welcome to the Family of God. You are a new creature! Say “good-bye” to the old self and “hello” to the new self, with Jesus Christ living in you.

Romans 6:11-13, Romans 8:10, Romans 12:1, Romans 12:4-5,  
1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21,  
Ephesians 4:21-24, Philippians 2:5-8, Colossians 1:27,  
1 John 3:1-3, 1 John 3:9-10, 1 John 5:18-19

As a child of God and co-heir with Jesus, we begin to share an inheritance with Him and get a glimpse of abundant living. With His new spirit in you, you will want to learn more about God's ways so you can follow Him. God has revealed Himself most completely in His Son, Jesus. So learn all you can about Him. Get a Bible and read the New Testament about the life of Jesus. The Book of John is a good beginning. The first twelve chapters of Genesis in the Old Testament explains how it all began. Check the references at the bottom of the pages of this book with your own Bible or look up the Bible verses in the reference section of this book to better understand what is said on each page.

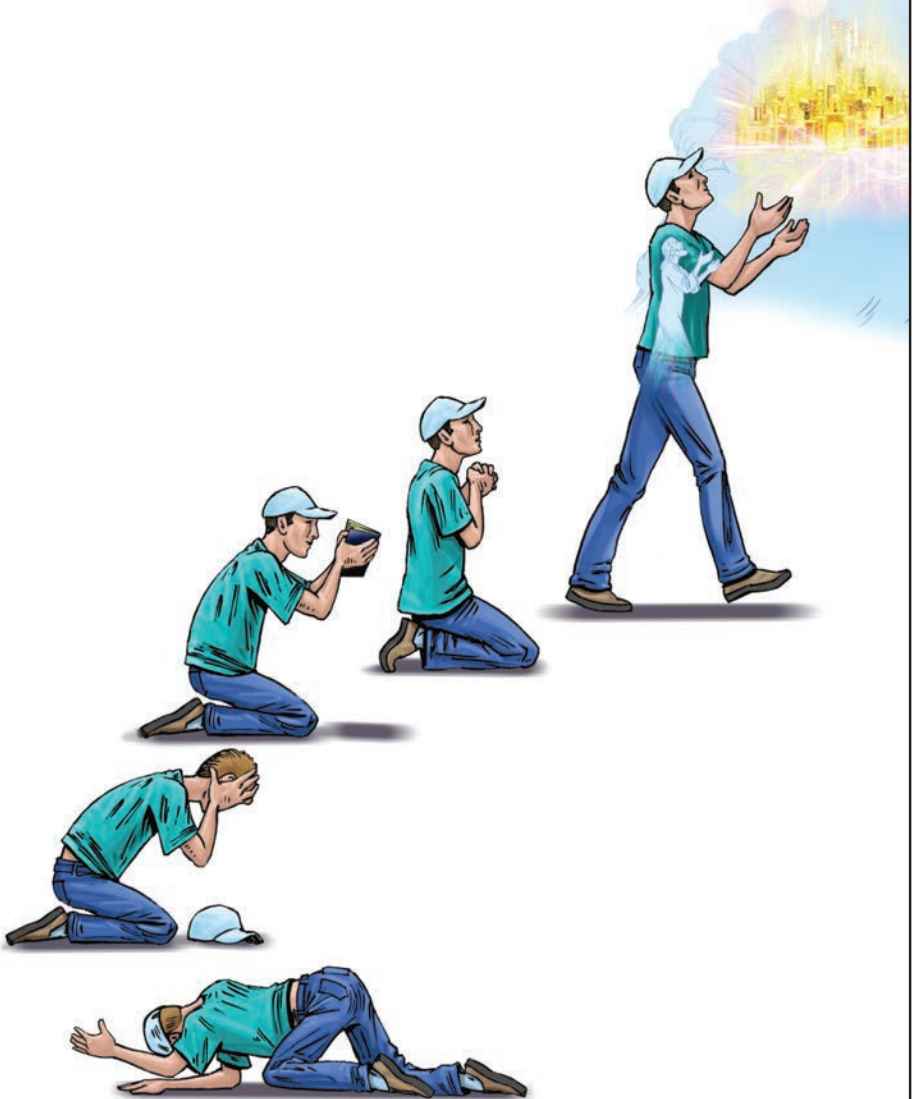


- Talk to your new Father every day in prayer. Thank Him for your new life and your new family. Talk to Him openly and intimately just like a friend, as if He were sitting beside you. Imagine Him in the form of Jesus, whom you can relate to as an older brother.
  - Read the Bible. Now that you have a new spirit, with the Spirit of God in you, you will receive a new understanding of what the scripture means. Bible scripture is the Word of God and the way your new Father has of speaking to you. He loves you more than you can ever imagine.
  - Find a church, congregation and/or a Bible study meeting where you can meet others and stay committed as you grow in your faith. Your Heavenly Father can also talk to you through other believers.
  - Water Baptism should follow soon after your commitment to Jesus. It is an act of imitation, obedience, and identification with Him.
  - Get a sponsor in the Christian faith, someone to disciple or mentor you whom you can learn from and be accountable to.
  - Go tell others of your new faith and trust in Jesus.
  - We recommend the purchase of a Bible. Such as, the Holy Bible, New Living Translation (NLT), Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.
- God bless your spiritual journey!

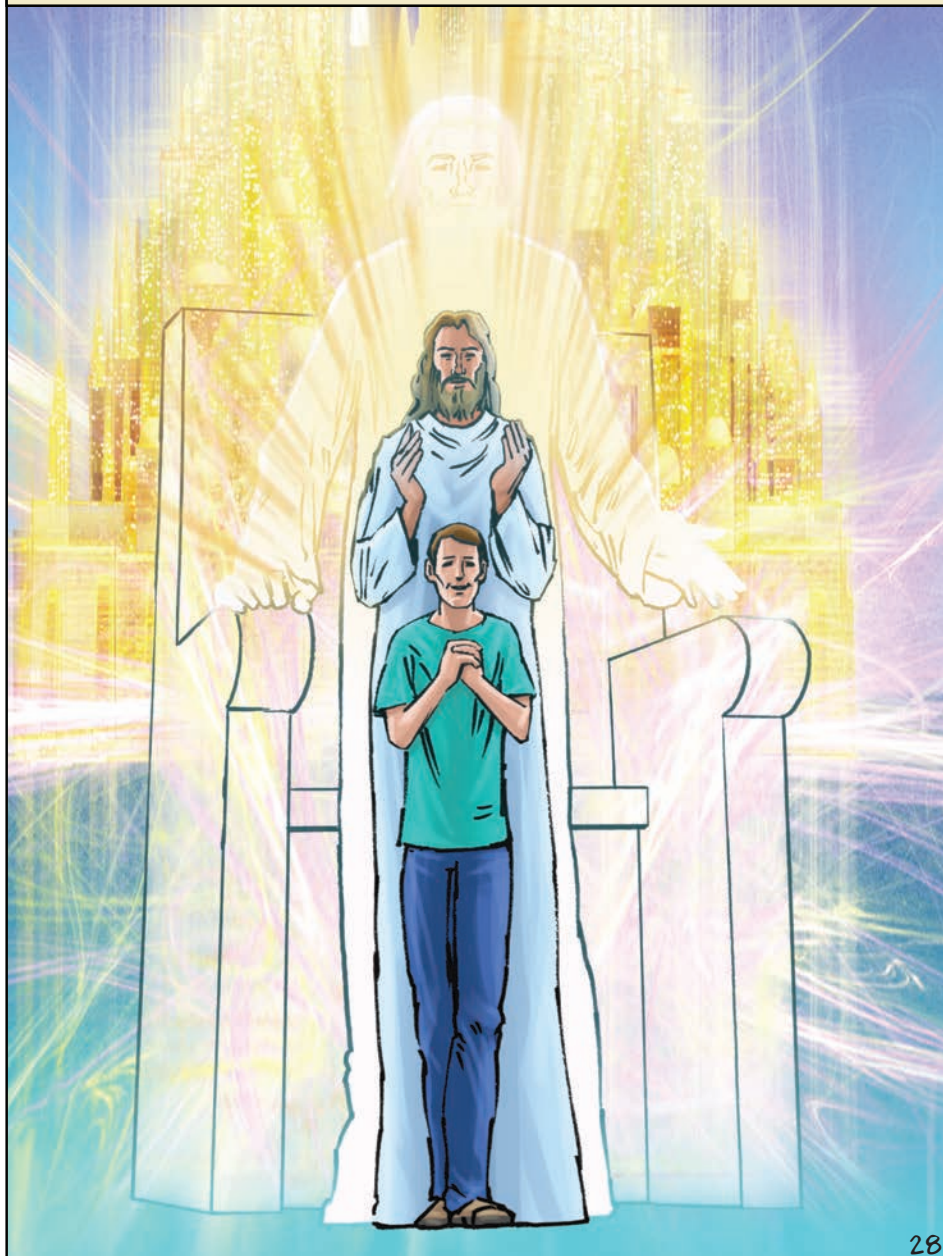
Joshua 1:8, Matthew 3:13-17, Matthew 7:7-8, Matthew 10:32, John 14:13-14,  
John 15:7, Philippians 4:6-7, Hebrews 4:12, James 5:15-16, 1 John 1:9

Don't copy the behavior and customs of the world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2, NLT



Since I live, you also will live. When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you.  
John 14:19b-20, NLT



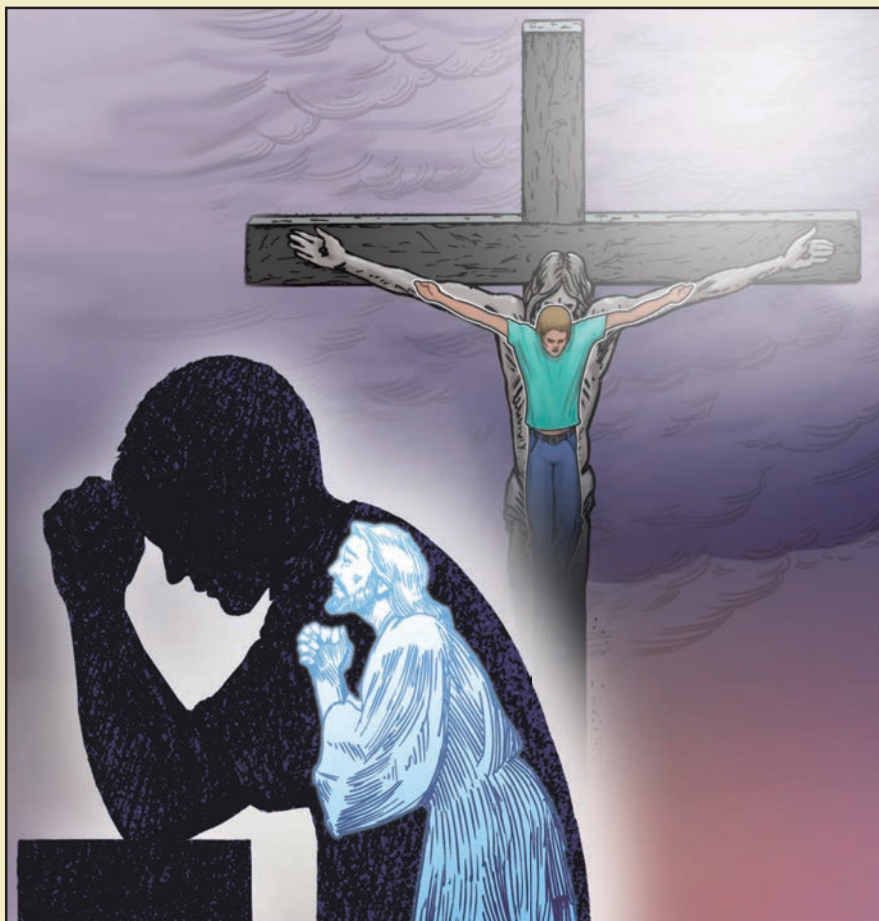
We were crucified with Him, buried with Him, raised with Him, and now we are seated with Him in the very presence of God.



For He raised us up from the dead along with Christ and seated us with Him in the Heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:6, NLT





My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 2:20, NLT


## Now that you are a Child of God . . . . .

As a new child of God, you have all the privileges of being His son or daughter. You get to fellowship with Him, call Him Father, sit in His lap, pour out your heart to Him and generally let Him be your ever-loving Dad, companion, friend, provider and confidante. Along with the privileges there are also responsibilities and some of these will be explained in the next few pages. You are instructed to go and tell someone soon after you receive Christ.

**Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.**

**Matthew 10:32**

The problem is, we have not really been taught how to do that, but the process is simple and explained in the next few pages of **How to Tell Your Story**. The key is willingness and the concept is simple and easy if you were sincere when you prayed and asked Jesus to take over your will and your lives. He is in you at this moment making changes in the way you think, decide and feel. The concept is as plain as



I never cared about anything and now I do. I didn't know what love was and now I do...I'm changing.

**I was blind and now I can see (John 9:25).**

When you tell your story, you are being obedient and doing what God wants you to do. You are embarking on your new life. Remember, it is not you, but Christ in you, so be willing and let Him speak.

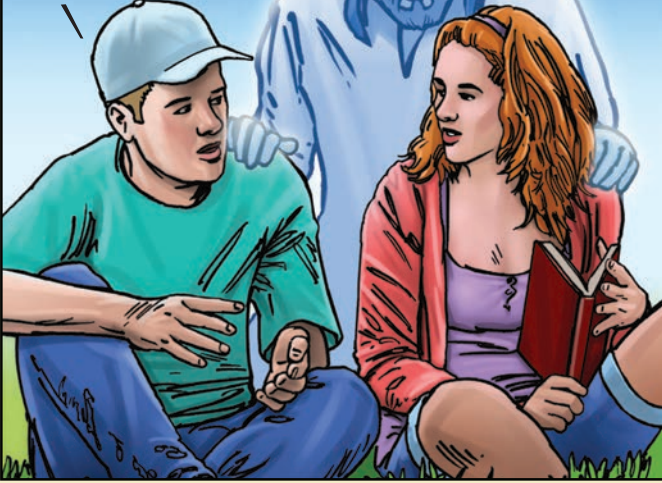
## . . . . Pass it on!

We are also charged to bring others to know Jesus Christ and expand the Kingdom of God. (For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost. Luke 19:10.) You are the body of Christ and can carry this out with the instructions on the next few pages. The key is availability. You must make yourself available so that Jesus Christ can live His life through you to reach these others. He may not be asking you to go out and speak to strangers, but to reach out to people you already know, see and visit on a day-to-day basis. He already has them picked out and when you think of someone that you imagine may want to know Jesus, you are beginning to think with the mind of Christ. The section **How to Witness** teaches you how to lead someone to know Jesus Christ and have peace with God. The instructions are not difficult. All it requires is willingness on your part and the desire to allow Jesus Christ to live His life through you.



I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them: intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. 1 Timothy 2:1

I never cared about anything and now I do. I didn't know what love was and now I do..... I'm changing.



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John 9:25

## How to Tell Your Story

### Christian Witness through Personal Testimony

Sharing your personal testimony of coming to know and trust Jesus Christ is the first step in practicing personal evangelism. There are two types of personal testimony. One is historical, which is telling about your life before, during and after the time you came to trust Jesus Christ as Lord and God, and Savior of your soul. The other is a theme type testimony and might simply be the event of your salvation and what life has been like since that time. This could be for someone who came to Christ as a child and might report of his life since conversion. Another example could be a person who had believed he was a Christian all his life but found he really didn't know God and then came to the point of surrender and repentance.

*BEGIN THE TESTIMONY BY MENTIONING SOME COMMON GROUND YOU AND YOUR SUBJECT SHARE; SAME HOMETOWN, SAME JOB, SAME SCHOOL, ETC. FIND SOME MUTUAL INTERESTS.*

## How it Was

In telling your story, you recount and briefly tell of the road that led you to want to change the way you think and manage your life. All of us have made bad decisions and wrong choices in life that we wish we had not made and would like to do over again. If only we had the opportunity and the chance to live it again.

Sometimes, it is a series of events that sets us back or it can be one major mistake or an unexpected event that can cause us to rethink our lives. Whatever the circumstance, the consequence of our actions or behavior can be the catalyst that brings us to the end

of self. That is when you know that you can no longer operate in the same way and a change must take place or there will be a serious price to pay. You might have already reached the point where you are paying the consequences. Many of us get to a place in our life journey when we know we can no longer rely on self. Self is not getting the job done. We need to find out who is the real God and quit playing the role.



## What Happened

When we have humbled ourselves and find we are not masters of the universe, we begin to look at our options. In a strange and miraculous way, a proclaimer appears, someone who tells us about a better and everlasting life and peace with God. It might be in the form of a friend or a relative or a child, brother or sister or friend. He might ask you



to church or a Bible study. He might witness to you (through his own personal testimony) and suggest you try a more spiritual approach to your problems, like seeking Jesus first and admitting your lack of power to carry on as before. But something gets your attention as you seek God and you are ready at last to surrender and to accept



a new way of life. You want to become a child of God and in all of the forms that can be achieved. It happens to you. You have come to trust the Lord Jesus Christ and have asked Him to take over your will and your lives. The new life has begun.

## How it is Now

You became a child of God, a born again believer. You have come to love and trust the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord, God, Savior and Life. Your life is changed and you are on track with a new attitude and a new set of values. You are now accountable to your heavenly Father. In this section you recount the ways your life has been altered and your thinking and even your personality have changed. Explain how God's grace is equipping you to deal with the difficulties of life and how the Spirit of God prompts you to do the right thing and corrects you when you are heading down the wrong path. You can explain the good and the bad in this section. We know it is not always good. The important thing is that the **Christ in you** is doing a work and you are the work in progress.

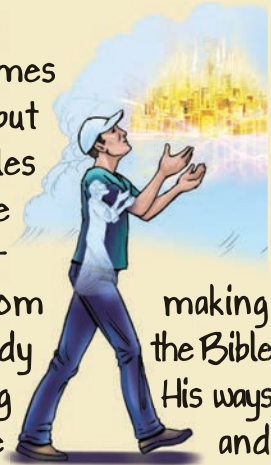


# What Next

We grow in Christ from here on. Sometimes the road is bumpy and full of potholes, but we have new tools to cope with the obstacles and problems we encounter. We have the power of God through the Holy Spirit within us to show us the way and keep us from the wrong choices of the old life. We study and learn to imitate Christ and manners. We come to understand that when Christ died, our old self just died with Him and we need to



Jesus Christ lives in us and appropriate that basic truth as we are being saved and transformed into His likeness. You begin to emulate the risen Savior as you mature as a Christian.



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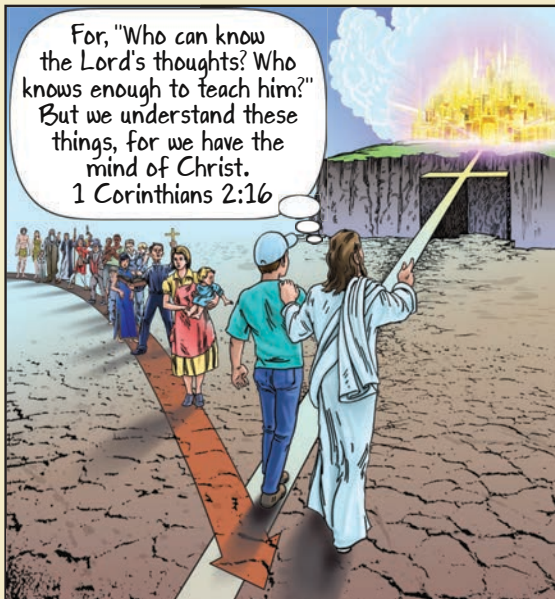
You begin to realize that Jesus Christ, the Living God is seeking to live His life in you and through you to accomplish His desires with those who are His, the children of God.

You are becoming more like Christ, leaving the past behind and following Him.

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For, "Who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?" But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:16



## How to Witness

Instructions for introducing an unbeliever to Jesus Christ.

The following ten suggestions are an effective means for delivering the message of the cross. Follow the directions carefully and you will succeed. You will become an effective seed planter and soul winner. In any case, you will be engaged in expanding the kingdom of God and that is the primary purpose for your existence.

- **Think of ten people.** These might be friends, relatives, loved ones or people you deal with in business or everyday life where you shop, play and work.
- **Write down their names.** When you finish writing the ten special names down, tape the piece of paper somewhere you will be reminded of them every day
- **Begin to pray for the salvation of each person.** As you pray, ask God to open their minds and hearts to hearing about Jesus and eternal life. Remember we are not seeking to make bad people good, but spiritually dead people alive by offering them the gift of eternal life that you received.



• **Continue praying for each one for twenty-one days.** God doesn't care about the measure of time you spend praying for these special souls, but we know it takes twenty one days to establish a habit. So, make sure you have prayed for these over that period of time. Then you will have established a powerful habit of praying for the lost.



• **Begin contacting each one.** After the twenty-one days, you will have covered your subjects with prayer and now is the time for action. Call the first one and tell him you have something to show him and you want to see if it makes sense. Invite your friend for coffee or lunch. Continue the calls or contacts until you get a 'Yes'.

• **Show the book *HOW TO BE A CHILD OF GOD*.** Tell your friend you saw this little book and it made an impact on you and you would like to see if it might mean anything to him. If you have a computer or iPad or other mobile device, you can go to: [www.howtobeachildofgod.com](http://www.howtobeachildofgod.com) and read the ebook or watch the video presentation if you don't have a copy of the actual book.

• **Go through the entire book page by page.** Read the prayer on page 14, but move on through to completion of the book. Show your friend the scriptures in the back of the booklet, explaining they are there for easy reference in case a Bible isn't available. Demonstrate how the verses explain or prove the text or illustration.

• **Tell your story** At that point, start telling your story or testimony of how you came to know Jesus Christ. A testimony explains: *HOW IT WAS, WHAT HAPPENED, HOW IT IS NOW*. If you don't have a testimony that you can relate to someone else, you should read through the book privately, pray the prayer on page 14 out loud and believe what you have said in your heart. Then you can go back and continue the conversation. Check the article *HOW TO TELL YOUR STORY: CHRISTIAN WITNESS THROUGH PERSONAL TESTIMONY* that precedes these pages.



*Christ in You  
Colossians 1:27*

• **Ask a leading question.** Ask your friend if what you have said means anything to him. Ask him if he thinks he will go to heaven when he dies. Ask him what he thinks is the meaning of eternal life. Get him into a spiritual and Christ centered conversation. God will give you the words to say, you just need to be willing and open.

• **Lead your friend to know Jesus Christ.** If the person responds in a positive way, ("I want what you have. How do you become a Christian? I want to know more.") lead him to Christ by going back to the prayer on page 14 in *HOW TO BE A CHILD OF GOD* and let your friend pray through it aloud either by himself or repeating after you. After praying with him, go back over the text and pictures on pages 15-20 to make sure all is understood regarding the message of the cross. If you have been thorough, there will be a new name written down in glory and your friend will be a child of God!

## Reaping the Harvest

If you follow these simple instructions, you will become a soul winner. There is no question or condition. God created you with a very distinct personality and sphere of influence designed to appeal to certain people that you already know. All you have to do is be prayed up and approach them. **He will do the rest!** Chances are, the very people you put on your list are the ones He has chosen as well. They only need a proclaimer and that would be you! **God will speak through you as you talk to your friend.** Just believe the entire exercise has been designed ahead of time and God has been waiting for you to arrive. Avail yourself and that is all our Father wants. The only condition is that the time may not be exactly right for that person to come to Christ.



In that case, you will not be a soul winner that day, but you will be a seed planter. Either way, you will be obedient to your Heavenly Father, and that is really all He asks. If you are a child of God, it is never you, but Christ in you that is taking care of the task.

Matthew 4:19-20, Matthew 10:32, Luke 9:60, Luke 10:2, Luke 19:10,  
John 15:16, Acts 1:8, Acts 9:28, 1 Timothy 2:3-4

## Full Text of Bible Verses in Alphabetical Order

- Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere---in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Page 40
- Acts 4:12 There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved." Page 8
- Acts 9:28 So Saul stayed with the apostles and went all around Jerusalem with them, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. Page 40
- Colossians 1:15 Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation. Pages 1 & 2
- Colossians 1:27b And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory Page 25
- Colossians 2:6-7 And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him, then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Pages 15 & 16
- Colossians 2:9 For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body Pages 1 & 2
- Colossians 2:10 So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority. Page 18
- Colossians 2:12-14 For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. Page 19
- Colossians 3:1-3 Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. Page 19
- Colossians 4:5-6 Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone. Page 36
- 1 Corinthians 2:16 For, "Who can know the LORD's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?" But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ. Page 22
- 1 Corinthians 3:16-18 Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? God will destroy anyone who destroys this temple. For God's temple is holy and you are that temple. Stop deceiving yourselves. If you think you are wise by this world's standards, you need to become a fool to be truly wise. Pages 24 & 25
- 1 Corinthians 6:17 But the person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Pages 15 & 16 & 24
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body. Page 25
- 1 Corinthians 15:22 Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. Pages 17 & 23
- 1 Corinthians 15:45-46 The Scriptures tell us, "The first man, Adam, became a living person." But, the last Adam — that is, Christ — is a life-giving Spirit. What comes first is the natural body then the spiritual body comes later. Page 6
- 1 Corinthians 15:57 But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. Page 8
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God

- was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. Page 25
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! Page 20
- 2 Corinthians 5:18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. Page 8
- Ecclesiastes 3:11 Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end. Page 10
- Ephesians 1:5-8 God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. Pages 15 & 16
- Ephesians 1:7 He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. Page 4
- Ephesians 1:11 Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan. Page 18
- Ephesians 1:13-14 And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him. Pages 17 & 19
- Ephesians 2:6 For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. Page 19
- Ephesians 2:8-10 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Pages 8 & 15 & 16
- Ephesians 2:13 But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ. Page 13
- Ephesians 2:14 For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. Page 9
- Ephesians 3:14-15 When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. Page 17
- Ephesians 4:21-22 Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Page 25
- Ezekiel 36:26-27 And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations. Page 8
- Galatians 1:15-16 But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvelous grace. Then it pleased him to reveal his Son to me so that I would proclaim the Good News about Jesus to the Gentiles. Page 8
- Galatians 2:20 My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Page 18

Galatians 4:4-7 But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir. Page 18

Galatians 5:16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. Page 23

Galatians 5:24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Pages 17 & 18

Genesis 2:7 Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person. Page 24

Genesis 2:8-9 Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made. The LORD God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground — trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Page 6

Genesis 2:16-17 But the LORD God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden — except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die." Page 6

Genesis 3:2-6 "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'" "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. Page 6

Genesis 3:23 So the LORD God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made. Page 6

Hebrews 1:3 The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven. Pages 1 & 2 & 5

Hebrews 2:11-17 So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters. For he said to God, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among your assembled people." He also said, "I will put my trust in him," that is, "I and the children God has given me." Because God's children are human beings — made of flesh and blood — the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying. We also know that the Son did not come to help angels; he came to help the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. Pages 1 & 2 & 20

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Hebrews 4:3 For only we who believe can enter his rest. As for the others, God said, "In my anger I took an oath: 'They will never enter my place of rest,'" even though this rest has been ready since he made the world. Page 13

Hebrews 4:7 So God set another time for entering his rest, and that time is today. God announced this through David much later in the words already quoted: "Today when you hear his

voice, don't harden your hearts." Page 13

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. Page 24 & 26

Hebrews 9:22 With his own blood — not the blood of goats and calves — he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. Page 4

James 5:16 Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. Page 26

John 1:14 So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. Pages 1 & 2

John 3:6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. Pages 19 & 24

John 3:16 For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. Page 12

John 9:25 "I don't know whether he is a sinner," the man replied. "But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!" Page 36

John 10:10 The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. Page 9

John 10:30 The Father and I are one. Pages 1 & 2

John 11:25-26 Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?" Pages 15 & 16 & 19

John 12:17 Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, and they were telling others about it. Page 36

John 14:6-7 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!" Pages 13 & 15 & 16

John 14:13-14 You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it! Page 26

John 14:20 When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Pages 18 & 19

John 15:7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! Page 26

John 15:16 You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. Page 40

John 16:28 Yes, I came from the Father into the world, and now I will leave the world and return to the Father. Page 5

John 16:33 I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world. Page 10

1 John 1:7 But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. Page 4

1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. Page 26

1 John 3:1-3 See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure. Page 25

1 John 3:9-10 Those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they are children of God.

- So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God. Page 25
- 1 John 5:12-13 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life. I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. Pages 15 & 16
- 1 John 5:18-19 We know that God's children do not make a practice of sinning, for God's Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot touch them. We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one. Page 17
- Joshua 1:8 Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. Page 26
- Luke 1:78-79 Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace. Page 10
- Luke 2:40 There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him. Page 3
- Luke 2:41-47 Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there. Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. Page. 3
- Luke 2:52 Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people. Page 3
- Luke 9:60 But Jesus told him, "Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead. Your duty is to go and preach about the kingdom of God." Page 40
- Luke 10:2 These were his instructions to them, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest, ask him to send more workers into his fields." Page 40
- Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost. Page 40
- Luke 24:1-7 But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day." Page 5
- Luke 24:50-51 Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Page 5
- Mark 6:2-3 The next Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?" Then they scoffed, "He's just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us." They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him. Page 3
- Matthew 1:20b-23 "For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Page 1
- Matthew 3:13-17 Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. But John tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said,



"so why are you coming to me?" But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires." So John agreed to baptize him. After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." Pages 3 & 26

Matthew 4:19-20 Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" And they left their nets at once and followed him. Page 40

Matthew 7:7-8 "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Page 26

Matthew 7:13-14 "You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it. Page 23

Matthew 7:28-29 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority — quite unlike their teachers of religious law. Page 3

Matthew 10:32 Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. Page 40

Matthew 26:28-29 for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. Mark my words — I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom. Page 4

Matthew 27:57-61 As evening approached, Joseph, a rich man from Arimathea who had become a follower of Jesus, went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. And Pilate issued an order to release it to him. Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a long sheet of clean linen cloth. He placed it in his own new tomb, which had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance and left. Both Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting across from the tomb and watching. Page 4

1 Peter 1:18-19 For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. Page 25

1 Peter 2:24 He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed. Page 4

1 Peter 3:15 Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks you about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. Page 36

1 Peter 3:18 Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. Page 12

Philippians 2:5-8 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Pages 1 & 2 & 22 & 25

Philippians 3:20 But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. Pages 20 & 22 & 23

Philippians 4:6-7 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Page 26

Proverbs 14:12 There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death. Page 11

Psalms 16:11 You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever. Page 20

Psalms 40:3 He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord. Page 36

Revelation 3:20 "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door

I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. Page 9

Revelation 12:11 And they have defeated him by the blood of the lamb and by their testimony  
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Revelation 19:10 Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said, "No, don't worship me, I am a servant God, just like you and your brothers and sisters who testify about their faith in Jesus. Worship only God. For the essence of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus." Page 36

Revelation 21:2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. Page 20

Romans 3:23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Pages 7 & 11

Romans 5:1-2 Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. Pages 10 & 12

Romans 5:5 And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. Page 19

Romans 5:6 When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Page. 4

Romans 5:9 And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. Page 8

Romans 5:11 So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God. Page 20

Romans 5:12 When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. Page 7

Romans 5:18-19 Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous. Pages 7 & 17

Romans 6:4-6 For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. Pages 18 & 19

Romans 6:11-13 So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. Page 25

Romans 6:16 Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. Pages 9 & 23

Romans 6:21 And what was the result? You are now ashamed of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom. Page 9

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Page 11

Romans 7:14-25 So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. I have discovered this principle of

really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. I have discovered this principle of life — that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin. Page 23

Romans 8:1-2 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. Pages 17 & 23

Romans 8:3 The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. Pages 1 & 2 & 4

Romans 8:5-6 Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. Pages 10 & 22

Romans 8:10 And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. Pages 19 & 24 & 25

Romans 8:15-17a So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. Pages 20 & 21

Romans 8:37 No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. Page 9

Romans 10:9 If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Pages 15 & 16

Romans 10:13 For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved." Pages 15 & 16

Romans 12:1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice — the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Page 25

Romans 12:4-5 Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. Page 25

1 Thessalonians 1:6-8 So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord. As a result, you have become an example to all the believers in Greece — throughout both Macedonia and Achaia. And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere, even beyond Macedonia and Achaia, for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God. Page 36

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful. Page 24 & 25

1 Timothy 2:3-4 This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. Page 40

1 Timothy 2:5-6 For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity — the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time. Pages 8 & 12

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. Page 21

## **Additional Resources** that can be purchased on Amazon or Christian book stores.

- The Rest of the Gospel, Dan Stone and David Gregory
- Classic Christianity, Bob George
- Handbook to Happiness, Charles Solomon
- Ins and Out of Rejection, Charles Solomon
- Lifetime Guarantee, Bill Gillham
- The Normal Christian Life, Watchman Nee
- Sit Walk Stand, Watchman Nee
- Release of the Spirit, Watchman Nee
- Birthright, David Needham
- The True Vine, Andrew Murray
- Abide in Christ, Andrew Murray
- Absolute Surrender, Andrew Murray
- Victory in Christ, Charles Trumbull
- The Key to Triumphant Living, Jack Taylor
- The Saving Life of Christ, W. Ian Thomas
- The Gift of Forgiveness, Charles Stanley
- The Blessing of Brokenness, Charles Stanley
- Adversity, Charles Stanley
- Truefaced, John Lynch
- My Utmost for His Highest (Devotional), Oswald Chambers
- Forgiven Forever, Bob George
- The Grace Awakening, Charles Swindoll
- The Sufficiency of Christ, John MacArthur
- Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor
- Weekly e-devotional GraceNotes, John Woodward. Available through [www.GraceNotebook.com](http://www.GraceNotebook.com)
- For Me to Live is Christ, Group study course, Charles Solomon
- The Cross, Your Victory Today, CD Series by Dr. Charles Stanley (and many other sermons by Dr. Stanley)
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