



# YOU MATTER TO GOD

God created you and has given you life. The Bible says, "All things were created **by Him**, and **for Him**." Colossians 1 v 16

You are not in this world by chance. You are here because God loves you and wanted you here. And more than this - God made you 'for Himself', so that you could know, love and honour Him. He is the Source of your life, and He should also be the 'Goal' of your life.

Does God occupy His rightful place of importance in your life? Or have you left Him 'outside' – a neglected stranger? If we leave God out, our present life can have no real meaning, and our eternal future will be a disaster! The Bible says, "Whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

God wants to give you Eternal Life, which can begin today and will never end! The Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, said, "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies." John 11 v 25

In Christ we have help to live, and hope when we come to die. Please don't miss Him!



### THERE IS A **Problem**

The problem is that we have broken God's law by our wrong-doing. The Bible says that we "all have sinned", and that we continually fall short of what God requires us to be.

Romans 3 v 23

Sin has many symptoms – anger, dishonesty, envy, greed, lust, pride, selfishness, unkindness, unbelief in God, failure to love God and people as we ought.

You may recognize some of these things in your own life.

Our wrong-doing has serious consequences, for God is holy and will not tolerate sin. The Bible says, "The wages of sin is death." Romans 6 v 23

Sin is spoiling our present life; it will also bar us from Eternal Life. It will keep us out of heaven, cut us off from God forever, and cause us unending grief, pain and loss. This is the wage sin pays – 'death' of the worst possible kind.

# 3 JESUS CHRIST IS THE SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEM

Because He greatly loves and wants to save us, the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross to take the punishment that our sin deserved.

The Bible says "Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God." 1 Peter 3 v 18

He died, then God raised Him from the dead, and He lives today, ready to save us from sin and its terrible consequences.

Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me." John 14 v 6

He is the only way to heaven, to forgiveness, to peace with God, and to the wonderful new life that will never end. But without Him, none of these blessings can ever be ours.

He is available to you right now. Your response to Him is of vital importance. It is a matter of life or death!

## YOU CAN Receive Christ Now

#### What to do:

In a simple prayer to God,

- Admit that you have sinned.
- Acknowledge that Christ died to be the Saviour you need.
- Repent of your sin. This means turning your back on everything in your life that you know to be wrong.
- Invite Jesus into your life to be your Saviour and Lord.

#### A prayer you may wish to use:

"Merciful God, I have sinned against You and I am sincerely sorry.

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for loving me enough to die for my sins.

I now ask You to forgive me and come into my life.

Give me strength to turn from my past sins, and to live my whole life from now on in a way that pleases You.

Be my Saviour and Lord for ever. Amen."

#### Finally:

If you have invited Christ into your life,

- Tell someone about it.
- Pray, and read the Bible every day. God will speak to you through the Bible, and when He does, obey Him!
- Join a church where the Bible is faithfully taught.
- Demonstrate your new life in Christ by love and concern for others.

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