



A. God's Warning

The Bible teaches that no one has an excuse for ignoring the Creator. The Creator has given evidence of Himself! He has also communicated to mankind through the Bible. **Hebrews 1:1, 2** 'God, who at sundry [various] times and in divers manners [many ways] spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son...'

This part of the Bible also tells us that God has communicated to us through Jesus Christ (God the Son). What, then, did He say? He taught that most people are not prepared for eternity, but are headed for eternal destruction in Hell. **Matthew 7:13, 14** 'Enter ye in at the strait [narrow] gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait [narrow] is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.'

My friend, many people claim that it doesn't matter what you believe, and that you cannot be dogmatic about truth. Don't be deceived. There is only one God, and only one way to Heaven. **John 14:6** 'Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.'



B. The Problem

Many people think that guilt is an unnecessary burden that people bear. But the Bible teaches that sin (disobedience to God's laws, in thought, word, and deed) is what stands between people and their Creator. **Romans 3:23** 'For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;' **Jeremiah 17:9** 'The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?'

Have you ever told a lie? Have you ever hated someone in your heart? Have you ever lusted (committed adultery) in your heart? Have you ever used God's name as a swear word? Have you ever rebelled against your parents? If so, you have broken God's law. **James 2:10** 'For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.' We have all broken God's laws.

The punishment for sin is death, and ultimately eternal separation from God in Hell. **Romans 6:23** 'For the wages of sin is death...' **Revelation 20:14** 'And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.'

It is necessary to repent of sin (turn from sin and come to God). Without repentance, people remain guilty before God, and any peace they seem to have is false, and based on rejection of God's truth. Even our own good works are not enough to establish peace with God. **Titus 3:5** 'Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us...'



C. God's Love

God cannot simply overlook sin. He must punish it, because He is just. However, because He loves us, He has taken the horrible punishment of sin upon Himself, by suffering agony, and shedding His blood on the cross. **John 3:16** 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish [suffer in Hell eternally], but have everlasting life.'

1 Corinthians 15:3, 4 '...Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day...'

After Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, He then ascended to Heaven bodily, showing that He has overcome death for all who will receive Him. From this position of power, He sends the Holy Spirit to those who receive Him, so that they can have the power to live in a way that pleases God. **Acts 2:33** 'Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed [poured] forth this [the Holy Spirit]...'

This is love!



D. Repentance Necessary

You must turn to God from your sinful ways, and trust Jesus Christ to save you. This is repentance. **Acts 17:30** '...God...commandeth all men every where to repent.'

He promises to give you power to live the Christian life, and will never leave you. But count the cost: Are you willing to leave your sins and follow Jesus?

The Bible commands such things as baptism, prayer, Bible reading, and church attendance, among other things. These do not save your soul, but after Christ has saved you, he will want you to do these things. Are you serious about following the Lord?

Isaiah 55:6, 7 'Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake [leave] his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.'

When God saves you, and gives you the gift of eternal life, it is permanent. **John 10:28** 'And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.'

If you would like to pray to receive Christ and His free gift of eternal life, but are unsure of what to say, here is an example you could follow: **God, I believe that I am a sinner, and that my sins are deserving of Hell. I believe that you died for my sins, that you were buried, and that you rose from the dead. Please forgive me of my sins, and give me the free gift of eternal life at this moment. Amen.**



E. Inevitable Change

Once Christ saves a person, it is permanent. There will be a change in the way you live. This is what follows true repentance. **Luke 3:8** 'Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance...'

A changed way of life is not only possible, but also inevitable, because the Holy Spirit is at work. But He does it in cooperation with your obedience. He will help you change in your thinking, talking, and living. You will still sin, but there will be a change.

2 Corinthians 5:17 'Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.'

After salvation (getting saved), obedience will be inevitable, to one degree or another. You have entered a wonderful relationship with Jesus Christ. Begin by obeying Him in the following ways.

- 1) Be baptised (by immersion).
- 2) Come to church and attend faithfully.
- 3) Pray, read your Bible daily, and share the Gospel with others.

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'For the wages of sin is death;
but the gift of God is eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

Romans 6:23

