

God has made Provision for: Our Forgiveness of Sin & Our Welcome into His Family.

“For His compassions never fail They are new every morning.”

(Lamentations 3:22, 23 NIV)

What Would You Say?

If Tonight God Asked You:

Why Should I Let You
Into Heaven?

Why Should I Give You
Eternal Life?

“ _____ ”

Not Sure What To Say?

Make Sure – “Be Reconciled To God.”

(2 Corinthians 5:20 NASB)

“For His Anger Lasts Only A Moment,
but His Favor Lasts A Lifetime;

Weeping May Remain For A Night, but

Rejoicing Comes In The Morning.”

(Psalm 30:5 NIV)

“For God so Loved the World, that He Gave His Only Begotten Son, that Whosoever Believeth in Him Should Not Perish, but Have Everlasting Life.” (John 3:16 KJV)

Seem simple – like more explanation? Please read on.

GOD’S WORD SHARES SEVERAL TRUTHS
TO HELP US UNDERSTAND
the Salvation He has provided for us &
the New Life which is now available through His Son Jesus.

This Salvation and New Life means to have...

- * your **sins forgiven** through Jesus.
- * your **guilt removed and placed** upon Jesus.
- * your **relationship restored** with God the Father.
- * your **eternal life secured** by God’s power.
- * your **life transformed** by the Holy Spirit.

There is only ONE TRUE GOD: FATHER, SON & HOLY SPIRIT.

“Then God said, ‘**Let Us** make man in Our image, after Our likeness.’”

(Genesis 1:26 KJV)

“Thus saith God the LORD, He that created the heavens ...the earth and that which cometh out of it; He that giveth breath ...And spirit to them that walk therein ... ‘I am the LORD ...**My glory will I not give to another.**’” (Isaiah 42: 5, 8 KJV)

“The LORD He is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: **there is none else.**” (Deuteronomy 4:39 KJV)

“**Christ** came as High Priest of the good things to come... with His own **blood** He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption... Who through the eternal **Spirit** offered Himself without spot to **God.**” (Hebrews 9: 11, 12, 14 NKJV)

“**Jesus**... ‘He that hath seen Me hath seen the **Father**... He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever, Even the **Spirit** of truth.’” (John 14:9, 16, 17 KJV)

“God sent forth His **Son**, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the **Spirit** of His Son into your hearts, crying, ‘Abba, **Father.**’” (Galatians 4:4-6 KJV)

“Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth below. **There is no other.**” (Deuteronomy 4: 39 NIV)

“For there is **one God**, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for all.” (1 Timothy 2:5, 6 KJV)

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GOD IS HOLY & HIS COMMANDMENTS EXPRESS HIS HOLINESS.

“I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted... seraphs... were calling to one another: ‘**Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD Almighty;** the whole earth is full of His glory.’” (Isaiah 6:1-3 NIV)

“In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures... Day and night they never stop saying: ‘**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is and is to come.**’” (Revelation 4:6, 8 NIV)

“**Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least... but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great** in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:19 NIV)

“**Whoever** keeps the whole law and yet **stumbles at just one point, is guilty** of breaking all of it.” (James 2:10 NIV)

“I saw **the Holy City**, the new Jerusalem... **Nothing impure will ever enter it**, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.” (Revelation 21:2, 27 NIV)

GOD REWARDS THOSE WHO SEEK HIM,
THE DEVOUT AND THE WICKED.

“Without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must **believe that He is**, and that He is a rewarder of them that **diligently seek Him.**” (Hebrews 11:6 KJV)

“**Do not be worried** about your life... what you will eat... drink... put on... **your Heavenly Father knows** that you need all these things. But **seek first His kingdom and His righteousness**, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:25, 32, 33 NASB)

“Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD... who keep His statutes and **seek Him with all their heart.**” (Psalm 119:1, 2 NIV)

“**Seek ye the LORD while He may be found**, call ye upon Him while He is near: Let the wicked forsake 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.**” (Isaiah 55:6, 7 KJV)

“Cornelius... a **devout** man, and one who **feared God** with all his household, who **gave alms generously** to the people, and **prayed to God always.**” (Acts 10:1, 2 NKJV) “He had a vision... an angel of God... ‘Your prayers and gifts to the poor **have come up as a memorial offering before God.** Now send men... to bring back... Peter’ ...Peter began to speak: ‘I now realize how true it is that **God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear Him and do what is right.** You know the message God sent... the good news of peace through **Jesus Christ... They killed Him** by hanging Him on a tree, but **God raised**

Him from the dead on the third day and caused Him to be seen... He is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. **All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.**" (Acts 10:3-5, 34-36, 39, 40, 42, 43 NIV)

GOD WANTS US TO ADMIT THAT WE ARE A SINNER.

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: But whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." (Proverbs 28:13 KJV)

"The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; And saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." (Psalm 34:18 KJV)

"The one I esteem... is humble... contrite in spirit, and trembles at My word." (Isaiah 66:2 NIV)

"Jews and Gentiles... are all under sin; as it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one... They are all gone out of the way... every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty... for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:9, 10, 12, 19, 23 KJV)

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." (1 John 1:8 KJV)

"I acknowledged my sin... and did not cover up... I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD' – and you forgave the guilt of my sin." (Psalm 32:5 NIV)

Jesus "...told this parable to certain ones who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: 'Two men went up into the temple to pray... **The Pharisee...** praying... 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust,

adulterers, or even like this tax-gatherer. I... I... I...' But the tax-gatherer... was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven... saying. **'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'**" (Luke 18:9-13 NASB)

**OUR SIN CARRIES A DEBT & THAT DEBT IS DEATH –
PHYSICAL, SPIRITUAL & ETERNAL.**

"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."
(Hebrews 9:27 KJV)

"'As I live,' saith the LORD GOD... 'All souls are mine... the soul that sinneth, it shall die... Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away... your transgressions... make you a new heart and a new spirit... For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth... turn... and live.'"
(Ezekiel 18:3, 4, 30-32 KJV)

"And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (Revelation 20:14, 15 KJV)

"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." (1 John 3:8 KJV)

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23 KJV)

**GOD SENT HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, JESUS,
TO PAY OFF OUR SIN DEBT: THROUGH HIS DEATH &
SHED BLOOD ON THE CROSS.**

“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now **He has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death** to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation – if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel.” (Colossians 1:21-23 NIV)

“The soldiers... came to Jesus... He was already dead, they did not break His legs. Instead, **one of the soldiers pierced Jesus’ side** with a spear, **bringing a sudden flow of blood** and water.” (John 19:32-34 NIV)

“And you, being dead in your sins... He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses; **blotting out the handwriting of ordinances** that was against us... and took it out of the way, **nailing it to His cross.**” (Colossians 2:13, 14 KJV)

“**Looking unto Jesus** the author and finisher of our faith; **who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,** and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:2 KJV)

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been **tempted in every way,** just as we are – **yet was without sin.**” (Hebrews 4:15 NIV)

“We see **Jesus,** who was made a little lower than the angels, **for the suffering of death** crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, **might taste death for everyone.**” (Hebrews 2:9 NKJV)

“**For He made Him** who knew no sin **to be sin for us,** that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” (2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV)

“The saying that is written, ‘**Death Is Swallowed Up in victory...**’ The sting of death is sin, and **the strength of sin is the law.** But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory **through our Lord Jesus Christ.**”
(1 Corinthians 15:54, 56, 57 KJV)

JESUS AFTER HIS BURIAL, WAS RESURRECTED FROM THE DEAD - VICTORIOUS OVER SIN AND DEATH.

“Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden... and **a new tomb...** nearby, **they laid Jesus there.**” (John 19:41, 42 NASB)

“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together... **Jesus came and stood among them... He showed them His hands and side.** Now Thomas... was not with the disciples when Jesus came... But he said to them, ‘Unless I see... I will not believe’... (NIV) after eight days... **came Jesus... saith He to Thomas...** ‘be not faithless, but believing.’ And Thomas answered... ‘My Lord and my God.’ Jesus saith... **‘Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.’**”
(John 20:19, 20, 24, 25 NIV, 26-29 KJV)

“And we declare unto you glad tidings... **the promise... God hath fulfilled... He hath raised up Jesus...** He raised Him up **from the dead,** now no more to return to corruption... through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and **by Him all that believe are justified.**” (Acts 13:32-34, 38, 39 KJV)

“**God... now commands all men everywhere to repent,** because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. **He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.**” (Acts 17:30, 31 NKJV)

“So **Christ** was **once offered to bear** the **sins** of many; and unto them that look for Him **shall He appear the second time** without sin **unto salvation.**” (Hebrews 9:28 KJV)

BECAUSE JESUS FINISHED THE WORK,
HE IS NOW THE ONLY WAY, THE ONLY TRUTH &
THE ONLY SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL LIFE.

“Jesus... said, ‘**It is finished!**’ And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.” (John 19:30 NKJV)

“We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all...** For **by one offering** He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.” (Hebrews 10: 10, 14 KJV)

Jesus said “**Come to Me**, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **Take My yoke** upon you and **learn from Me**, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will **find rest for your souls.**” (Matthew 11:28, 29 NKJV)

“‘Lord... how can we know the way?’ Jesus saith... ‘**I am the way, the truth, and the life.** No man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.’” (John 14:5, 6 KJV)

“**But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God,** even to **them that believe on His name.**” (John 1:12 KJV)

BECAUSE JESUS FINISHED THE WORK,
GOD NOW PURIFIES THE REPENTANT HEART BY FAITH.

“The scripture hath concluded all under sin, that **the promise by faith of Jesus Christ** might be **given to them that believe.**” (Galatians 3:22 KJV)

“For if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!” (Galatians 2:21 NIV)

“Peter... ‘Brothers... **God, who knows the heart**, showed that He accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them... **He made no distinction... He purified their hearts by faith.**” (Acts 15:7-9 KJV)

“‘What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?’ Jesus answered... them, ‘This is **the work of God**, that ye **believe on Him whom He hath sent.**” (John 6:28, 29 KJV)

“For by grace are ye saved **through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, **lest any man should boast.**” (Ephesians 2:8, 9 KJV)

Paul said “If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised... of Israel... a Hebrew of Hebrews... a Pharisee... as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. But **whatever was to my profit I now consider loss** for the sake of Christ... I consider them rubbish, **that I may gain Christ and be found in Him**, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – **the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.**” (Philippians 3:4-9 NIV)

“For **the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works**, as God did from His.” (Hebrews 4:10 NASB)

“Now to him who **works**, the wages are not counted as grace but of **debt**. But to him who **does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly**, his faith is accounted for **righteousness.**” (Romans 4:4, 5 NKJV)

GOD'S GIFT & OFFER OF SALVATION & ETERNAL LIFE
IS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME & ON THIS DAY
THROUGH JESUS BY FAITH.

“And working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain—for He says, ‘At The Acceptable Time I Listened To You, And On The Day Of Salvation I Helped You’; behold, **now is ‘The Acceptable Time’ ...now is ‘The Day Of Salvation.’**” (2 Corinthians 6:1-2 NASB)

*** King David Prayed For God’s Forgiveness, You Can Do The Same.** “Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy **lovingkindness**: According unto the multitude of thy **tender mercies** blot out my transgressions. **Wash** me thoroughly from mine iniquity, And **cleanse** me from my sin... Wash me and I shall be *whiter than snow*... **Hide** thy face from my sins, and **blot out** all mine iniquities. **Create** in me a clean heart, O God; And **renew** a right spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:1, 2, 7, 9, 10 KJV)

*** God Is Waiting To Hear Your Statement Of Faith In Jesus.** “‘The Word Is Near You, In Your Mouth And In Your Heart’: that is, the word of faith which we preach: 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. For with the **heart** one **believes** unto **righteousness**, and with the **mouth confession** is made unto **salvation**. For the Scripture says, ‘Whoever Believes On Him Will Not Be Put To Shame.’ For there is no distinction between ____ and ____ , for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For ‘Whoever Calls On The Name Of The LORD Shall Be Saved.’” (Romans 10:8-13)

* Other Statements Of Faith In Jesus.

The Samaritans stated “We believe... we have heard... and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.” (John 4:42 KJV)

Apostle Peter responded “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (John 6:68, 69 NKJV)

The Man Born Blind said “‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshiped Him.” (John 9:38 KJV)

Lazarus sister Martha replied “I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.” (John 11:27 KJV)

Jesus said to Thomas “be not faithless but believing.”

Thomas answered to Jesus “My Lord and My God.” (John 20:26-28 KJV)

What Is Your Response To God’s Message?

Is It: Faith, Doubt or Denial?

Apostle Peter Denied Jesus Three Times.

But Jesus approached Peter With Forgiveness by Asking:

“Do You Love Me?”

Peter Answered, “Yes Lord.” (John 21:15 NKJV)

What Is Your Answer To Jesus?

Do You Love Him?

“Jesus... ‘If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him.’” (John 14:23 NASB)

“Beloved... **this is His commandment**, that we **believe in** the name of His Son **Jesus Christ**, and **love one another... the one who keeps** His commandments **abides in Him, and He abides in us.**” (1 Jn 3:21, 23, 24 NASB)

“The mystery which has been hidden... now has been revealed... the riches of the glory of this mystery... is **Christ in you, the hope of glory. HIM WE PREACH**, warning... teaching... in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.” (Colossians 1:26-28 NKJV)

“There is now **no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.**” (Romans 8:1 NIV)

* **Do You Want Christ Jesus To Live In You?**

Jesus Says “**Behold**, I stand at the door, and knock: **if any man** hear My voice, and **open** the door, **I will come in.**” (Revelation 3:20 KJV)

The Spirit Says “ ‘**Come**’ ...let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him **take the water of life freely.**” (Revelation 22:17 KJV)

God The Father, Whose Name Is Holy, The High And Lofty One Says

“**I live** in a high and holy place, but also **with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit**, to revive the spirit of the lowly and... the heart of the contrite. **I will not accuse forever**, nor will I always be angry, for then the spirit of man would grow faint before Me... **I was enraged** by his sinful greed; **I punished** him, **and hid My face** in anger yet he kept on in his willful ways. I have seen his ways, **but I will heal** him; **I will guide** him **and restore comfort to** him, creating praise on the lips of **the mourners...** ‘Peace, peace to those far and near,’ says the LORD. ‘And I will heal them.’ **But the wicked** are like the tossing sea, which **cannot rest**, whose waves cast up mire and mud. **‘There is no peace,’ says my God, ‘for the wicked.’**” (Isaiah 57:15-21 NIV)

“Let us therefore fear, lest, a **promise** being left us **of entering into His rest**, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was **the gospel** preached, as well as unto them: but **the word preached** did not profit them, not being **mixed with faith** in them that heard it. For we which have believed **do enter into rest.**” (Hebrews 4:1-3 KJV)

“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.” (1 John 5:11-12 NIV)

“Let us therefore **come boldly unto the throne** of grace, that we may **obtain mercy, and find grace** to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16 KJV)

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” (2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV)

What Would You Say? If Tonight God Asked You:
Why Should I Let You Into Heaven?
Why Should I Give You Eternal Life?

Apostle Paul Answered “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but **CHRIST LIVES IN ME;** and the life which I now live in the flesh **I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD, WHO LOVED ME, AND DELIVERED HIMSELF UP FOR ME.**” (Galatians 2:20 NASB)

Apostle Paul Warns against Jewish or Religion Laws “I do not nullify the grace of God; for **if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.**” (Galatians 2:21 NASB)

What Will You Say?

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