

IMPORTANT MESSAGE - PLEASE READ

The Bible (the written Word of God) tells us that God made us so that we could have a relationship with him while here on the earth and also with him in heaven after our life on earth is ended. When God first put man and woman on the earth, they obeyed God and lived in harmony with him. This lovely relationship with God ended however when man chose to disobey God's commands. The Bible calls this disobedience, sin. Since that time, all of mankind has been living in sin and has not been able to experience God or have a proper relationship with him.

Throughout history, God has used many people to try to get us to turn back to him. God sent messengers (called prophets) to warn us of the consequences of disobedience. But people kept on sinning and choosing their own way instead of listening to God. The Bible tells us that sin leads to an eternity spent without God in a terrible place it calls Hell. This is not what God wants for his people, because he loves us. This is the reason why God sent his only son Jesus into this world over 2,000 years ago.

When he came to the earth, God's son Jesus lived among us as a man and taught us about his Father, God. Because Jesus was the son of God, he had the power to perform many miracles. He healed many sick people and he even raised the dead! He lived a completely perfect life and at the age of 33 he was cruelly nailed to a cross where he suffered and eventually died. Jesus' death was a sacrifice for our sins.

The amazing truth is this: God loved us so much that he allowed his son Jesus to take our sins upon himself on that cross and receive the punishment that we should have received! Jesus died on the cross in place of us, so that we could once again have a proper relationship with God in this life and also be with him in heaven after this life is over. The story does not end there however. Three days later, the power of God raised Jesus from the dead and he came back to life. He was seen by hundreds of people for 40 days, before returning to heaven to be with his father God.

Now that you know this, you need to respond to what God and Jesus have done for us. You need to:

1. Tell him you are sorry for all of your sins
2. Ask him to forgive you for them
3. Turn away from all that you know is wrong in your life, and
4. Spend the rest of your life obeying God and worshipping him.

When you do this, you enter into a proper relationship with God. You then begin to experience his presence with you and you also know that you will eventually go to be with him in heaven for eternity. God promises you that he will never leave you and that he will help you in every situation in life.

If you are willing to follow these four steps, you should say these words to God. He is listening to you right now and he will hear you.

Dear Lord Jesus

I know that I have committed many sins in my life. I know that I have done many wrong things and I am sorry for them. I ask you now to please forgive me for all my sins and to remove them from me completely and forever. I now turn away from everything in my life that I know to be wrong. Thank you for suffering and dying on the cross in my place. Please come into my life now and be my saviour, my Lord and my very best friend. I am now going to serve you and I will worship you for the rest of my life. And I know that you will help me to do this. Thank you Lord Jesus.

If you have said these words and meant them, you have taken a very important step in your life. You have actually started a new life ... it is like being born all over again. Try to find other people who have also taken this important step. In this way you will be able to help and encourage each other. If you can do so, try also to talk to the person who gave you this little leaflet.