

TURN TO GOD



IS IT POSSIBLE
FOR ME TO
HAVE A REAL, LASTING
AND MEANINGFUL
RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD?



yes!



God did
not make us
programmed
computers!

When God created man he made him perfect. His desire was that we should be his friends and govern the earth, caring for it. God did not make us robots: he gave us "free will" so that we could choose between right and wrong, good and bad. God wants us to love him and most of all to know him personally.

But he does not force us to love him: he wants us to choose. So we have a choice.

Man's Way God's Way

choice

Man did choose but he made the wrong choice.

Instead of doing what God wanted, he decided to go his own way, independently of God. The Bible calls this sin.

So mankind became separated from God through sin, and became selfish, unkind, empty and purposeless. We are still separated from God, because even today we choose to disobey and go our own way.

"YOUR INIQUITIES* HAVE SEPARATED YOU FROM GOD; YOUR SINS HAVE HIDDEN HIS FACE FROM YOU SO THAT HE WILL NOT HEAR" ISAIAH 59:2

*(going our own way)

"THERE IS A WAY THAT SEEMS RIGHT TO MAN BUT IN THE END IT LEADS TO DEATH."

PROVERBS 14:12

"FOR OUT OF THE HEART COME EVIL THOUGHTS..."

MATTHEW 15:19

"FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY (PERFECTION) OF GOD."

ROMANS 3:23



GOD

WE TRY TO SOLVE THE
PROBLEM OF OUR
SINFULNESS OURSELVES.
ARE YOU TRYING ANY OF
THESE WAYS?

MAN
SINFUL



GOOD WORKS
MORALITY
PHILOSOPHY
RELIGION



GOD
HOLY

There is only one remedy: sin has to be dealt with. Jesus Christ is God's only acceptable answer to the problem of man's sin.

When Jesus took the punishment for our sins on the cross and died in our place, it was as if he took the hand of God and our hand, reconciling us both in his death. In so doing he bridged the gap of separation and dealt with the problem of man's sin once and for all.

"GOD
DEMONSTRATES
HIS OWN LOVE
FOR US IN THIS:
WHILE WE WERE
STILL SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED FOR
US." ROMANS 5:8

"GOD WAS
RECONCILING
THE WORLD TO
HIMSELF IN
CHRIST. GOD
MADE HIM WHO
HAD NO SIN TO
BE SIN FOR US..."
2 CORINTHIANS 5:19, 21

THIS IS WHAT GOD HAS DONE ABOUT THE PROBLEM:

MAN
SINFUL

GOD
HOLY

**HE
HIMSELF
BORE OUR SINS
IN HIS BODY ON THE
TREE**

1 PETER 2:24

Jesus was born to die:
we were born to live.
Jesus not only died for our
sins but was raised back
to life. This proves without
any doubt that he was
victorious over sin and
death. It also proved that
his sacrificial death had
been accepted by God.

**"HE WAS DELIVERED OVER
TO DEATH FOR OUR SINS
AND WAS RAISED TO LIFE
FOR OUR JUSTIFICATION*."**

ROMANS 4:25

***(made right before God)**

**"SALVATION IS FOUND IN
NO-ONE ELSE, FOR THERE
IS NO OTHER NAME
UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN TO
MEN BY WHICH WE MUST
BE SAVED."** ACTS 4:12

**THE BIG QUESTION
IS THIS: "CAN GOD'S
ONLY ANSWER
WORK FOR ME?"**

The answer is **Yes!** You
must be willing to turn
from sin (repent), to put
your personal trust in
Jesus Christ and make
him Lord of your life. Do
not think you can enter
into all that God has
planned for you in any
other way: nothing and
no-one else can bridge
that gap.

**"JESUS SAID, 'I AM THE
WAY AND THE TRUTH
AND THE LIFE, NO-ONE
COMES TO THE FATHER
EXCEPT THROUGH ME.'"**

JOHN 14:6

SIN
SEPARATION
FRUSTRATION
GUILT
NO PURPOSE
HELL

FORGIVENESS
ETERNAL LIFE
ABUNDANT LIFE
PARDON
PURPOSE
HEAVEN



Where do you stand?

IS THERE ANY REASON WHY YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE THIS IMPORTANT STEP OF CHOOSING GOD'S WAY RIGHT NOW AND OF PUTTING YOUR TRUST IN HIS SON? GOD GIVES THESE PROMISES AND WARNINGS:

"HE WHO HAS THE SON HAS LIFE,
HE WHO DOES NOT HAVE THE
SON DOES NOT HAVE LIFE."

1 JOHN 5:12

"IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR
MOUTH, 'JESUS IS LORD' AND
BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT
GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE
DEAD YOU WILL BE SAVED."

ROMANS 10:9

Before Jesus ascended into
heaven, he promised to send
the Holy Spirit, who would live in
Christians and give them power
and the ability to live as they
should (ACTS 1:8)

TO ENTER INTO GOD'S
WAY IS AS SIMPLE AS

ABC

Admit that you are wrong
(a sinner) and be willing to turn
from your sins (repent).

Believe God's only provision is in
Jesus—his death and resurrection.

Commit your life to him, putting
your faith and trust in Jesus.

IF YOU MEAN
BUSINESS
THEN GOD
IS NOW
ONLY A
PRAYER
AWAY. WHY
NOT TAKE
THAT STEP
RIGHT NOW?
YOU MIGHT
FIND THIS
PRAYER
HELPFUL:

"DEAR GOD I admit I am a sinner and need your forgiveness; I believe that Jesus Christ died in my place paying the penalty for my sins; I am willing right now to turn from my sin and accept Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and Lord. I commit myself to you and ask you to send the Holy Spirit into my life, to fill me and take control, and to help me become the kind of person you want me to be. Thank you Father God for loving me.
IN JESUS' NAME. AMEN"



This is what has happened now. Because you have repented and put your faith and trust in Jesus your sins are forgiven. You have become a member of God's family. You have been filled with the Holy Spirit to enable you to live a victorious life in his power. God has a lot more planned for you as a member of his family so be open and available to him.

Having sincerely chosen to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, you have begun a new life in his family. God promises his children a lot of things in the Bible. Here are just a few:

"All those who trust him – God's son – to save them have eternal life." (JOHN 3:36)

"ANYONE WHO CALLS UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED." ROMANS 10:13

"GOD HAS SAID 'NEVER WILL I LEAVE YOU, NEVER WILL I FORSAKE YOU'" HEBREWS 13:5

"I GIVE THEM ETERNAL LIFE AND THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH, NO-ONE CAN SNATCH THEM OUT OF MY HAND." JOHN 10:28

"TO ALL WHO RECEIVED HIM, TO THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME, HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD." JOHN 1:12

FURTHER IMPORTANT STEPS FOR NEW CHRISTIANS

THE BIBLE TELLS YOU:

- Confess your mistakes and wrongdoings in prayer (1 JOHN 1:9)
- Be filled with the Holy Spirit (EPHESIANS 5:18)
- Read and study the Bible (ask the Holy Spirit to help you) and obey what he tells you to do (2 TIMOTHY 2:15; 3:16)
- Be baptised in water as soon as possible (ACTS 10:48)
- Meet with other Christians for worship and encouragement (HEBREWS 10:25)
- Speak to God in prayer (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)
- Tell others the Good News: Good News should always be shared! you do not have a monopoly on the Gospel (1 PETER 3:15)



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