# Receiving the Gift of Eternal Life

Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Either Jesus was the greatest liar or madman that ever lived or He spoke the truth. There is only one way to heaven and that is through faith in Jesus. God has made it so easy for any person to be saved, because that's His will for all.

Acts 4:12, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

To receive this indescribable gift from God, all we have to do is acknowledge and be willing to turn from our sin by calling on Jesus Christ to be our Lord and Savior.

Romans 10:9, "That 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."

Please pray this with me: "Jesus I admit that I am a sinner and ask you to be my Lord and Savior. I believe God raised you from the dead, so I willingly surrender my life into your hands right now."

If you prayed this with a sincere heart, you have just received the gift of eternal life, you are a child of God and heaven is your home for all eternity!



Congratulations in making the most important decision that you will ever make. This is not the end, but just the beginning of an exciting new life as a child of God.

I would like to encourage you to find a good Bible believing church that teaches Jesus is Lord, so you can grow in your new relationship with God.

This next step is so important in your walk with Jesus. There are so many wonderful things for you to learn and experience along with other believers in Jesus Christ.

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"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23



#### Don't leave earth without it!



Most people want to go to heaven and be with loved ones and friends for all eternity. To know God, the creator of the universe and experience His

goodness and love in their lives on the earth today. To be free once and for all from their hurts, habits and hang-ups. But we can't do this on our own, we need to be saved from ourselves There is a common saying we have all heard, "Nobody is perfect" that really does describe sin; anything less than perfection. It's sin that separates us from a holy God. If we are honest with ourselves, we have all messed up in one way or another, everyday of our lives- a wrong thought, motive or any act of selfishness. God has placed in every human being a sense of what is right or wrong, it's called our conscience.

"There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

Romans 3:22-24



### Relationship vs. Religion

Ever since the fall of man when Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, mankind has been trying to come back to God; unfortunately, by some system of good works to earn or deserve salvation from Him which is impossible to do.

"The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, 'Who then can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.'"

Mark 10:26-27

Receiving the gift of eternal life from God is not about embracing a religion or philosophy. It's all about a relationship with our Creator through faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. This is the good news, God so loved us, that He sent His Son,



Jesus Christ to die for you and me, to pay the price for our sins in our place so we don't have to.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

John 3:16-17

Sin is like spiritual crime, it cannot be undone by our own by good works, anymore than a convict trying to undo his crime by being a good person—he is already guilty and condemned. If we do the crime we have to do the time. The penalty of sin is eternal death; to be forever separated from God in hell—a horrible place of torment to pay for sin.

Someone might say, "How can a loving God send people to Hell?" The truth is he doesn't. Man goes there by choice, since God has already made a way for all of mankind to be saved. God made hell for the Devil and his demons. God is holy and the most loving thing for Him to do is to judge sin and do away with it, so like a cancer it doesn't destroy everything in God's creation.

"Then they asked him, 'What must we do to do the works God requires?' Jesus answered, 'The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

John 6:28-29

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast."

Ephesians 2:8-9

Since man cannot save himself, he needs a Savior who is sinless and perfect. God became a man, Jesus Christ to be our sin substitute in order to pardon mankind of sin. Through His death, burial and resurrection we can have eternal life. To become a child of God, and spend eternity in heaven with our creator—that is good news!

## Repentance from Sin

One of the greatest stumbling blocks for people coming to Jesus is pride, they don't want to admit they are a sinner in need of a Savior. Modern secular society teaches that mankind is ever improving, that there is no God and we should live our own lives as we see fit. That is moral relativism, "Whatever feels good do it; there is no absolute truth." However, the reality of sin in the world is undeniable; all the wars, crime, pain and hate. The Bible is absolute truth and God's revelation to mankind concerning salvation from sin.