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INTRODUCTION

Before I start, I want to thank the Almighty God who inspired me to write this book.

I pray before the Father, the Son, and His Holy Spirit.

Dear Heavenly Father I pray and ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, for you to guide me as to what message to convey to your children. I pray that this book touches and reforms the hearts of all those you wish to reach out to, so they seek you in truth and those that have been misled and gone astray can come back into your arms and enjoy eternal life with you. Please forgive any errors or mistakes; this is my humble effort to bring your true light to your lost children who live in darkness.

I pray you deliver them from the bondage of slavery to sin and the devil.

Forever and ever, **yours** is the Kingdom, Yours is the Power, **and yours** is the Glory.

Amen.

DISCLAIMER

I want to make one thing absolutely clear from the onset: I am writing this book as per my own personal experiences which I am sharing and am in no way shape or form trying to force my beliefs or faith onto anyone.

I am not here to mock or condone anyone else's belief or faith. I am using this platform to share what I believe is the way, the truth that will give us eternal life. I am sharing my views based on my research and experience.

I am providing a brief and basic overview of why I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God and how, by accepting the sacrifice he made for humanity, we will be reconciled with God, for he proclaimed, "I am the Way, I am the Truth, and I am the Life."

The Bible tells us to test every spirit, and we can tell who is from God by his fruits.

The bible also tells us to "Seek the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness."

God is real and does exist, and he seeks a personal relationship with you.

Many people, including so-called Christians, have made Christianity a religion. For example, the body of Christ is now split into many different denominations, which in effect are sub-religions and cultures.

I want to also point out that many people, even though they are born into a Christian family it doesn't make you a Christian. You have to be born again in the Spirit. I have written a section in this book for namesake Christians.

Many people follow religious rituals, thinking just by attending a place of worship or by doing good deeds is enough to please God.

Yes, there is only one God, and I used to think that there were many different paths to God. Ultimately, the Bible tells us that the last road or path to God is Jesus Christ.

So in this short book, I will attempt to go through each main religion and my understanding to help you realise that Jesus is the Truth, Jesus is Alive, and Jesus is the Only Way.

PRAYER TO ALMIGHTY

How Jesus Is Unique From All Others & What Makes Him The Greatest Leader Ever

Tradition is a very hard stronghold to break, especially if something has been instilled in us from birth and for generations.

If you support a particular team or have a favourite sports personality, it normally takes something radical for us to support a different team or person.

The same principle applies when we are born into a particular religion.

Most people have not even read or understood the scriptures of their religion, yet they get so passionate about something they have little understanding of and don't even follow a fraction of their religion's teachings.

We have been brainwashed by our families, friends, and religious communities that the religion we were born into is the best, and we blindly believe this without having studied or researched such a statement.

I am going to demonstrate what made Jesus unique and the greatest leader ever.

First and foremost, no one in history has been born the way Jesus was. Mary was a virgin and Jesus was not conceived in a natural manner but in a supernatural manner through the power of the Holy Spirit of God.

Both Christians and Muslims believe the Virgin Mary gave birth to Jesus. That is almost 60% of the world, which makes this a very bold statement.

Other unique traits include

1. As God's only begotten Son, Jesus Christ is unique (Psalm 2:7, 11-12; John 1:14; 3:16; Luke 1:35). Jesus is the "one-of-a-kind" son of God in that he shares the same divine nature as God.
2. Jesus Christ is unique in that He is eternal. He existed in the past, he exists now, and he will exist in the future for all eternity (John 1:1-3, 14; John 8:58).
3. Jesus Christ is unique in that he is sinless. He never committed a sin and, although fully human, has no sin nature. He is the Holy One of God (Acts 3:14; John 6:69; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5).
4. Jesus Christ is unique because He alone is the One who bore our sins. As our sin-bearer, he grants us forgiveness, salvation, and a right standing with God. No one else could take away our sin (Isaiah

53; Matthew 1:21; John 1:29; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Corinthians 15:1–3).

5. Because He is the only Way to the Father (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5), Jesus Christ is unique. There is no other way to salvation. He is the only righteous one, and He exchanged His perfect righteousness for our sin (2 Corinthians 5:21).
6. Jesus Christ is unique in that He alone had power over His own death and the ability to take back His life again (John 2:19; 10:17–18). Note: His resurrection was not a "spiritual" one but a physical one (Luke 24:39). His resurrection from the dead, never to die again, distinguished him as the unique Son of God (Romans 1:4).
7. Jesus Christ is unique, as seen in the fact that He alone accepted worship as an equal with the Father (John 20:28–29; Philippians 2:6). Indeed, God the Father states that the Son is to be honored as He is honored (John 5:23). All others in Scripture, whether Jesus' disciples or angelic beings, rightly reject that worship (Acts 10:25–26; 14:14–15; Matthew 4:10; Revelation 19:10; 22:9).

8. Jesus Christ is unique in that He has the power to give life to whom He wills (John 5:21).
9. Jesus Christ is unique because the Father has committed all judgment to Him (John 5:22). Having lived in this world perfectly, He is the only one qualified to judge it.
10. Jesus Christ is unique because He was with the Father and directly involved in creation. It is by the hand of Christ that all things are held together (John 1:1–3; Ephesians 3:9; Hebrews 1:8–10; Colossians 1:17).
11. Jesus Christ is unique in that He will rule the world at the end of this present age (Hebrews 1:8; Isaiah 9:6–7; Daniel 2:35, 44; Revelation 19:11–16).
12. Jesus Christ is unique in that He alone was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:20–23; Luke 1:30–35). Jesus Christ is unique in that he demonstrated the attributes of God. In His ministry, Jesus showed that He had the power to forgive sins and heal the sick (Matthew 9:1–7), to calm the wind and waves (Mark 4:37–41; Psalm 89:8–9), to know people inside and out (Psalm 139; John 1:46–50; 2:23–25); and to raise the dead (John 11; Luke 7:12–15; 8:41–55).

13. Jesus Christ is unique because he fulfilled prophecy. There are a great number of prophecies concerning the Messiah's birth, life, resurrection, person, and purpose. All were fulfilled by Him and no other (e.g., Isaiah 7:14; 9:6–7; 53; Micah 5:2; Psalm 16:10; 22; Zechariah 11:12–13; 13:7).
14. This leader, Jesus, is truly one of a kind; all other leaders have died and remained dead, but Jesus died and came back alive, and after his resurrection, it is believed that he revealed and showed himself for over 21 days, which makes him even alive today.
15. No other leader of God can be as perfect as Jesus was and is.

AUTHORS TESTIMONY

I was born again in the Spirit to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit on Monday, February 26, 2018, when I gave my life to Christ and accepted Him as my Lord and Saviour.

I was born into a Sikh family and have always loved God and have a relatively good understanding of the Sikh and Hindu religions, with some knowledge of Islam and Buddhism.

I was always seeking God through other religions and faiths and had not experienced a close encounter or relationship with him as I have now.

It took me almost 44 years of pain and suffering to find the true God.

I used to binge drink for days on end, take drugs, and sleep around, and it did not prick my conscience whatsoever.

I used to swear in every other sentence.

I was quite a well-connected guy, but at the same time I was educated, had a good job as a financial consultant, and had my own businesses.

I got married to a beautiful woman and have two beautiful daughters.

I had everything in the eyes of the world.

But true joy still eluded me until I found Jesus.

The devil broke up two marriages, kept me in drink, drugs, and sex—this was all but his trap to keep me enslaved to him.

Just like drug dealers keep addicts addicted,

Sin is an addiction, and you want to break free, but you're not strong enough, and many people don't even realize they are in sin.

Like the addict who is content with his addiction and drugs and can't see anything outside of his or her life.

It is God who delivers us from this bondage of slavery to misery, but we have to cry out to him for help and forgiveness, as he is a God of free will.

We need to want to come to him with our whole heart, not half-heartedly.

I went through a divorce, and not being able to freely speak to my daughter tormented me.

To make myself feel better, I further indulged in alcohol, drugs, one night stands, and flings. I spent thousands of pounds on temporary happiness, which always led to sadness and loneliness.

Before I hit rock bottom, I had tried everything and every religious path but Jesus.

I remember on that Monday, February 26, 2018, when Pastor Phil, a humble man of God who prefers to be called "brother" as do I, prayed for me and baptized me in the Holy Spirit.

I remember crying and feeling relief; prior to this, I was in such a bad way.

People were saying to me, "You won't be living for long; you have to stop."

There was no magical, supernatural, out-of-this world experience.

But I felt lighter after I gave my life to Christ; he had taken on my burdens.

I made a conscious decision: is God more important than my friends and worldly ways?

I chose Jesus.

So I deleted myself from WhatsApp groups where they sent porn and vulgar jokes.

I was careful with what my eyes watched and what my ears heard.

By making these simple but radical changes, I found myself getting closer and closer to God.

I started viewing the world differently.

Jesus changed my life, but he can only do so if we allow him to. We have to continue to work with Him until the finish line.

God has used me in a mighty way, and I am humbled that he called and chose a sinner like me to be used as a vessel and servant to do his wonderful work.

I have had confirmation from quite a number of men and women of God that God is going to use me in a mighty way, and he has and is.

The purpose of this book is to provide a quick and easy read for the reader to understand that God is real and why Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Christian Belief

True Christians believe that God is the Father, God is the Son, and God is the Holy Spirit.

He is three personalities of the same being.

We believe God is Sovereign Majesty, King of All Kings Almighty, and sits on his highest throne in heaven.

Then we have God the Son, who came to serve on earth as the Son of God.

Then we have God's Holy Spirit.

It can be confusing, and I find the best way to explain the Trinity is with water.

When water is heated, it becomes steam.

When water is frozen, it becomes ice.

When steam hits cold, it becomes water, and when ice is heated, it becomes water.

So water has three different forms; it is the same with the Trinity of God.

The Bible tells us in Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness."

So I believe in this verse, God is talking to Himself as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

John tells us in

John 1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was with God in the beginning.³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made

Paul tells us in the New Testament

Colossians 1:16

"For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him."

John further tell us

John 1 :14

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

This word is Jesus Christ.

God knew a time would come when he would have to come on earth and serve humankind, be born a man.

Jesus came to make the ultimate sacrifice so people may realize how much God loves them.

Some of my Sikh brothers may point out that in their holy book it says God cannot be born.

God cannot be borne by a man.

The Holy Spirit of God caused the miracle of Mary having Jesus, so Jesus was not born of man; Mary was a means of delivering Him into the world.

So despite Jesus being God in the form of a man, he had to endure all the suffering of a man and all temptation.

It was the Holy Spirit of God that caused all the miracles.

Jesus was sent by God, as he reveals in

John 6:38

For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

The book of Isiah's prophesy, written some 700 years before Jesus Christ came into this world, reveals his main purpose was to be sacrificed for our sins.

I personally do not know of any other man or woman of God's birth or coming into this world with a specific purpose being foretold or prophesied.

Isaiah 53

Who has believed our message, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

1. He grew up before him like a tender shoot and like a root out of dry ground.
2. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
3. He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering who was familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces, he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.
4. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, struck by him, and afflicted.
5. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

6. We all, like sheep, have gone astray; each of us has turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
7. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
8. Through oppression and judgment [a], he was taken away.
Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people, he was punished.
9. He was assigned a grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence and there was no deceit in his mouth.
10. Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes [c] his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.
11. After he has suffered, he will see the light of life [d] and be satisfied [e]; by his knowledge [f], my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.
12. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great [g], and he will divide the spoils with the strong [h], because he poured out his life unto death and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many and made
intercession for the transgressors.

There are many different prophecies in the Old
Testament talking of Christ the Messiah.

Prophecy - "The Lord says, "Bethlehem, you might not be an important town in the nation of Judah. But out of you will come a ruler over Israel for me. His family line goes back to the early years of your nation. It goes all the way back to days long ago (Micah 5:2).

Fulfilment – Christ was born in Bethlehem just as the prophecy foretold.

Prophecy - "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son" (Hosea 11:1).

Fulfilment – God sends an angel to awaken Joseph in the night and warn him of Herod's plan.

"An angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. "Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." (Matthew 2:13).

Prophecy - "May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores bring tribute to him." "May the kings of Sheba and Seba present him gifts?" "May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him" (Psalm 72:10–11).

Fulfilment – The magi who visited Jesus brought him gifts and bowed to worship him.

"On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Matthew 2:11).

There are many more scriptures in the Bible by different prophets prophesying the coming of Christ.

For the Almighty God is a God who has given us the free will of choice, to choose between good and evil, right and wrong.

God loves us all alike.

Matthew 5:45

So that you may be sons of your Father, who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

This verse proves that God has blessed us all with natural provision regardless of our skin colour, age, sex, etc.

Man has exploited and abused God's provisions for his own selfish greed and personal gains.

Further proof of God's love for us in the Bible is that:

Romans 5:8

But God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 3:16 ESV/911 helpful votes

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

1 John 4:8

Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Isaiah 54:10

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

1 John 4:12

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

COMPARISON OF SIN AND SALVATION THROUGH EACH RELIGION

I have compiled a brief comparative study of the main religions on what they say about sin and salvation, then we can weigh up what we think is right.

Hinduism

Salvation, for the Hindu, can be achieved in one of three ways: **the way of works, the way of knowledge, or the way of devotion.**

The way of works is through your Karma, ie doing more good deeds than bad.

The way of knowledge is through meditation and moving in the spiritual world.

The way of devotion is by devoting yourself to a Hindu deity god or goddess.

My View

I think most of us will agree that we do more wrong than good.

Most of us are so used to sinning we don't even realise we do it.

Idolatry is a sin that's not just statue worship putting anything before God, i.e. the Footballs on can't go church,

I got too much housework to go temple.

I got guests coming over can't spend time with God.

Got to go to work The list goes on.

Lying is a sin.

There is a Hindu saying one small lie that saves someone from hurting is better than 100 truths, a lie is a lie.

We lie in business, we lie to our children, other halves parents, we don't even realise.

Adultery – Jesus said to look at another man's wife in a lustful way is as good as committing adultery.

We live in a world where sleeping around is the norm.

Anger, hatred, gossip, jealousy, gluttony, greed, unforgiveness these are just some examples of sins.

So if we were to weigh our good deeds against bad most of us will not make it to heaven or obtain salvation.

In Hinduism the other way to salvation is through knowledge and devotion, how many people study their holy book?

How devoted are they to their god, too busy with worldly matters.

Islam

Islam acknowledges the inclination of humanity towards sin. Therefore, Muslims are constantly commanded to seek God's forgiveness and repent. Islam teaches that no one can gain salvation simply by virtue of their belief or deeds, instead **it is the Mercy of God, which merits them salvation.**

As a Christian I agree that Gods mercy is needed, but this is obtained by the sacrifice provided by Jesus Christ who was the perfect sacrifice once and for all, past, present and future sins.

Muslims believe that Jesus was a prophet and Muhammad was sent by God to put right the wrongs that the Jews did to the scriptures.

So if Muhammad is greater than Jesus why is Muhammad not coming back for God's chosen children at the end and why is it Jesus?

Why is Christianity almost twice as big as Islam?

The miracles of Jesus are well known – how many people know of Muhammad's miracles?

Muhammad was a warrior Jesus brought peace.

Muhammad had many wives, claiming its ok for a man to take more than 1 wife due to the loss of men in war.

We have to question is Islam increasing due to people accepting it as a true faith or is it through reproduction and forceful conversion that we see all over the world, for many years.

Sikhism

To achieve salvation, **the devotee must develop an intimate faith in and relationship with God.** God is omnipresent and infinite, as signified by the term *k akr*. Sikhs believe that prior to creation, all that existed was God and his infinite *hukam* (will). When God willed, the entire cosmos was created.

Many Sikhs believe that **Waheguru ie God lives inside everyone like a reflection in a mirror or fragrance within a flower.** Through a long series of reincarnations, possibly through up to 8,400,000 forms of life, they will be purified and be able to return to Waheguru. Each reincarnation as human or animal is temporary.

I have come from a Sikh background and believe that Sikhs are probably the largest hearted giving people.

Nobody is forbidden from eating in their temple and all are treated equally whether you are a king or servant.

Guru means teacher.

Sikhs believe that their holy book *guru granth sahib* is a living guru to show sikhs the way.

The Guru Granth Sahib was composed predominantly by six Sikh gurus: Guru Nanak, Guru Angad, Guru Amar Das, Guru Ram Das, Guru Arjan and Guru Tegh Bahadur & Guru Gobind Singh.

It was made up of

- Four Sikhs
- Seven Gurus
- Fifteen Bhagats
- Seventeen Bhatts

These Bhagats were from different castes some muslim some hindu the common theme between them was they are devotees of god and meditated to God.

Christians also believe that the bible is the living word of God, but we are not to bow down in front of anything or anyone but God.

So even if the guru granth is the living guru, bowing down to it becomes idolatry.

The bible reveals to us that God is a jealous God, he does not want love for HIM to be shared.

For e.g. if my daughter was to call another man daddy, or start looking up to him rather than me, naturally I will get upset and angry.

In many cases many fathers would abandon their child as they feel very hurt and cheated by.

Sikhs also make an offering in front of the guru granth sahib, whether its donation of money or food it is done before the granth sahib.

When food from kitchen is cooked it is brought before granth sahib to be blessed.

Many Christians would argue that this is idol offering.

Sikhs believe in reincarnation as do hindus.

So I question as man is destroying life on earth at an alarming rate in the last 50 years, does this shorten the lifecycle?

A lot of Sikhs pray to the Guru's photos this again is idolatry, and the Gurus never claimed to be God.

Guru Gobind Singh in his Dasam Granth even states that if anybody calls him God will burn in hell.

jae ham ko paramaesar ouchar hai | thae sabh narak
kundd mehi par hai |

mo ka dhaas thavan kaa jaano | yaa mai bhaedh n ranch
pashaano | 32 |

Translation:- "Those who call me God, will fall into the pit of hell.

Regard me as a humble servant of the Lord and have no doubt about it."

So when Sikhs recite Dhan Guru Nanak Tu Hi Nirankar
Meaning blessed is Guru Nanak you are the Formless one.

God is the formless one, not the Gurus.

I think the Gurus did fantastic works, I have been to the 5 Takhts Pilliar Gurudawara of Sikhism.

However many sikhs don't know that when the sikhs went in hiding the Hindu Mahants were looking after the Gurudawaras, and it is my belief that they diluted the sikh faith.

Many sikh households have pictures of Gurus and of Hindu god and goddesses, yet they are so contradictory faiths.

**Why Many Christian Will Not Make It
To Heaven As They Are Not Born
Again.**

HOW CAN YOU BE BORN AGAIN?

Many people that are born into Christian families do not realise that they could end up going to hell because they are not born again.

John 3:3-7

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

So Jesus is clearly tell us in this verse that in order to be born again we must be baptised by water and by spirit, so what does this mean?

My understanding of the water baptism is that we are making a declaration that as we are immersed into water we are washing our and killing our old self and as we emerge ie come out of the water we are now cleansed of our sins.

To be baptised in the Spirit is to invite the Holy Spirit to come and live in our hearts, so that he can guide us to all truth and convict us when we do sin.

But the baptism in my opinion is not enough for Paul tells us in,

Romans 10:9-10

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

In this verse Paul is laying out 3 conditions for us,

1. So we have to confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord, so again we are making an open declaration that we consider Jesus our Lord.
2. We have to believe in our heart that God raised Jesus from the dead.
3. We have to believe both the above with our heart.

Now where people miss the mark is, many people believe Jesus was a good man.

Many believe ok he did rise from the dead and they will confess it.

But not many people understand what it means to make Jesus our Lord.

Lord means owner, like landlord owns his land, Jesus as Lord owns us.

He paid the price for our sins so that we can have eternal life through him.

Jesus came to serve and not be served so we as children of the God Most High, the Father of Jesus Christ must live our lives as Christ did.

Now admittedly Jesus led a perfect life pleasing Father God, the Lord knows we can't live perfect lives, he knows that while we are born again in the Spirit but the flesh still gravitates and wants to sin, so many of us fall into temptation and are led to sin.

Many of us knowingly still sin, but then the Holy Spirit convicts us and leads us to ask for forgiveness and to repent i.e. try and turn our back to sin.

The Holy Spirit speaks to our conscious get up pray, read your bible, fellowship with your brothers and sisters etc.

The flesh pulls us back into worldly habits.

This is why it is important to be born again to receive the Holy Spirit of God the Father and Jesus the Son.

God is after our heart more than anything.

So we need to make sure we are feeding our spirit more than our flesh.

I hope you understand why it is important to be born again and how we must lead our lives once we are born again, yes our sins past present and future are washed away but that does not give us a license to Sin.

God Seeks a Relationship with Us and For Us to Make Him No1 in Our Lives

When God made man the bible tells us in

Gen. 1 Verses 26 to 31

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God is talking to Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit, so they made Adam in his likeness and he gave dominion to Adam over the world, in other words he made Adam ruler of this world.

God would come onto earth and fellowship with Adam, we know this as when Adam ate from the forbidden tree of knowledge, and he covered himself up from God as he heard him walk in the garden.

But Adam sinned against God by falling into Satan's trap and eating the forbidden fruit of knowledge.

My belief is the reason why God did not want Adam to grow in knowledge, because he wanted that childlike love and faith from Adam, when we are totally dependent on God.

When our children are babies and young, they listen to us, believe us and have immense faith in us as they don't know better.

When they get older and start growing in knowledge they start thinking they know better than us, and can become troublesome.

So God knew that knowledge puffs man up with pride and leads him to make mistakes.

Many parents find as their children become independent the love seems to lessen, the time spent with them lessens as they start leading their own lives, and this is what God was trying to avoid.

The following bible verses further indicate the relationship God wants with us.

James 2:23

And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God.

God regarded Abraham as his friend.

John 15:15

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

Jesus tells us that if we obey his commandments and live our lives according to his teachings, then we are no longer his servants but friends.

Exodus 33:11

Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

God spoke to Moses as one would to a friend.

You can't choose your blood relatives, but you can choose your friends.

Friendship comes from the heart, which is why God is after our hearts more than anything.

The Bible tells us that God is a jealous God.

Exodus 34:14

For you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

Also the First Command says that we shall love no other god accept the Almighty Himself.

Many of us don't realise that we put our jobs, our business, our family, our hobbies..... before God, this is making those things our God.

Some people may say how can I have a relationship and love God, when I've never met Him.

Many of us develop crushes on celebrities we have never met or spoken to but follow.

That crush feels real to us, and we want to know everything about them.

We develop our relationship with Jesus and Father God through his Holy Spirit and through the Word of God ie the bible, which cultivates our hearts.

He then becomes alive to us.

John 3:8

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.

We can't really see the wind or predict everything about it. In the same way, the work of the Spirit isn't something we can completely understand.

I also believe that Jesus is also revealing to us that just as we can feel the wind but not see it, those who are born again can feel the Holy Spirit but can't see Him.

He comforts us, he is with us during our trials, and he pulls us through. Many a time we say, "I don't know how I got through this; it's the Holy Spirit of God that did."

God becomes alive to us through His Holy Spirit and His Word.

Many a time I have gone to church and just burst out crying; sometimes the spirit of laughter and joy touches me, and I have seen this with many people; that's the Holy Spirit working in us.

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

A true Christian should demonstrate these characteristics in order to glorify God.

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit." (Matthew 12:33)

Christ said we are known by our fruit, so what are the good fruits to aspire to? The Apostle Paul mentions the "fruits of the Spirit" that Christians should work to cultivate in their hearts and minds.

In the book of Galatians, Paul lists nine specific behaviours—love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—that are the result of the work of the Holy Spirit in a Christian's life.

Where are the "fruits of the Spirit" in the Bible?

The phrase "fruit of the spirit" comes from Galatians 5:22–23:

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

gentleness, and self-control."Against such things there is no law."

The Greek word that we translate "fruit" usually means fruit in the sense of edible fruits and vegetables, but it can also be translated as offspring, deed, action, result, or profit. In an agrarian society, fruit is a good thing; it is the result of hard work and careful tending. Today, we might use the word "fruit" in a phrase such as the "fruit of our labour" to communicate the results of our effort. Even if we don't harvest strawberries or apples, we can still have "fruit," something to show for our work, whether in the form of a paycheque, a finished project, or even a baby.

Understanding that "fruit" in this verse can mean "a deed, action, or result" helps make this verse more personal. The result of the work of the Spirit in a believer's life is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control.

In the three verses prior, Galatians 5:19–21, Paul contrasted the acts of the flesh: sexual immorality, impurity, and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like, with the good fruit of the Spirit.

WHAT ARE THE NINE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT?

The Apostle Paul states the following nine gifts, or "fruits of the Spirit," that result from true repentance, turning away from our sinful ways towards love for God and neighbor:

1. Love

In Galatians 5:22–23, love is translated from the Greek word (agape). Greek has multiple words for love, including eros, which is sexual love, and philos, which is brotherly love. Agape is the perfect love that only God can give.

"In respect of agapao as used of God, it expresses the deep and constant "love" and interest of a perfect being towards entirely unworthy objects, producing and fostering a reverential "love" in them towards the Giver, and a practical "love" towards those who are partakers of the same, and a desire to help others seek the Giver," according to Vine's Expository Dictionary.

Love for God and others is the result of receiving God's perfect agape love. Jesus encouraged his followers:

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now, remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my father's commands and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." (John 15:9-11).

2. Joy

Joy in this passage is χαρά. Chara is often translated as "joy" or "delight. It is often associated with gladness in the Bible. It is the realization of God's favor and grace in one's life. Biblical joy is happiness that is not dependent on our circumstances. We are encouraged to "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance" (James 1:1-2).

3. Peace

The biblical concept of peace, (eirene) in Greek, is inclusive of life without conflict as well as wholeness and harmony with God and others. A life of peace is safe and secure, both physically and mentally.

"The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace." (Romans 8:6)

Peace is a result of allowing the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and minds. When we have peace, we are free

from fear and worry about finances, our safety, our salvation, and our eternal life. The fruit of the Holy Spirit is seen in the peace that comes even when our circumstances are far from tranquil. Jesus encouraged his followers in John 16:33: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! "I have overcome the world."

4. Forbearance

Forbearance μακροθυμία (makrothumia) is not a word that most of us commonly use. The Greek word in Galatians 5:22-23 is often translated using other words such as patience, endurance, constancy, steadfastness, perseverance, longsuffering, and slowness in avenging wrongs. The Holy Spirit empowers believers to withstand challenging situations with perseverance and endurance.

The Greek root of this word relates to two words that mean long and passion. Through the Holy Spirit we are able to wait longer before indulging our passions- we become "long-tempered" rather than "short-tempered." Paul used this word when he was describing Jesus' patience (μακροθυμία) with him.

"But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life." (1 Timothy 1:16)

Like Paul, we have all benefited from Christ's immense patience with us. The evidence of the Holy Spirit in our life is also seen in our ability to persevere, be patient, steadfast and long-tempered. Ephesians 4:1-2 encourages us to "be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

5. Kindness

Kindness χρηστότης (chréstotés) conveys the meaning of moral goodness, integrity, usefulness, and benignity. In the King James Version, this word is translated "gentleness," which links it to the meaning of a gentleman or a gentlewoman, someone who behaved properly, with moral integrity and kindness.

Romans 2:4 reminds us that it is God's compassion, not his judgment that leads us to repentance. The Holy Spirit enables us to have moral integrity with kindness and not get trapped in self-righteous judgment.

6. Goodness

Goodness ἀγαθωσύνη (agathosune) means uprightness of heart and life, goodness, and kindness. Goodness is seen in our actions. This word relates to not only being good but also doing good things.

The Contemporary English Version of 2 Thessalonians 1:11 highlights this meaning, "We pray for God's power

to help you do all the good things you hope to do and your faith makes you want to do.” Through the Holy Spirit's work in Christians' lives, they are upright in heart, and they do good things.

7. Faithfulness

Faithfulness πίστις (pistis) is evidence of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. Faithfulness is a character trait that combines dependability and trust based on our confidence in God and His eternal faithfulness.

In the New Testament, faith is the belief in God and the conviction that Jesus is the Messiah, through whom we obtain eternal salvation.

"With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith." (2 Thessalonians 1:11)

8. Gentleness

Gentleness πραΰτης (prautes) was translated as "meekness" in the King James Version, but because being meek seemed weak, modern translations of the Bible use "gentleness" to mean mildness of disposition.

Baker's Evangelical Bible Dictionary explains, "Meekness does not identify the weak but more precisely the strong who have been placed in a position of weakness where they persevere without giving up." The use of the Greek word when applied to animals makes this clear, for it means "tame" when applied to wild animals. In other words, such animals have not lost their strength but have learned to control the destructive instincts that prevent them from living in harmony with others.

Jesus describes himself as gentle in Matthew 11:29 "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

9. Self-Control

Self-control ἐγκράτεια (egkrateia) is the ability to control one's body and its sensual appetites and desires—physically and mentally—through the power of the Holy Spirit. Self-control relates to both chastity and sobriety, particularly moderation in eating and drinking. Self-control is the opposite of the works of the flesh that indulge sensual desires.

Galatians 5:16 says, "So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh." For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. "They are in conflict with each other, so you are not to do whatever you want."

WHICH IS THE WAY? WHAT IS THE TRUTH?

HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT RELATE TO THESE FRUITS?

The Spirit is the holy presence of God. The Greek word (pneuma) has multiple meanings, including breath, spirit, or wind. It is most commonly used to describe the holy presence of God on earth, but New Testament writers also used this word to describe the wind, other spirits, including angels and demons, and even the human soul or disposition.

In Galatians 5:22, the phrase "fruit of the Spirit" specifically refers to the Holy Spirit.

As believers in Jesus, Christians are given the Holy Spirit to lead them and empower them. In Acts 2:8, Jesus said, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Fruits of the Spirit indicate a relationship with Christ. Ephesians 1:13–14 explains that the Holy Spirit is an inheritance given to believers in Christ that guarantees their relationship with Christ. "In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our

inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory."

In Galatians 5, Paul wants to make sure that people know how to spot the evidence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. The result of the Holy Spirit in their lives will be good things like love, joy, kindness, and self-control.

He also wants to make sure that Christians know that evil actions like sexual immorality, impurity, and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, and envy; drunkenness and orgies are not the work of the Holy Spirit. The fruits of the Spirit are evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians.

Did Jesus Talk about the Fruits of the Spirit?

Jesus didn't use the phrase "fruit of the Spirit," but he often mentioned fruit in his teaching. In John 15:5, Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches." "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing." Fruit is evidence of being connected to Christ, just as branches of a tree or a grapevine have to be connected to the trunk in order to bear grapes or apples.

In **Matthew 7:16–20**, Jesus warned his followers to be wary of false teachers: "By their fruit you will recognize them." Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit,

but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit, you will recognize them.

THE END IS NEAR BIBLICAL PROPHECIES HAVE COME TO PASS

All the major religions agree that the end is near.

Hindus and Sikhs believe that we are in Kali Yug, i.e., the shortest age of darkness and evil.

Christians and Muslims believe we are in the last days.

Here are a few Bible verses prophesying what will happen in the end times.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

But understand this: in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness but denying its power. Avoid such people.

This is so true, if you consider how cold the world has become in the last 50 years.

We hear stories from our parents and grandparents where no one locked their doors.

Neighbours were virtually like extended families, popping over to borrow milk or sugar.

Divorce was a taboo subject and was considered shameful; marrying your partner was the honourable thing to do.

Single-parent families and having children out of wedlock are the norm.

We no longer have meals together; if we do, everyone is on their phones.

Love amongst siblings is dying, and we now live in an age where it is okay for our elderly parents to move into an old people's home or have carers.

We are too busy with our careers and own families to care for the very ones that brought us into this world.

We live in a materialistic world where our kids insist on £100 trainers, unheard of for millennium children.

It's all about designer clothes, accessories, gadgets, etc.

We must have it because others have it to keep up with our credibility.

It is a must for kids to have a mobile phone.

In our pursuit of such things, we have to work long hours to provide for such a lifestyle.

The love for God is no longer there.

Places of worship are being sold off and converted into flats.

Children no longer have respect for their parents, let alone their teachers and elders.

Murders, child abuse, etc.—these things are on such a high.

Timothy's prophecy is so much more alive today.

Matthew 24:6-7

And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

There are many wars that take place that don't make the news anymore as they have become the norm.

Just google "current wars" and you will be surprised that it's not just Ukraine and Russia and the Taliban in Afghanistan; there are ongoing wars in the Middle East and Africa.

Google how many countries have experienced floods, droughts, and famines.

They don't make news because it's the norm,

The media don't care if these people are dying.

Celebrity affairs and scandals, like a red card on the football pitch, are bigger and more interesting news to the media.

Matthew 24:12

And because lawlessness will increase, the love of many will grow cold.

The crime rate is increasing every year and is becoming more sophisticated and at a higher level.

Matthew 24:11

And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.

You have many so-called men of God who are using religion to rob people, mislead them, and then become demigods.

Luke 21:25

"And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves,

You see what is happening to the environment: global warming temperatures are rising to record levels in the UK.

Man is destroying the ozone layer, polluting the environment, and destroying the world.

Matthew 24:8

All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

So Matthew wrote that these are but the beginning of birth pains; does that mean the coming of Christ is near?

Both Christians and Muslims believe that Christ will return for God's chosen ones.

There are many more examples I can give that show the end is near.

BIBLICAL WARNINGS OF FALSE TEACHER & CORRUPT CHURCHES

The church is divided into so many different denominations with different doctrines that many people are being deceived because they are lukewarm Christians following a religious spirit.

They think going to church on a Sunday is good enough for God and that the rest of the week and time should be spent living in a worldly manner.

Their worldly desires and ambitions place greater importance than seeking the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

They don't pick up their Bibles and read them.

They don't research what was preached or taught to them at church.

They are far too dependent on the man or woman of God, making them an easy target to deceive.

So they have not fully given their hearts to God; God is not No. 1 in their lives; their business or job is; their husband, wife, or kids are; their hobbies come before God.

Many people are coming to church not seeking God but for the miracles of God.

It is not the responsibility of the pastor of the church to make you read your Bible; one should be doing that of their own accord, which is why they get deceived.

There are many false teachers who are operating under wronged evil spirits that perform miracles to lure and deceive people.

They are looking to line their own pockets.

Many people are mesmerized by these TV evangelists who have made millions and some billions, whilst it's not for me to condemn or judge, Jesus tells us in the bible.

Matthew 6:19-21

Treasures in Heaven

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy and where thieves break in and steal." 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

I am not against people being rich or wealthy, as money itself is not evil, but the Bible tells us otherwise.

1 Timothy 6:10

10 "The love of money causes all kinds of evil." Some people have turned away from what we believe because

they want to get more and more money. But they have caused themselves a lot of pain and sorrow.

God blesses us with gifts to be a blessing to others, not to use those gifts to bless ourselves.

Almost all these pastors became rich once they entered the ministry and started up businesses, etc., which they now claim is where their wealth comes from.

But I am not going to go into that.

Here are some Bible verses warning us about false prophets and teachers:

1 John 4:1

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2 Corinthians 11:13–15

Such men are false apostles and deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, too, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

Matthew 7:15

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but are inwardly ravenous wolves."

Jude 1:4

Certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation: ungodly people who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

I have listed some signs to recognize false teachers.

1. False teaching preys on the spiritually immature.
2. False teaching can be the product of distorted interpretations of Scripture by those not firmly established in the truth.
3. False teaching grows out of ungodly ambition, ignorance, and conceit.
4. False teaching sometimes stems from a desire for material gain.
5. False teaching can result from and lead to inappropriate sensuality and sexual immorality.
6. False teaching is sometimes attributed to demonic deception.
7. False teachers seek to divide the body of Christ.
8. False teaching can come from apostates and deviant teachers within the church.

HEAVEN & HELL ARE REAL

The bible tells us that after this life we will spend either an eternity in hell or heaven.

Matthew 7:13-14

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

This verse explains to us that if we follow the road to the narrow gate, it's a hard path to follow, but on the other side of that gate is heaven, eternal bliss, and life.

It also tells us that the wide gate, i.e., the gate to hell, is wide, its path is easy to follow, and it leads to destruction, i.e., hell and eternal suffering.

On the timeline of life, we have been on earth for like a flashing moment.

The Bible tells us that one day in God's eyes is like a thousand years to us.

So we need to decide whether we forsake eternal life and bliss for what is momentary pleasure.

The law normally catches up with criminals; only a very few escape the law but still live in fear; no one escapes God's judgment.

Matthew 13:50

And throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place, there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew describes hell as a fiery furnace full of people weeping and crying and gnashing their teeth in pain.

Psalm 9:17

The wicked shall return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God.

David explains the wicked will go to Sheol, as well as all those that forget God.

Sheol is believed to be a dark, miserable place where wicked people are sent after death, awaiting their final judgement.

It's a bit like being thrown into a cell before standing trial and being sentenced.

Revelation 21:1

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

Here, the writer John states that he was shown a new heaven and a new earth and that this world will be no more.

John 14:2

In my father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I would go prepare a place for you?

Jesus is telling us that there are many rooms in heaven, and he has gone before us to prepare a place for us in heaven. He has gone to oversee that when we arrive in heaven, we will love our rooms.

I suppose it's a bit like when we work hard to go on that dream holiday, we book a beautiful suite or room in a 5-star hotel or resort, by the beach, with great swimming pools and entertainment.

The hotel knows you are coming, so it prepares your room so that everything is clean and beautiful.

When you arrive, you are greeted with garlands of flowers and refreshments.

Then you make your way to your room, tired.

As soon as you enter the room, your tiredness goes away, and you are flabbergasted and so pleased with your room—beautiful views, a lovely bed, a nice bathroom, etc.—that you start taking pictures to put on your social media.

I imagine our rooms in heaven will be like this, only much better.

When we arrive in our room, we forget all the hard work you have had to do to pay for this joy and pleasure. It is more than worth it.

The good news is we don't have to go back to working hard in heaven.

Heaven and hell are real. There are many people who have been taken to heaven or hell by the Lord or His angels.

Jesus Is the Only Way Truth & Life

We have already covered in this book that Jesus coming into this world was prophesied.

John 3:16-19

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: The light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

The bible quite clearly tells us that God loves us so much that he gave us his most beloved and most precious thing, his son, as a sacrifice for our sins.

Can you even imagine how precious we are to God?

He sacrificed his most beloved son, who never sinned, for us sinners.

That's why it's said God loves the sinner but hates sin.

Jesus was not sent to condemn, and we see numerous examples of this in the bible, for example,

The adulterous woman, whom they were going to stone, Jesus said, "He who has not sinned, let him cast the first stone."

By inviting himself to Zacchaeus' (the tax collector's) house, Jesus showed his acceptance of someone who was regarded as a sinner and treated as an outcast.

Jesus praised the woman who anointed his feet with perfume.

Jesus commands us to even bless our enemies,

But I say to you who hear, love your enemies; do well to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who abuse you. "But love your enemies, and do well, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great." "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them."

John 10.9

I am the door. If anyone enters through me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

Jesus tells us clearly here that he is the door to heaven and that we cannot enter heaven without him.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." No one comes to the Father except through me.

Jesus confirms and boldly says that we cannot get into heaven without him.

Romans 10:9

Because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Paul was responsible for throwing the first stone at the disciple Stephen; he incited the anger towards Stephen that led to his death.

Paul persecuted, tortured, and imprisoned so many believers in Christ that he hated them with a passion, but after an encounter with Jesus, he became the most influential person in the New Testament.

He tells us that if we confess that Jesus is Lord, which means Jesus is our King and we have to live our lives Christ-like, and if we believe in our hearts that Jesus died for our sins but was raised from the dead, we will go back to Father God.

This is evidence that he is beyond death and has eternal life, and he will come back as per his promise to take those who believe in him to the Father.

Jesus, son of God, either lied, was mad, or told the truth.

Finally, Jesus's claim to be the son of God can fall into 1 of 3 possibilities.

Jesus was a liar, so he cannot be the son of God.

Jesus thought he was the son of God because he was mad and mentally ill.

Or finally, it is true that Jesus is the son of God.

RECONCILIATION WITH GOD THE SINNERS PRAYER TO BE GIFTED ETERNAL LIFE IN HEAVEN

In order for us to reconcile ourselves with God, we need to be born again in the spirit and repent of our sins.

Sinner's Prayer? That's not for me—I'm not a sinner!

"Sinner" is a word that gets a bad rap these days, and well it should.

Unfortunately, the bad rap it is getting is for the wrong reasons.

Confronted with our shortcomings, we are quick to defend ourselves with words like, "I'm not a sinner!" I do not go around sinning! "I've never murdered anyone or done anything like that!" The problem is that we do not really know what the word sin means.

We think it only applies to some despicable act that repulses "church people" who want to hang big scarlet letters around our necks.

Nevertheless, sin simply means to miss the mark, to fall short of the goal.

The fact is, we are all sinners, for there is no one, save Christ alone, who has lived a life that did not in some way fall short of the perfection God requires.

We all deserve to pay the penalty for that sin, which is to spend eternity in hell.

Sinner's Prayer: What the Bible Says About Sin

According to the Bible, sin is any action that violates the law given by God in the Ten Commandments.

The law was given by God to show us what it means to live a life deserving of God's love.

It was also given to show us that none of us can live that kind of life.

God knew that in advance, and that is why He sent His Son Jesus to be that perfect life for us.

Jesus, God in human flesh, voluntarily laid aside His godhood to connect with us, to show us He understands us, and to give us a way to be reconciled to the Father, since none of us can keep the law to its letter.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Some say that sin is two letters, "s" and "n," with "i" in the middle.

We elevate ourselves, and certainly we live in a time when that thinking is promoted.

Sin may be something we can't be free of, but the good news is we can be free of its penalty.

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

Sinner's Prayer: Become A Sinner Saved By Grace!

What's the key to the sinner's prayer? As long as we are content to live in sin, the Bible says we are separated from God.

That condition may seem fine for a while, but it ultimately leads to misery and then to eternal separation from God.

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." (Proverbs 16:25).

The good news is that God Himself has made a way for us to be reconciled to Him, and He has done this through His Son, Jesus Christ (Romans 5:6–15).

What about you? Are you content to live for yourself, get the most toys, and die anyway?

Or do you want a life of purpose and hope? God, the One who created you, has a purpose for your life and wants to give you a new beginning.

If you are ready to admit your need for a clean slate in life, the God of Second Chances is waiting to give it to you.

All you have to do is start with the sinner's prayer.

SINNER'S PRAYER - RECOGNIZING THE NEED

The "Sinner's Prayer" is a term that describes the words spoken by a person when he or she has recognized their sin and their need for a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

It goes something like this:

"Father, I know that I have broken your laws and that my sins have separated me from you. I am truly sorry, and now I want to turn away from my past sinful life toward you. Please forgive me and help me avoid sinning again. I believe that your son, Jesus Christ, died for my sins, was resurrected from the dead, is alive, and hears my prayer. I invite Jesus to become the Lord of my life and to rule and reign in my heart from this day forward. Please send your Holy Spirit to help me obey you and do your will for the rest of my life. "In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."

If you have decided to repent of your sins and receive Christ today, welcome to God's family.

Now, as a way to grow closer to Him, the Bible tells us to follow through on our commitment.

Get baptized as commanded by Christ.

Tell someone else about your new faith in Christ.

Spend time with God each day.

It does not have to be a long period of time.

Just develop the daily habit of praying to Him and reading His Word.

Ask God to increase your faith and your understanding of the Bible.

Seek fellowship with other followers of Jesus.

Develop a group of believing friends to answer your questions and support you.

Find a local church where you can worship God.

CONCLUSION PRAYER

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit I come before you and ask in the name of Jesus Christ.

Lord, touch and transform the hearts of all those who read this book.

Lord of Goodness and Mercy, bless all those that read this book. Please, I beg you, deliver them from their misery and pain and into your light, peace, and joy.

Reveal yourself to them, Lord.

Give them Eternal Life, Lord; don't let this book just lie on their shelves.

I pray and ask in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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