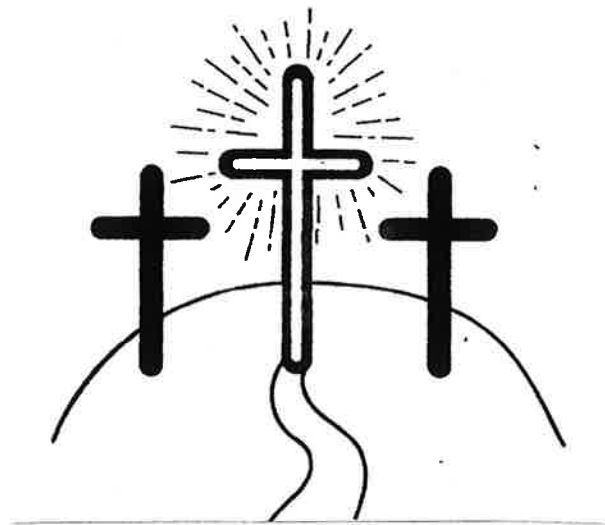


GOD'S RESCUE PLAN

FOR

LOST MANKIND!



(God's "Plan of Salvation" - Illustrated)

A GREAT MAN ONCE SAID,

"Man Is Restless Until He Finds His Rest In God!"



*"In this house of starry dome, floored
with gemlike plains and seas, shall I
never feel at home, never wholly be
at ease?"*

THE BIG QUESTIONS OF LIFE:

- (1) WHO AM I?
- (2) WHERE DID I COME FROM?
- (3) CAN I FIND PEACE OF MIND?
- (4) WHAT IS MY PURPOSE FOR LIVING?
- (5) WHERE AM I GOING AFTER I DIE?
- (6) CAN I KNOW GOD IN A PERSONAL WAY?

EVERY PERSON HAS A GOD-SHAPED VACUUM WITHIN HIM!

MANY ARE TRYING TO FILL THAT GOD-SHAPED VACUUM WITH SUBSTITUTES
FOR GOD:

PLEASURE!

MONEY!

RELIGION!

POWER!

MORALITY!

DRUGS!

PROPERTY!

ALCOHOL!

SEX!

ENTERTAINMENT!

*("O God, don't let me be disillusioned into thinking that
earth's treasures and pleasures can satisfy me!")*

HOW SERIOUS IS SIN?

"For The Wages of Sin is Death!" (Romans 6:23)

Definition:

"Wages: That which is paid for work or services."

SIN BRINGS MISERY AND UNHAPPINESS!

"Fleeting pleasures of sin" (Hebrews 11:25)

"I have no pleasure in them" (Eccles 12:1)

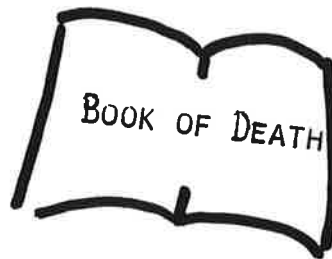
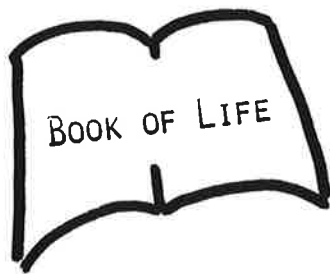
"When I kept silent about my sin, my body
wasted away through my groaning all day long"
(Psalms 32:3)

"Our iniquities, like the wind,
take us away" (Isaiah 64:6)

"There is no peace", says my God, "for the wicked." (Isaiah 57:21)

"There is a way which seems right to a man, but it's
end is the way of death." (Proverbs 14:12)

SINNING LEADS TO ETERNAL SEPARATION FROM GOD!



(Revelation 20:11-15)



IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT
TO KNOW THAT YOUR NAME IS
WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE!

FOCUS ON:	ACTIONS ATTEMPTING TO SOLVE HUMAN PROBLEM;	RESULTANT STATE OR RELATIONSHIP
Outward Circumstances	Give up business which has evil companions; abandon evil reading; move into new locality; establish new environment.	OUTWARD Reformation
Personal Habits	No longer Drink or Smoke, or Lie, or Curse.	Personal Reformation
Personal Discipline	Exercise, Eat well, Develop the arts, perform good deeds, self-improvement	Self-Improvement Cultivation
Personal SINS	Confession; Repentance, Faith in Christ alone; Restitution, 'Means of Grace'	Outward and Partial Transformation (Conversion)
Unsurrendered SELF	Total Surrender of Self (emotions, intellect, will) in Faith to Sovereign Lord.	Inner Purity and Love, and outer Power to Witness. (Increasing conformity to Christ- likeness).

CAN MY SINS BE FORGIVEN?



"As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us!" (Psalms 103:12)

East ←————→ West

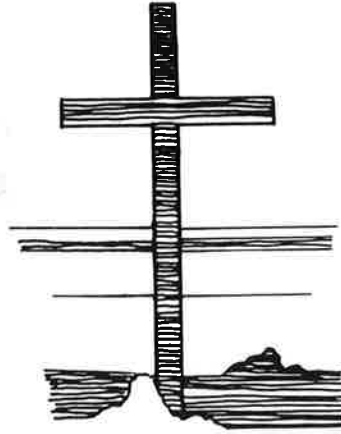
Buried our sins in the sea
Sea of His forgetfulness

"I will forgive their iniquity, and their
sin I will remember no more!"
(Jeremiah 31:34)

"The Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins!" (Matthew 9:6)

FORGIVENESS IS THE LOVELIEST WORD IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE!

FOR WHOM DID CHRIST DIE?



I Timothy 2:4-6

I Timothy 4:10

II Peter 3:9

John 6:33, 51

Colossians 1:20



EVERYONE!

Romans 5:18

Romans 11:32

II Corinthians 5:19

Titus 2:11

John 7:37, 38

John 3:14-17

Revelation 22:17

Acts 17:30

I John 2:2

AGREE OR DISAGREE? TRUE OR FALSE?

- T God wants to save all persons. It is not God's will that any person perish. (II Peter 3:9; I Timothy 2:4).
- T Christ died for all persons, thus providing a universal atonement which is adequate for the whole human race generally and every man individually. (I Timothy 4:6) (I John 2:2)
- T Man is corrupted by sin or totally depraved, but God extends to every person a grace which enables him to turn to Christ for forgiveness. (Isaiah 45:22)
- T Because every person is a free moral agent, he may, if he chooses, resist the grace of God (Joshua 24:15; John 1:11, 12)
- T Every person everywhere is commanded to repent of his sins and believe in Christ (Acts 16:31; 17:30)
- T No person is excluded from salvation unless he excludes himself by willful unbelief.
- T Because Christ died for all persons, all persons are in a saveable relationship with God, but only those persons who initially exercise personal faith in Christ and continue to exercise personal faith in Christ as Saviour will actually and ultimately be saved.
- F Before the human race was created, God unconditionally chose some persons to be saved and some persons to be lost.
- F God gives the gift of saving faith only to those persons whom He has chosen to save.
- T Ultimate assurance of personal salvation is impossible apart from conscious, deliberate perseverance in faith.

GOD IS A GOOD GOD WHO HAS GIVEN HUMAN BEINGS EVERYTHING
RICHLY TO ENJOY! (I Timothy 6:17b)

A BEAUTIFUL WORLD TO LIVE IN (Genesis 1:1)

Light

Firmament (Heavens)

Land and Seas

Trees and Plants

Sun, Moon, Stars

All Creatures Big and Small

A Creative Job To Perform (Genesis 2:15)

A Loving Companion To Enjoy (Genesis 2:18)



All Things Bright and Beautiful!
"It was Good!" (Genesis 1:31)



A Trusting Relationship With God
(Genesis 1:26-27)

A Big World To Rule Responsibly
(Genesis 1:28)



"It is not good for the man
to be alone. I will make a
helper suitable for him."
(Genesis 2:18)

SIN MARRED GOD'S BEAUTIFUL CREATION!

WHAT IS SIN? ? ? ?

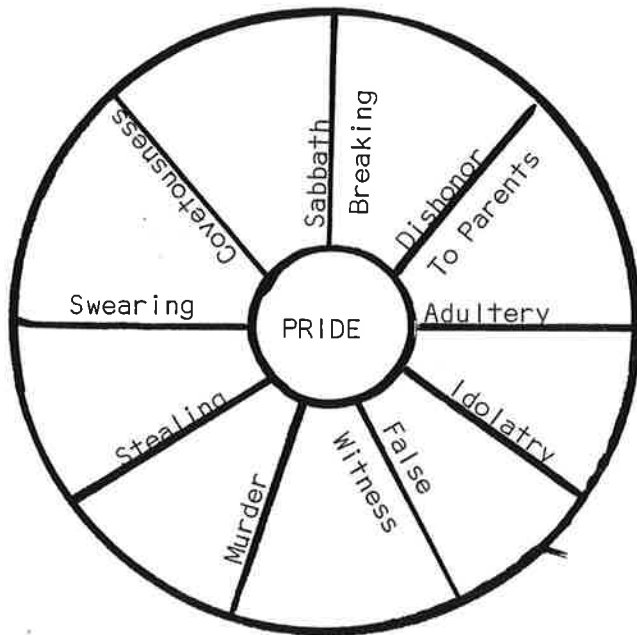
Disobeying Holy Laws of God (Genesis 3:1-5) (I John 3:4)

Gratifying Selfish Desires Apart From God (Genesis 3:6)
(Galatians 5:19)

Breaking Loving Relationship With God (Genesis 3:8 (Romans 3:21))

WHAT IS THE ESSENCE OF ALL SIN? ? ? ?

Self-Centered PRIDE

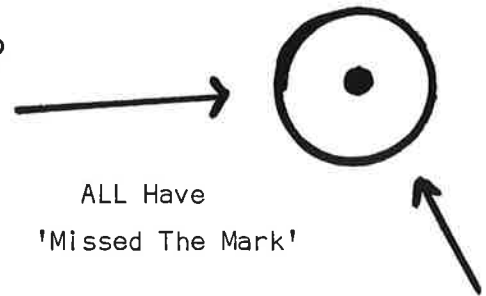


Do Decent People Need Saving?

"The thing that is deeply wrong with human nature is not that some people commit adultery, and some steal, but that all of us are self-centered - the decent and the indecent, the nice and the nasty. Manners, polish, refinement, and culture only cover that disease, like rouge on the face of a woman dying of anemia. They can't affect the deadly disease underneath. To be saved is to be saved from that disease. We all have it; therefore we all need to be saved."

- William Sangster -

WHAT IS THE EXTENT OF SIN? ? ?



Definition: Harmartia (Greek word for 'sin')
'Missing the Mark' as when a spear is thrown at a target.

"There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. ALL have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one." (Romans 3:10-12)

JEWS AND GENTILES ALIKE ARE ALL UNDER SIN! (Romans 3:9)

All Persons are Sinners by Nature (Psalms 51:5) (Genesis 6:5)

All Persons are Sinners by Choice (Isaiah 64:6)

SIN IS BOTH

(Matthew 5)

OUTWARD

A WRONG ACTION

(Cheating, Lying, Stealing, Adultery)

Murder
Adultery
Stealing

&

A WRONG ATTITUDE

(Anger, Lust, Hatred, Resentment, Greed, Jealousy)

INWARD

(Ephesians 5:3-7) (Matthew 15:19)

Anger
Lust
Coveteousness

SIN IS FAILING TO DO WHAT IS GOOD!

"Anyone who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, SINS." (James 4:17)

WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF SIN? ? ?

SHAME! (Genesis 3:7)

HIDING FROM GOD!
(Genesis 3:8)

GUILT!

BLAMING OTHERS! (Genesis 3:12-13)

FEAR! (Genesis 3:10)

KNOWLEDGE OF EVIL! (Genesis 3:22)

KNOWLEDGE

ALIENATION FROM GOD! (Genesis 3:23-24)



← SIN IS →

Separation From

God

Isaiah 59:2

WHAT CONDITIONS MUST I MEET TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S SALVATION? ?

AWAKENING - Right Attitude Toward Your Condition
(John 16:8-11) ("I am a sinner and in need of a Savior!")

REPENTANCE - Right Attitude Toward Your Sin
("I am deeply sorry for my sins and want the direction of
(Luke 15:11-32) my life to change!")

FAITH - Right Attitude Toward Your Saviour
("I trust Christ alone to forgive my sins and to change my
life!")
(Romans 5:1-5
Living Bible)

SURRENDER - Right Attitude Toward Your Self
("I turn over the full controls of my life (my will, my
intellect, my emotions) to Christ, and will allow Christ
(Galatians 2:20 initially and daily to exercise His Lordship in my life!")
Luke 14:25-33
Living Bible)

LET'S LOOK AT THESE CONDITIONS MORE CAREFULLY:

AWAKENING!

John 16:8-11



GOD'S HOLINESS

MAN'S SINS

(John 1:4-9)

- ___ A 'Collision' With God!
- ___ Realizing I Am On The Wrong Road!
- ___ Admitting I Have A Spiritual Need!
- ___ No Longer Rationalizing My Sins!
- ___ Seeing My True Moral Condition!
- ___ Recognizing That I Need To Be Saved!

"The Word that God speaks..... exposes the very thoughts and motives of a man's heart." (Hebrews 4:12-13 Phillips)

REPENTANCE!

(Luke 18:9-14)



- _____ A Moral 'U - Turn'
- _____ Sincere Sorrow Over My Sins (II Corinthians 7:9,10)
- _____ Accepting Responsibility For My Sins
- _____ Turning My Back On My Old Way Of Life
- _____ Humbly Confessing To God That I Have Been Wrong
- _____ Acknowledging My Personal Moral Bankruptcy

DEFINITION OF REPENTANCE:

A change of mind, from an attitude of embracing sin to an attitude of forsaking sin, resulting in a change of direction, from a life of practicing sin to a life of practicing righteousness.

FAITH

(Romans 4:1-5
Living Bible)



- _____ Turning From Sin To The Saviour
- _____ Transfere Of Trust From Myself To The Saviour
- _____ Putting Myself Into The Care and Keeping of The Saviour
- _____ An Intellectual Assent To Truth Coupled With A Life Commitment To The Saviour
- _____ Putting My 'Weight' Down On The Saviour

- _____ Total Commitment Of My Total Self To Christ

DEFINITION OF FAITH:

Entrusting yourself totally to God, like a man sinking in quick sand who ceases to struggle to save himself and instead clasps the saving hand of the man who is standing on the solid ground near by.



FOLLOWING CHRIST

- Matthew 7:13-14
- Matthew 16:24

SURRENDER
(Luke 14:25-33 Living Bible)
(Galatians 2:20)

'The Way'

- ___ Forsake My Own Selfish Ways
- ___ Follow In The Footsteps Of Jesus
- ___ Turn Over the 'Title Deed' of My Life To Christ
- ___ Put Christ on The Throne Of My Life
- ___ Allow Christ To Use My Talents In His Service
- ___ Learn To Live A Life Of Obedience & Love

*"Were the whole realm of nature mine that were a present far too small!
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my ALL!"*

THE WAY TO ETERNAL LIFE



1. WEALTH CANNOT BUY IT!
2. WORLDLY PLEASURES (EMOTIONS) CANNOT BRING IT!
3. HUMAN REASON (INTELLECT) CANNOT GRASP IT!
4. HUMAN EFFORT (WILL) CANNOT ACHIEVE IT!

BUT

FAITH ALONE CAN RECEIVE IT!

(Ephesians 2:8-9)

(Everyone Places His Faith In Someone Or Something)

The OBJECT of Your Faith Determines

The VALUE of Your Faith.

CHRIST Alone Is A Trustworthy Object For Your Faith.

(Titus 1:1,2)

REVIEW:

1. GOD IS GOOD - "And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good." (Genesis 1:3)
2. MAN IS A SINNER - "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)
3. SINNING HAS SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES - "Evil thoughts lead to evil actions and afterwards to the death penalty from God." (James 1:5) (L.B.)
4. ALL HUMAN ATTEMPTS AT SALVATION ARE FUTILE - "There is a way which seems right to a man, but it's end is the way of death."
(Proverbs 14:12)
5. CHRIST ALONE CAN FORGIVE SINS AND GIVE SALVATION - "Jesus said, 'I am the way, and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through me.'
(John 14:6)

EACH INDIVIDUAL MUST MEET CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO BE
SAVED!

6. EACH INDIVIDUAL MUST MEET CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO BE SAVED

- ___ AWAKENING ("I Need A Saviour!")
- ___ REPENTANCE ("I Turn From My Sins!")
- ___ FAITH ("I Place My Trust Alone In Christ For Salvation!")
- ___ SURRENDER ("I Am Willing Obediently To Follow Christ Forever!")

WHEN YOU SINCERELY MEET THESE CONDITIONS IN YOUR HEART CHRIST WILL:

- A. Forgive you (the sins you remember, and the sins you don't remember!)
- B. Make You God's Child (John 1:12)
- C. Come Into Your Life And Establish Fellowship (Revelation 3:20)

LET'S MAKE A COMMITMENT TO
JESUS CHRIST NOW!

A PRAYER FOR SALVATION:

"Dear God, I acknowledge that you are altogether trustworthy in your character, and faithful to your promises. Abandoning all hope for salvation in myself, I cast myself helplessly and hopefully in your mighty saving arms! I realize that I am a sinner and in need of a Saviour! I acknowledge that you alone can forgive my sins. I am genuinely sorry for my sins, and I desire to change the direction of my life, from a life of embracing sin to a life of forsaking sin! I now confess all my sins to Jesus Christ, the sins I remember and the sins I don't remember. I place my trust in Christ alone for my Salvation. Thank you for forgiving my sins as you promised. Thank you for coming into my life. I intend to live for you the rest of my life with You as my Helper! In Jesus Name! Amen."

IS THERE ANYTHING ABOUT THIS PRAYER YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND?

DOES THIS PRAYER HONESTLY EXPRESS THE DESIRE OF YOUR HEART?

YOU PRAYED:

"I now confess ALL my sins to JESUS CHRIST"

1. Was Your Prayer A Sincere Prayer?
2. If So, What Has Happened To Your Sins?
3. How Do You Know Your Sins Are Forgiven?

(REMEMBER! WE ARE SAVED BY FAITH, NOT BY FEELINGS!)

ASSURANCE OF ETERNAL LIFE!

I John 5:12 Says:

"He (Jim, Sue, John, Mary, etc.) that HAS
(present tense reality) the SON HAS Life ---- NOW!"

(ETERNAL LIFE is not only a Future State Of Continuing Existence, but
Eternal Life Is a PRESENT Quality of NEW LIFE In Relationship With CHRIST!)

___NEW Attitudes

(John 10:10)

___NEW Desires

(II Corinthians 5:17)

___NEW Relationships

NEW!

___NEW Direction

___NEW Goals

NEW!

NEW!

WHAT MUST I DO NOW THAT I AM SAVED?

F O L L O W C H R I S T ONE STEP AT A TIME!



1. DAILY CONFESS ALL SINS TO CHRIST...TO EXPERIENCE CLEANSING
(I John 1:9)
2. DAILY READ THE BIBLE TO LEARN SPIRITUAL TRUTHS
(II Timothy 2:15, Acts 17:11)
3. DAILY PRAY TO THE FATHER TO DEVELOP LOVE RELATIONSHIP
(Matthew 7:7-11)
4. SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH YOUR FRIENDS ... TO HELP FULFILL
CHRIST'S GREAT COMMISSION
(Matthew 28:19-20)
5. ATTEND CHURCH REGULARLY...TO RECEIVE ENCOURAGEMENT FROM
FELLOW BELIEVERS
(Hebrews 10:25)
6. LEARN TO PRACTICE TITHING.... TO HONOR GOD AND TO SUPPORT
HIS WORK
(Malachi 3:8-10)

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