

*Life*



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*for Living*

# Life is for Living

BUT THE SAD TRUTH IS THAT IN REALITY MANY  
PEOPLE EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD ARE  
LIVING, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE LIFE.

A QUICK LOOK INTO ONE OF THE NEWSPAPERS  
WILL MAKE THIS CLEAR.

MANY OF US ARE IN THIS CATEGORY. WE ARE  
LIVING, WE ARE GOING THROUGH OUR DAILY  
RYTHM OF LIFE, BUT SOMETHING IS MISSING.  
THERE AR SO MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS:

WHY AM I HERE?  
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LIFE?  
IS THERE LIFE AFTER DEATH?  
WHY IS MY LIFE NOT IN ORDER?  
WHEREVER I AM LOOKING, CONFUSION.  
WHY?

YES, WE ALL HAVE TO, AT SOME STAGE IN  
OUR LIVES, COME TO TERMS WITH THESE  
QUESTIONS.  
THEN WE WILL HAVE FACE THE TRUTH.



WE WILL HAVE TO  
START AT THE BEGINNING

IN THE BEGINNING

GOD

CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH.

NO, THE EARTH DID NOT COME INTO  
EXISTENCE THROUGH A BIG BANG  
OR SOME OTHER WAY.

IT WAS GOD WHO THROUGH HIS  
SPOKEN WORD BROUGHT THE WHOLE  
CREATION INTO EXISTENCE.  
AFTER THAT ...

Genesis 1:1



1 Genesis 1:27

# GOD CREATED MAN(KIND) AFTER HIS OWN IMAGE

MAN AND WOMAN HE CREATED.

## GOD BLESSED THE MAN AND GAVE HIM DOMINION OVER THE WHOLE EARTH.

Genesis 1:28

GOD DESIRED THAT MAN WOULD ENJOY  
HIS CREATION.



BUT UNFORTUNATELY . . .

## MAN SINNED

HE DID EXACTLY THAT, WHICH GOD HAD  
NOT PERMITTED FOR HIM TO DO.

THERE WAS ONLY ONE ‚NO‘  
AND THAT WAS ONE TOO MANY.  
DOES THAT SOUND FAMILIAR?

## THROUGH ONE MAN SIN ENTERED THE WORLD

WE ALL POSSESS THIS SIN NATURE,  
INHERITED FROM OUR FATHER,  
WHO RECEIVED IT FROM HIS FATHER,  
AND SO ON UNTIL  
WE GO WAY BACK TO ADAM.

This is not only about our personal “sins or wrongdoings”. The fact is that I and all of us through this sin nature have been marred, changed, contrary to how God originally had created us. This somehow has twisted our initial personality. We see this so clearly in the world today, power, greed and selfishness are reigning, everyone goes for his own advantage. This is not what God had in mind for us and he wants to win us back, he wants to help us to become again that, which He originally had planned for us.

Genesis 3:6

ROMANS 5:12

WE ALL POSSESS THIS SIN NATURE AND  
WE ALL HAVE SINNED

Ephesians 1:7



## DISOBEDIENCE

Romans 3:23

YES, WE ALL HAVE MISSED THE STANDARD  
GOD HAS SET FOR US.  
WE HAVE NOT HONORED GOD'S  
PRINCIPLES AND LAWS,  
WE ALL CHOSE OUR OWN WAY. EACH ONE OF  
US IS GUILTY OF THIS.

SOCIETY WANTS US TO BELIEVE  
THAT THERE IS NO GOD AND WE HAVE  
BELIEVED IT.

.....if there is a God, wouldn't he do something about all the children in the Third World who are dying?

.....if He existed, wouldn't He stop the wars and misery in the world?

.....if He existed, would He just let us go on like this without interfering?

Yes, He will let us go on, until we understand, that we truly need Him. He is no Tyrant. God loves us, He desires for us to come to Him out of our free will. Love and Affection can never be forced. It comes out of a free heart.

# GOD

DOES NOT FORCE ANYBODY, WE ARE CREATED IN HIS OWN IMAGE, WE HAVE A FREE WILL TO CHOOSE. AS LONG AS WE WANT TO BE OUR OWN “LORD” HERE ON EARTH, HE WILL LET US GO ON, UNTIL WE HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT WITHOUT HIM WE ARE NOT ABLE TO MAKE IT.

THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH.

FROM THE MOMENT OF OUR BIRTH WE BEGIN TO GROW TOWARDS DEATH. OUR BODIES BEGIN TO REAP THE JUDGEMENT OF SIN, SICKNESS, FEAR AND DESPAIR, JUST TO NAME A COUPLE OF THE RESULTS OF SIN AND DEATH.



We all are affected by this. We all have to endure suffering in this world but it does not mean when we get sick it is because of sin. We rather have to see that because of the conditions we experience here on earth, because of corruption of the human nature, we simply reap what we sow. (Air and food pollution, often times corrupt governments and businesses, etc.) This was not God’s plan for us. But since we don’t want to know about God, He will let us run . . . The minute we acknowledge Him and let Him into our hearts, we will learn about His love, forgiveness and grace.

Isaiah 59:2

# GOD

SEPARATION

# Man

IT IS OUR SIN NATURE WHICH  
SEPARATES US FROM GOD.

WE OFTEN TRY OTHER WAYS  
TO SATISFY OUR LONGING  
OR OUR INNER RESTLESSNESS:  
IN REALITY, THIS IS SIMPLY A  
SUBSTITUTE FOR OUR INNER  
EMPTINESS.

IN THE END WE WILL HAVE TO REALISE,  
THAT ALL THIS WILL NOT BRING US ANY  
FULFILLMENT.  
ONLY . . . .

# GOD CAN FULFILL US.

BUT INSTEAD OF GOD WE WILL TRY  
ALL THESE OTHER THINGS . . .

PHILOSOPHY  
HUMANISM  
GOOD DEEDS  
RELIGION

Proverbs 14:12

IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THIS GUILT OF  
THE HOUR, WE TRIED MANY OTHER WAYS,  
BUT NONE OF THESE WAYS,  
NO MATTER HOW SINCERE WE  
HAVE BEEN, HAVE BROUGHT US ANY  
CLOSER TO OUR GOAL.  
THE RESULT IS FRUSTRATION AND  
FAILURE.



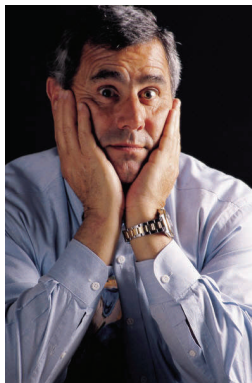
THIS MAKES US AWARE OF

A GAP

IN OUR

LIFE

GOD HAS CREATED THIS GAP.  
THIS HOLE DEEP INSIDE OF US,  
AN INWARD LONGING AND AN  
EMPTINESS , WHICH CAN ONLY BE FILLED  
AND SATISFIED WITH GOD HIMSELF,  
EVEN IF...



# WE THEN ARE DETERMINED TO FILL THIS HOLE IN ANOTHER WAY

WE CHASE AFTER EXPERIENCES AND  
POSSESSIONS IN THE HOPE  
THAT OUR INNER LONGING WILL BE  
FULFILLED.

AMBITION

MONEY

SPORT

OCCULT

DRUGS

CARS

SEX

MUSIC

ALCOHOL

MEDITATION

POSSESSIONS



SOME OF THESE THINGS ARE NOT WRONG  
IN THEMSELVES,  
BUT THEY CAN LEAD TO EXCESS AND  
BECOME AN IDOL.

THE RESULT OF SUCH A LIFE, THE END OF  
RUNNING AFTER SUCH A DELUSIVE HOPE,  
IS...

# DEATH AND JUDGEMENT

THERE COMES A DAY WHEN WE ALL  
WILL HAVE TO STAND BEFORE GOD  
TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF OUR LIFE.



When we accept God's merciful gift, that Jesus has paid the full price for our sin nature, then we will not be part of this judgement, we will have eternal life.

The judgement we will be part of as Christians, will be how much we have trusted Him here in this life. But that's not a judgement of death

BUT

THE GOOD NEWS IS,  
THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE  
EVEN IN THE MOST HOPELESS  
SITUATION.

AND THIS HOPE LIES IN THE LOVE OF  
GOD, FOR HE HAS

GIVEN YOU



A PRESENT

FOR GOD LOVES YOU SO MUCH, THAT  
HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON SO THAT WHEN  
YOU BELIEVE IN HIM, YOU WILL NOT  
PERISH BUT YOU WILL HAVE ETERNAL  
LIFE.

YES, GOD HAS PROVEN HIS LOVE TO  
YOU, THAT WHEN YOU STILL WERE  
IN SIN, JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU.

ROMANS 6:23

JOHN 3:16

ACTS 4:12

## THE ONLY WAY OUT

# Jesus

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY  
TO GOD AND THAT IS THROUGH  
THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.  
THROUGH HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS  
HE HAS PAID THE PENALTY FOR OUR SIN  
NATURE IN FULL, ONCE AND FOR ALL.

GOD HATES SIN AND WHAT SIN  
HAS DONE TO OUR LIVES.

JESUS IS THE ONLY ONE, WHO HAS BEEN  
IN THE POSITION TO DIE FOR US;  
SO OUR SIN COULD BE TOTALLY  
FORGIVEN.

WHY? He was God from eternity on. To save the human race, He chose to become man, only then could He pay for our sin and meet God's demand of holiness.

God is absolutely holy and He can only accept us when we are clothed in righteousness, Jesus' righteousness. It is not on account of our own goodness, that we would ever get saved. It's trusting Jesus, for He chose death for us, so we will not perish, but have eternal life. Because of Him, we can enjoy life, eternal life.

# GOD'S DESIRE FOR YOU



2 PETER 3:9

IS, THAT YOU WILL GO FROM DEATH TO LIFE  
FROM CURSE TO BLESSING,  
TO RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE.

HE WANTS YOU TO ENJOY LIFE  
AND HIS HEART'S DESIRE IS  
THAT YOU WILL GET TO KNOW  
HIM PERSONALLY.

Even if you would have been the only person in this world, He would have gone to the cross to die for you, so you would have eternal life. That's how precious each one of us is to Him. It was an exchange, He died so you would live. So big is the love of God for each one of us.

We are his creation, and He has a plan for each one of our lives, we are made in His image. He wants to bless us and help us in this life.

JUST ASK HIM . . . .

IN CHILDLIKE TRUST  
AND FAITH,  
FOR IF YOU CALL ON THE  
NAME OF THE LORD,  
YOU WILL BE SAVED,



THEN YOU WILL BE

**BORN AGAIN**

INTO GOD'S FAMILY

JOHN 3:3

ACTS 2:21

BUT HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE . .



VERY SIMPLE:

REPENT AND BELIEVE!

THAT MEANS,  
THAT WE ARE WILLING  
TO GIVE OUR WHOLE LIFE  
TO GOD  
AND TO THE LORD JESUS  
AS THE NEW LORD  
OVER OUR LIFE.

ACTS 20:21



# TO TRULY BE SORRY AND REPENT

IS WHAT YOU NEED TO DO.  
TO ACKNOWLEDGE  
AND TURN AWAY FROM OUR SINS  
AND TO TURN TO GOD.

# FORGIVENESS

IS WHAT GOD IS DOING.  
HE TAKES EVERY SIN EVER COMMITTED  
FROM US AND BREAKS THE  
POWER OF THE SIN NATURE AND  
OF DEATH IN OUR LIVES.

ON THE CROSS JESUS HAS SACRIFICED  
HIS BODY AND HIS BLOOD AS A FULL  
PAYMENT TO GOD THE FATHER  
FOR OUR TOTAL REDEMPTION,  
YOURS ALSO.

“THROUGH GRACE YOU HAVE  
BEEN SAVED, THROUGH FAITH,  
AND THAT NOT FROM YOURSELVES,  
IT IS A GIFT FROM GOD.”

I DON'T MEAN

## RELIGION

THIS IS NOT A RITUAL OR  
A DEAD FORMALITY.  
I ALSO DON'T MEAN LIVING A  
"GOOD" LIFE ACCORDING TO  
THE GOLDEN RULE.  
I MEAN

## TRUE CHRISTIANITY

**A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP  
AND FRIENDSHIP  
WITH THE ALMIGHTY GOD**

DAILY TO EXPERIENCE  
THIS JOYFUL EXCITEMENT  
TO WALK HAND IN HAND WITH  
THE LIVING GOD  
AND TO HAVE RECEIVED

# NEW LIFE



GOD CAN MOULD  
- FROM THE INSIDE OUT -  
AN ENTIRELY NEW PERSONALITY.  
BUT THIS NEW LIFE CAN ONLY  
BE FOUND THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

## GOD SAYS:

I CALL TODAY HEAVEN AND EARTH  
AS MY WITNESS;  
I HAVE PUT BEFORE YOU LIFE AND DEATH;  
BLESSINGS AND CURSES;  
CHOOSE YOU;  
SO THAT YOU WILL HAVE LIFE.

(Deut. 30:19)

YES, GOD ALSO LOVES YOU INTIMATELY  
AND HE WANTS YOU TO HAVE A FULL  
LIFE, LIFE FOREVER MORE.

Deut. 30:19

WE HAVE THE CHOICE:

**Life = Heaven** or **death = hell**

REALITY IS, WE ALL ARE  
ETERNAL BEINGS,  
IT IS OUR CHOICE;  
PLEASE CHOOSE LIFE.

REVELATION 20:15

THEN YOU WILL EXPERIENCE  
YOUR TRUE AND WONDERFUL  
AND LOVING HEAVENLY FATHER.  
THE GREATEST WONDER IN  
THIS UNIVERSE!

Our lives don't finish here on earth, we go on and on.  
Where we will go, we choose. God gives each human  
being a chance in life to make that choice. He is an  
absolute just God. Trust Him.

YOU CAN PRAY TO HIM  
IN THIS VERY MINUTE .....

1 John 1:9

BUT WHEN WE CONFESS OUR SINS,  
HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST  
TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS  
AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL  
GUILT.



# PLEASE PRAY:

Dear Father God,

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God  
And that He died and rose again  
To save us from our sin.

I confess that I am a sinner.  
Please forgive me and cleanse me  
in the blood of Jesus.  
I ask Jesus to come into my heart and  
life to be my personal Saviour.

I give Him my life and by the grace of God  
will I follow and obey Him as my Lord.

Lord Jesus, I thank you that you have  
cleansed me now from all my sin  
and that you have come into my life.

Amen.



I HOPE AND PRAY THAT YOU HAVE ACCEPTED  
JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOUR:

IF YOUR ANSWER IS YES, THEN YOU HAVE JUST  
STARTED YOUR WONDERFUL NEW LIFE IN GOD.

IT IS NOW IMPORTANT FOR YOU THAT YOU  
WILL LEARN AND GROW AS A CHILD OF GOD.  
CONTACT OTHER CHRISTIANS AND START  
READING THE BIBLE.

I suggest you start with John and Romans.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FROM THIS BOOKLET,  
OR HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING FAITH  
AND CHRISTIANITY, JUST WRITE TO ME, OR PHONE ME,  
I WILL SUPPORT YOU AS GOOD AS I CAN AND TO  
HELP YOU TO BECOME STRONG IN YOUR FAITH.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU.  
TODAY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY  
IN YOUR WHOLE LIFE,  
BECAUSE TODAY YOUR ADVENTURE  
WITH GOD HAS BEGUN AND YOU  
CAN BE CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL NEVER  
LEAVE YOU, TRUST HIM, HE WILL ALWAYS  
BE WITH YOU, NO MATTER IF YOU FEEL LIKE IT  
OR NOT.

YOU HAVE NOW ENTERED INTO ETERNAL LIFE  
AND YOU BELONG TO THE FAMILY OF GOD.  
CONGRATULATIONS!

*All my love, Julie*



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