

1. In the beginning of the world, God and man were good friends. Nothing stood between them.



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2. After a while, man didn't consider this as important anymore. He unwittingly threw something in the pipe.



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3. The pipe eventually got stuck with rubbish. They lost contact and thus their relationship. Gods heart broke.



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4. But God didn't give up. He put on a new T-shirt and became unrecognizable. Now he climbed over the fence...



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5. He cleaned up all the mess. Man didn't appreciate it. Not at all.



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6. Man even killed him. The mysterious man was crucified with the bag full of rubbish.



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7. Three days later man felt bad about it. Someone ticked him on his shoulder and asked: Why won't you turn back?



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God loves you. He wants to restore the friendship between Him and you. Why would you let the rubbish control your life? Jesus has paid the price for your sins. Ask forgiveness and go with God to a new life!

'In this the love of God was manifested towards us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.'

1 John 4:9

When your sins have been forgiven, you can make a new start in life. You will be **born again**; it's a spiritual birth.

'Jesus answered and said to him: Most assuredly, I say to you: unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God'

John 3:3

Unless God is present in our lives, we will be spiritually dead. The moment we're turning ourselves to Him, Gods Spirit will make contact with our spirit. This relationship will make us alive:

'But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us live altogether with Christ.' Ephesians 2:5

When Gods Spirit starts a work in you, you will experience a supernatural rest and peace inside of you. For Gods love is the greatest power in the universe that simply doesn't stop here, while we are living on earth: it goes on forever into eternity.

'For God so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting live.' John 3:16

God is longing for you and He wants to pour out His love into you. Do you want to make things right with Him?

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WHAT IS
EVERYONE'S
GREATEST NEED?



...IT'S LOVE!

Love is like the oil in a motor. Without the oil, the motor would squeak and sputter until it gets jammed. And many lives get stuck like that. Each day five people commit suicide. And even more people attempt to do so.

When lives get stuck, the cause is usually a **lack** of love. The missing love of parents, siblings, the partner or other people. Or a lack of love for ourselves.

To a healthy spiritual life, love is as necessary as vitamins are to a physical well-being. Love is a vital need for everyone.

'Love is like coffee, you feel empty and washed-out without it'

A life without love is no life at all.

While everybody is looking for love, it seems like love is gradually disappearing from our society.

IT'S LIMITED...

It seems that love has a 'best before date' nowadays. One out of three marriages fail. Research shows that one third of all people have a hard time engaging in intimate relationships. What could be the cause of this?

*Are we able to give love, without first having received love?
Or do we need to be loved first, before we can give love to others?*

God says that unless we receive love, we will not be able to give love.

'We love Him because He first loved us.'
1 John 4:19

IT'S SATISFYING...

When we don't receive love from God, we get stuck in a so-called love-vacuum. We try to compensate this shortage with surrogate love: loose sexual relationships, relationships of convenience, superficial relationships, one night stands, LAT relationships, etc.

These 'relationships' leave us empty though. We also try to compensate this shortage of love with stimulants and entertainment, to experience a good feeling. But nothing this world has to offer will give us a lasting fulfilment.

Nothing in this world can replace the love of God.

You might think: if God is the source of love, why am I not experiencing it? The reason why the love of God cannot be felt is sin: selfishness, lying, theft (illegal downloads), etc.

Let's be honest: *have you ever sinned?* When you listen to your conscience, you will know the answer straight away.

First of all, sin destroys the relationship between God and man. Moreover, it also destroys human relationship: divorces, neighbour conflicts, conflicts at work or school, family feuds, hateful comments on social media, bullying...

IT'S A BREAKDOWN...

Sin and God do not agree; it will cause a **breakdown**. That is the very reason why Gods love can't flow through our lives.

'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God'
Romans 3:23

How can this breakdown be resolved?

'When we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us of them. He will cleanse us from all sins'
1 John 1:9

Once we have asked for forgiveness, it would be hypocrite to maintain a lifestyle God is not approving of. It would indicate that we didn't really repent of our sins.

God therefore demands a choice from us: to turn away from a sinful lifestyle, towards Him. Through this choice the breakdown is resolved and we will then experience Gods love. This is what it means to be converted. It doesn't mean following a variety of strict rules. However, we are to live in a love relationship with God.

'We have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.'
1 John 4:16

IT'S A NEW LIFE...

When we have Gods love dwelling in us, it will be the 'oil' that makes our life run smoothly; especially in the area of relationships. Through this, we will be able to give love and love others. God has proved His love to us by condemning His Son, Jesus Christ, to the cross.