

hear his voice, do not harden your hearts' (Hebrews 3:15), and 'choose for yourselves *this day* whom you will serve...' (Joshua 24:15). If you choose Jesus and start to live for Him, He will take away your sorrow, loneliness, inner void and aimlessness. Only He is able to help you. Why wait? Jesus can become reality in your life. Make heaven your homeland as of now.

Do you want to choose for God?

If you want to get saved, but you don't know how, pray this prayer to God: *"Lord Jesus, I come to you. I admit that I have sinned and offended You by having done this. I ask You to forgive me and to cleanse me with Your blood. I ask You to come into my heart and perform a miracle. From now on, I want to do Your will. I thank You for being my Saviour. I pray all this in Jesus' Name"*.

Any questions?

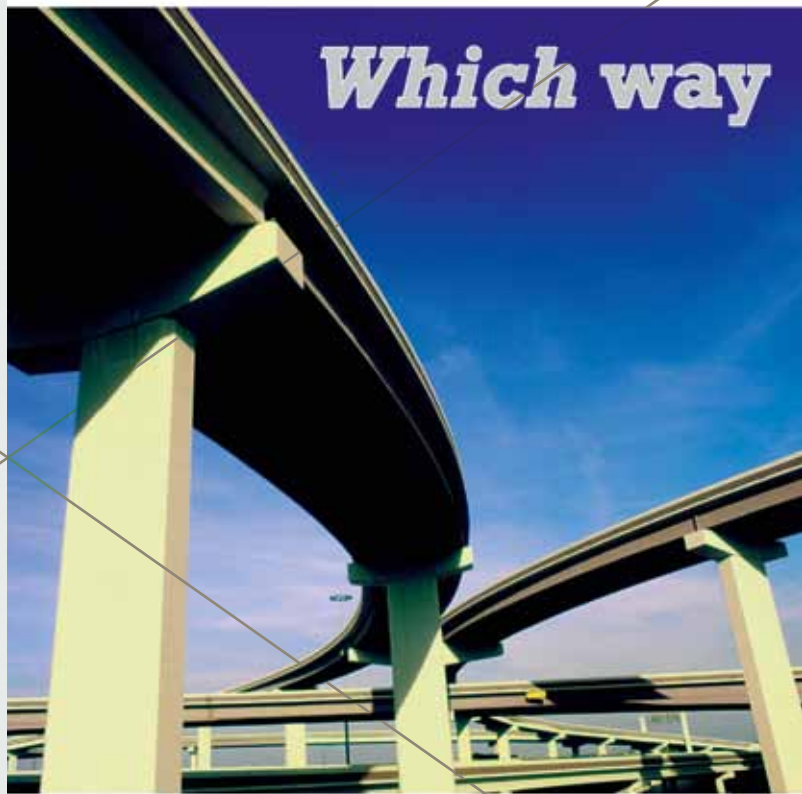
You can always contact us if you have questions. You're welcome to our services. The entrance is free; there is a nursery for little children. Children from four upwards can visit our special Children's Church. If transport is a problem for you, we will gladly pick you up. We hope to see you soon!

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Which way

is the *right* way?

Who is God? *And how can I recognise Him?*

To many people, the word 'God' has little meaning to them. Who is God, and what has He done for us? What does His holiness, his power and the love of God mean? Does God really care about us or not? How can I find this out?

Some say: 'I often go to church, I believe in God and I've been baptised, so I will be alright. I try to be good to other people and that's fine by God!' *But what does God Himself really think about it?* Others say: 'this life is only a learning process, in a next life I'll do better, I will be a good person over time and then...' But the *Bible tells us that man shall die once and after that will face God's judgment.* People can have varying ideas about it; yet God already revealed Himself and His will to us in the Bible. The problem why we don't experience God, nor know him personally, is owing to *the sins of the people.*

Nobody is just. *And what does that mean to you?*

Now you may be wondering if God were the Almighty One, why then the suffering, sorrow and death? Why so much crime, hatred and bitterness throughout the world? This is no 'evidence' that God wouldn't exist or that He wouldn't care about us, but it's the result of our trespasses. For the Bible is very clear about this: that everything changed when man fell into sin! The peace, harmony and joy disappeared after that. Death and illness are the consequences of sin, and mankind has been 'contaminated' ever since – as *everybody* has sinned.

God tells us not to lie, yet we lie. God tells us not to steal, to hate, to be selfish or be envious; and what are we doing? *Big and small* trespasses will come down on our own heads. And they always have a negative effect on ourselves and others around us.

If we're honest with ourselves and allow our conscience to speak up, we'll have to acknowledge that we did wrong and thus stand guilty before God. To God *nobody* is just (Romans 3:10). And we can't be justified by doing good deeds (Matthew 7:21). God's standard is *perfection.* Of course, we're not perfect, and because of our trespasses we miss out on God's presence and heaven (Romans 3:23). This is the very reason why we haven't experienced God so far.

Who is Jesus? *And why do you need Him?*

When the first humans sinned, they got scared and tried to hide themselves from God. But God still searched after them by His love and He brought hope. Death, suffering and hard work wouldn't have their final say. God promised us someone who will come to earth and win a great victory over sin and death! That person is Jesus Christ, who brings forgiveness and peace. He brings the lost back to God.

Deliverance and peace!

And how can you receive them?

Jesus was mocked, tortured and put to death on the cross. Three days later, He rose from the dead. Death was unable to claim him, as Jesus was perfect! (Acts 2:24) Jesus paid the price for our sins, because *sin and God don't go together!*

How can you be forgiven? You'll have to be honest to God and admit that you've sinned and regret it. The Bible calls this remorse and repentance. This is how you repent: by asking forgiveness and believing that Jesus died on the cross in your place. God will grant forgiveness to you and put away all your trespasses. A time of joy, renewal and refreshment will then come if you start to live with God (Acts 3:19). Those who made this decision before are experiencing inner peace.

Born again! *A new life!*

It starts with repentance. This is no loose prayer just before you die. It involves an honest decision to do God's will and allow Him to change your heart.

God will make His Spirit to live within you following repentance. The new life starts then. We read in the Bible: 'therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new' (2 Corinthians 5:17). This is called *being born again.* Jesus said: '...unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God (John 3:3).

Maybe you don't feel ready for this yet. It would be for later, when you get older or when you get in trouble. It doesn't work that way. *You never will feel ready for it.* God urges us in His Word: *today,* if you will