

The Greatest Gift Imaginable...



Most people love to receive gifts and are grateful for the generosity of the giver. Gifts arrive on birthdays and other special occasions, and then there are those that come out of the blue, just because we are loved. Sometimes we can choose our gifts, and sometimes we hope for things without knowing for certain whether we will ever get what we hoped for.

Recently I came across the results of a survey, which found that many people hope they will get to heaven by being a good person and by doing enough good works to balance imaginary judgment scales in their favour. Others believe it is important to have some kind of faith, no matter which one. The interesting thing here is that people focus on hope or faith, which prompts the question: How do we know that our faith is valid and absolutely reliable? How do we know it will achieve what we hope for?

I am sure that most of you sat on many different chairs during your lifetime. Think about it for a moment... you sat on each one of those chairs without even thinking about possible consequences. And why was that? Because you believed that each chair would surely support you. If that weren't the case, you would have checked each one before sitting down.



But what would happen if you sat on a faulty chair? You'd come crashing down upsetting your equilibrium. And then you would realise that your faith in the soundness of that chair was misplaced.

You would have learnt that it is not the strength of your faith that is important, but the strength of the object you place your faith into. You would have learnt to ask: Is the object of my faith reliable? Does it have the power to deliver what my faith expects?

The Bible teaches that the only object worthy of our faith is Jesus Christ, because He died for all sinners and became the mediator between God and man/woman. And as such He is able to deliver His promise of forgiveness.



Did you know that the word *sin* was originally a marksman's term? It meant the missing of a specified target, a central mark, the bull's eye - and no matter by how far it was missed: just one millimetre or a whole kilometre. Therefore it doesn't matter how many good works a person may do, or how religious he or she may be - every person misses the mark of achieving the Creator's perfect standard, and there are no exceptions.

The Bible says that all of us have sinned, and that the penalty for sin is death. But because of God's great love for us sinners, He sent His Son Jesus Christ, the Saviour, to take our place and die for our sins. Consequently, Jesus is the only One who can save us from an eternity without God in hell. This is why He said: "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved."



Is there anyone more worthy or reliable to be the object of our faith? As the Bible says: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Do you find the need for forgiveness in your heart? If you do, you can turn to Him right now, wherever you may be. Communication lines to heaven are always open, and you can talk to God as you would to a trusted friend. Believe that Christ died for your sins and that God raised Him from the dead. Humble yourself before Him and ask His forgiveness. And then be baptised to show your identification with Him.

If you really mean it, a spiritual miracle will take place in your heart, and you will know it! You will be given new life in Christ. You will become a child of the Most High God and live with Him forever after your earthly life is over. But if you reject Christ, you will face an eternity of torment without God. The choice is yours...



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Will you receive it?



Turn to Jesus Christ and believe in Him!

Then find a bible-based church, learn more about your new faith and become baptised.

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God loves you and wants to Give you eternal life!



AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE BIBLE:

“There is no fear of God before their eyes.” Romans 3:18

“There is none righteous, no, not one... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 3:10,23

“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ [God’s Son].” Romans 6:23

“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16

“God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all.”

1 Timothy 2:4-6

Jesus declared:

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:6)

“Nor is there salvation in any other [i.e. no one else but Jesus Christ], for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

“He who believes in the Son [Jesus] has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him. (John 3:36)

And the best news is that Jesus Christ, the Savior, is alive today and ready to rescue YOU! The Bible confirms this by stating ...

“that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen [to prove His resurrection] by Cephas [Peter], then by the twelve [apostles]. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present [about 23 years later].”

(1 Corinthians 15:1-6)

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