

Shining Light

Jesus said, "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness."

John 12:46

What is heaven like? How do I get there? What about hell? Who is Jesus Christ? Why should I know him? Why did He die and rise again? Does he really love me?

If you are wondering about the answers to these questions then read this leaflet carefully.

Not too long ago a man came to me and said "Surely if God loves us he would never send anyone to hell but will just let everyone into heaven". He was not alone in making such comments, and many have wondered the same thing. How does hell and judgement portray a loving, merciful God?

To make such a comment is to misunderstand the nature of love and indeed God. The fact that "God is love" cannot be disputed for the words are written in black and white in His word. We see beauty and the evidence of love around us in nature.

God does love us with such a love as you will never know from anyone on earth. He doesn't want you to live in sin and the misery that comes with it, but rather live in joy and peace. His love is a constant, never-changing love. It has changed the lives of millions, myself included, giving them hope, peace, joy and comfort when they felt helpless.

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His love was never so wonderfully

expressed than when He gave His only begotten son (in whom He had absolute delight) to die in our place bearing the judgement for our sins. God loves us so much He provided the perfect substitute for us—Jesus Christ. This means we can live in peace forever before Him, clothed in the righteousness of Christ as though we had never sinned.

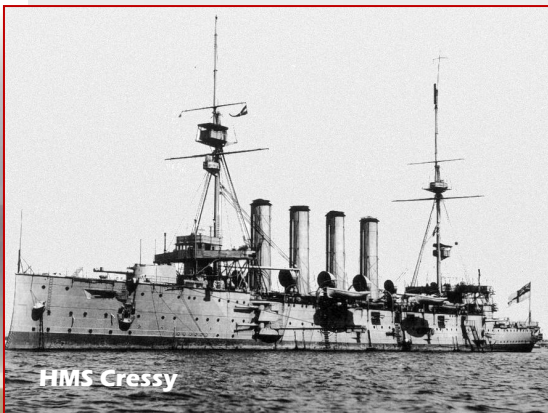
God is holy and righteous and of "holier eyes than to behold iniquity". Sin and the sinner cannot stand in His presence and

God's love wants what's best for us - joy and peace without sin.

must be judged. Yet, now we can enjoy His presence without fear. This world and our lives are soon coming to an end thanks to our sins but you can know God through Jesus Christ today and enjoy life that will pass beyond death into eternity. The alternative is too terrible to think about. **God's desire for you is not hell but heaven and He has made it possible for you to be there.** He loves you that much. Will you respond?

"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love." 1 John 4:18

A SOBER JUDGEMENT



HMS Cressy

During the first world-war some Christians were preaching the gospel in a London street. While one was speaking, a drunk sailor shouted over "I don't care whether I go to Heaven or hell". One of the other Christians took out a piece of paper and wrote "Tomorrow when you are sober, would you say the same thing?" He folded it up and, without the drunk man's knowledge, put it in to his pocket.

Some months later three sailors came looking for the preachers. They asked if they remembered the drunk man, and were assured that they did. "We want to tell you that through that message put into his pocket, he was brought to God and became a bright testimony to his Saviour to all aboard his ship the "Cressy". Many of his mates were converted, including the three of us. Sadly he lost his life when the "Cressy" was sunk, but he went straight to his Lord and Saviour" How wonderful is God's work! What is your eternal destiny?

To accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour simply pray! Tell him you know you are a sinner and that you're sorry for your sins and ask him to save you from those sins. He will take your sins and remove every one of them! Jesus said "*him that comes to me I will in no wise cast out.*" John 6v37. Make him your Saviour today!

PUZZLES

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FIND THE
UNDERLINED
WORDS:



For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other living creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 8 verse 38-39)

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God." Isaiah 59v1-2

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

The summer months are approaching and soon many will be buying flight or ferry tickets to some destination or other. The thing about a ticket is that once you have bought it then you have chosen a destination. Once you have shown your ticket to board your flight you will definitely end up at the destination shown on it. You may have an easy journey or it may be a hard journey, fraught with problems and delays but in the end you will reach your destination.

Likewise our lives can be easy or full of problems but we have all selected a destination at which we will arrive one way or another. The two options are below and you are at this moment on a journey to one or the other. I beg you to make sure you are heading to heaven today. You have the opportunity **RIGHT NOW**—please take it.

The Lake of Fire

Also known to many as hell. We are told a few things about this place and its purpose.

- ◆ It's purpose is to punish Satan and the angels that follow him, but it will also include everyone who dies still in their sins.
- ◆ It is a place of loneliness and darkness.
- ◆ It is a place of tormenting flame from which there is no escape
- ◆ As there is no past, present or future in eternity it will never cease to exist.
- ◆ It is not where God wants you to be.
- ◆ It is the default destination of all mankind simply because we have not only inherited the sinfulness of our ancestors but also because we have willingly disobeyed and ignored God living in pride, lustful thoughts and sinful actions.

Heaven

We are not told a lot about what heaven will be like but we are given a few details about what to expect.

- ◆ It is a place where there is no death, no sorrow, no tears, but joy, comfort and company.
- ◆ It is a place where there is no sin for it has been removed by the Lord Jesus' shed blood and our sinful bodies will have been changed to be like His glorious body in which there is no sin.
- ◆ It is the place where God's throne sits from which comes the crystal clear river of the water of life. The tree of life stands over this river.
- ◆ It is a place where there is no sun or moon for it is lit by the glory of God.
- ◆ It will be a completely new creation as the old heavens and old earth will have been removed and a new heavens and earth will have been created.
- ◆ It is where the Lord Jesus is and He will lead us to what the Bible calls the "Father's house" in which are many mansions so there is room for everyone. It's where God wants everyone to be.

We are all heading to one of these destinations. To which one are you heading? God has declared that "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." God was manifested in flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus willingly offered Himself to die in our stead having lived a perfect and sinless life. He laid down His life so that He might save the lives of all who asked to be saved from their sins. He is the ticket—the only way—to heaven. All you have to do is ask Him to save you confessing that you are a sinner and He will remove every sin that stands between you and God so that you will be destined for Heaven to be with Him forever.

"Life and death have I set before you, blessing and cursing: choose then life, that thou mayest live" Deuteronomy 30v19

HEAVEN AND HOW TO GET THERE ...

A land where those who sigh for long-
lost faces,
The loved of life whose going brought us
pain,
Shall find them in the brightness of the
Father's glory,
Where we shall meet again.

On that bright strand the blood-washed
ones of Jesus
Are safe; no more the weary feet shall
roam;
They find at last all that the heart has
longed for,
Within God's house at home.

The Lord Jesus came to earth, He went
into death, was buried and on the third
day He rose again and now is -

The Way: "For Christ also suffered once
for sins, the just for the unjust, that He
might bring us to God." (1 Peter 3v18)

The Truth: The Lord Jesus has risen and
brings Divine truth to us. (Titus 1v2)

The Life: "I am the way, the truth and
the life. No one comes to the Father
except through Me." (John 14v6)

The righteousness has been supplied.
Man's own righteousness is not
enough, but, God's righteousness has
been imputed to us. (1 Corinthians
5v21)

Salvation is now offered, the require-
ment is repentance and faith in Jesus
Christ alone. Righteousness is being
clothed 'in Christ.' It's in His value that
we can enter Heaven.

THE perfect righteousness of God
is witnessed in the Saviour's blood;
'Tis in the cross of Christ we trace
His righteousness, yet wondrous grace.

God could not pass the sinner by,
Justice demands that he should die;
But in the cross of Christ we see
How God can save, yet righteous be.

The judgement fell on Jesus' head,
'Twas in His blood sin's debt was paid;
Stern justice can demand no more,
And mercy can dispense her store.

The sinner who believes is free,
Can say, The Saviour died for me;
Can point to the atoning blood
And say, This made my peace with God.

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You are most welcome ...

**"For we do not preach
ourselves, but Christ
Jesus"**

2 Corinthians 4v5