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The Good News!

Many people struggle with what happens after death. Is there a heaven and a hell? Can I know for sure what will happen to me or my loved ones? The good news is that the Bible not only gives these answers, but they are very simple truths!

In short, the bad news is that we have all sinned and sinners don't go to heaven. God is holy and pure and so is heaven. God laid down his ten commandments as an entrance test for eternity and we have all failed them. Who hasn't told a lie or stolen something?

At first glance this may seem incredibly unfair, but God is also a God of love and compassion. In his love he sent his Son Jesus Christ to this earth. Jesus' mission was to prove that he was God by living a sinless life and then to provide a payment that would cover all of your sins. Jesus willingly laid down his life on the cross as the one and only payment for your sins – he suffered **all** that you would have had to suffer in hell.

In this way God's justice could be satisfied – your sins were paid for! And yet his infinite love was demonstrated by the ultimate act of dying in your place. This offer is open to every man and woman – but it only goes into effect when you **ask** God's forgiveness and **believe** in Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. Jesus was indeed who he claimed to be and his death and resurrection make it possible for YOU to have the gift of eternal life!

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved...For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:9 & 13

There is no need to struggle with where you will spend eternity! All God asks is that you humble yourself, admit that you are a sinner, ask his forgiveness and trust Him alone. Embracing what God's Son did for you on the cross is all you need in order to go to heaven.

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Are You Struggling?



When we find ourselves struggling in life, it is usually because of one of these two reasons:

We **LACK** something – like money, time, health and love... *or*

We are **WEIGHED DOWN** by something – like debt, guilt, pain, addictions or the past

Family, friends, religion, the health system and government programmes all offer assistance, but even with all of these helps, many today are **STILL** struggling. Why? What about you?

Many times the so called “help” turns out to make little difference to our situation!

Education tells us that more knowledge will ease our struggles.

Science claims that we are all highly evolved beings and that hopefully *the survival of the fittest* will include you.

Religion tells us to worship the god of our choice, in our own way, and it will all work out.

Government says more money and a few more programmes can solve any problem.

In each case we know these are temporary fixes at best and outright lies at the worst. What is the answer? Fortunately there is a solution – **there is hope for all of us!**

There are moments in life when something much bigger than us slips itself into our daily existence. Maybe it is when we view the miracle of a newborn baby or the stunning beauty of the Milky Way on a crystal clear night – or when we stop to notice the intricate design of that perfect rose or feel that penetrating guilt of violating our conscience when we should have known better.

Regardless of our beliefs or world view, something inside us tells us that there is a God. Not the mumbo jumbo of religion, but the inner conviction that we have been created for a purpose and one day we must give an account – that there is indeed something bigger and greater than this life. Half of our country has gone to great lengths to disbelieve, discount, ignore or move past this fundamental truth – but this has less effect upon the Creator than a drop of water falling into the ocean.

You see, there IS an all-powerful, all-knowing Creator God who made you. Nature all around you and your conscience within you have impressed this truth upon your soul since your childhood. Acknowledging the obvious and following this truth to its logical conclusion brings true joy, contentment and peace as well as confidence in what lies beyond the grave. Ignoring or denying this simple fact is the **ULTIMATE** cause of your struggles. You read that right! Whatever your struggle, it can be traced back to your relationship (or lack thereof) with the Creator of the universe!



Not only does God actually exist, but it turns out that He loves you. He really does know what you are going through and cares about each and every struggle you are facing.

Sound fantastic or impossible? Many of us once thought so too – but then we looked into the promises of God a bit more closely and found that they are indeed true! If you have had enough and want some real solutions from the Creator that work, then take a serious look at the clip out coupon on the next page. *Help and relief are a whole lot closer than you think!*

Six Questions to Answer When You Find Yourself Struggling in Life

- 1) Do you set goals and try to reach them?
- 2) Do you insist on immediate gratification?
- 3) Do you prioritize what to do first?
- 4) Do you give up easily when things just don't go your way?
- 5) Do you blame others for your mistakes?
- 6) Do you ask for help when you need it?

I do **NOT** want to be contacted, but I do know someone struggling with one or more of the following; please send me some printed help:

☞ Limit **FIVE** per household ☜

- Stress
- Depression
- Anger / Temper
- Worry / Anxiety
- Guilt
- Marriage
- Immorality
- Suffering / Pain
- Addictions
- Self-Injury
- Procrastination
- Suicidal Thoughts
- Attention Deficit Disorder
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
- Pornography
- Abuse in My Past
- Abusive Relationships
- Time Management
- God & Homosexuality
- Teens & Sex
- Motivation
- Ungratefulness / Bitterness
- Should I Marry?
- Bad Memories
- Debt / Finances
- Am I Christian?
- Angry at God
- Does God Love Me?
- Does God Have a Plan for Me?

Name: _____

Address: _____

I **DO** want to be contacted. I would like for someone to visit and share some answers with me about the things I'm struggling with:

My struggle in 10 words or less: _____

My first name: _____

Please contact me first at one of these:

Phone _____

Text _____

Email _____