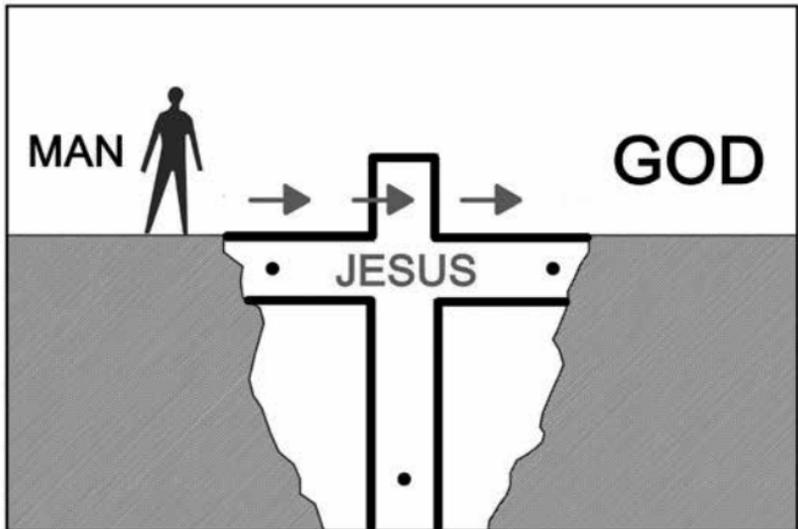


WHO IS JESUS ?

**JESUS BRIDGES THE GAP BETWEEN A SINFUL
MAN AND A HOLY GOD**



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1. Why did God create you?

Life on earth is short, temporary and very fast moving. Even if one lives up to the age of 80 or 90 years, the time passes by so fast. To be realistic, none of us has the assurance of being alive even until the next day.

You do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. – James 4:14

Did God create you to exist for this short and brief period only? **Definitely not.**

God started creating you in your mother's womb even before you were born. He created you for a reason, a plan and a purpose. Out of love, He wants to share the beauty of His creation with you and He desires to have a personal friendship with you on a one-one basis. This friendship does not end after your brief life is completed on this earth, but through Jesus, can continue into eternity in Heaven forever and ever. **God created you to know Him, love Him and serve Him and to share in His everlasting life for all eternity.**

2. Man's sin separates him from God

Surely there is no one on earth so righteous as to do good without ever sinning. – Ecclesiastes 7:20

Misuse of God-given freedom leads to sin and this separates a person from God. Just as oil and water do not mix, God's heart is pained with the sin of man. While God is merciful and forgiving, the fact is that He is also 'just' in nature. Your sins will not be simply forgotten by God as if nothing happened. A process of repentance, cleansing and forgiveness needs to be in place. Only if we let go of our sinful ways, can we be in true friendship with God.

The tragic consequence of one's disobedience and continual misuse of God-given freedom is separation of the person from God.

This separation causes sadness in the heart of God, since our loving God desires a loving relationship with each of us.

The good news is that He has made the way out of this mess for each & every person – a mess which would otherwise have led the individual to eternal separation from God - what is referred to as 'HELL'.

So what is the solution?

3. A PRICE for your sins

Jesus is the atoning sacrifice of our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. – 1John 2:2

... since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. – Romans 3:23-25

Since the nature of God demands justice, one HAS to pay the price of his / her sins. Since each of us (sinful) is simply incapable of doing this, Jesus (sinless) did the needful on our behalf.



He was wounded for our sins... upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises, we are healed. – Isaiah 53:5

The wholeness indicated here is a restoration of the person back into a spiritual union with God. We don't have to pay the price of our sins. Jesus has done this for us and so we can stand righteous before God.

4. Jesus – The WAY to the FATHER

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. – John 3:16

God Himself came down to earth (Philippians 2:6) to take the burden of the sins of all humanity.

This is who Jesus is.

What He suffered at His Crucifixion and death was to ‘pay’ for our salvation. His blood was shed on the Cross to reconcile you to God and to redeem you from all evil. Jesus has paid the price.

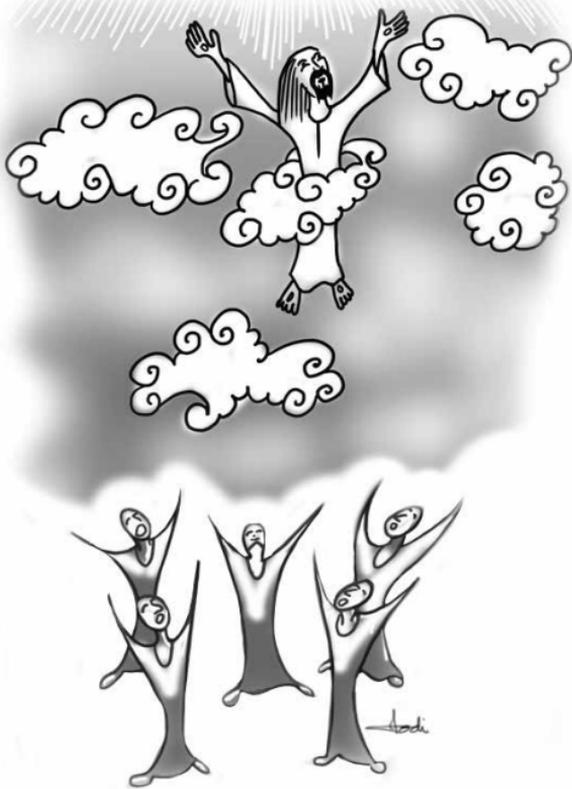
Through Jesus, God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. – Colossians 1:20

Let us think: If there was any other way or path for the salvation of humankind, why would Jesus willingly suffer so much? Jesus said -

“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father but by me.” – John 14:6

5. Ask yourself these questions

- ☆ If Jesus died for all as mentioned in the bible (2Corinthians 5:15), then how do I, as an individual, now fit into this picture two thousand years later?
- ☆ Does the gruesome human & divine sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross of Calvary have any relevance for me personally?
- ☆ Does it have any effect in my daily spiritual life?
- ☆ What would be the outcome of my personal salvation had Jesus NOT died on the cross?
- ☆ Would there still be a possibility of me 'going to heaven' if the blood of Jesus was NOT shed?



Jesus defied the law of gravity when he rose from the dead three days after his death and also when he ascended into Heaven. (image)

Read about the Ascension of Jesus in the book of Acts, Chapter 1, in the Holy Bible.

6. The Power of the CROSS & RESURRECTION

For the wages of sin is death (eternal separation from God), but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 6:23

As there was no other way for us to get saved, Jesus did have to pay the price of our redemption by suffering & shedding His blood. After He died and was buried, He rose from the dead after 3 days.

His Resurrection from the dead could not have occurred if His death & burial did not happen in the first place. It is because of His Resurrection that we have the hope of our own resurrection. In this way, the Cross of Jesus becomes a “bridge” - a connection between a sinful human and a holy God.

Jesus died & shed his blood for each of us. Had he not done so, our hope of ‘going to heaven’ would cease to exist.

To understand this further and to experience this truth, we need to repent and change from sinful ways. We also need to accept & believe what Jesus has achieved on the Cross, and be in a living relationship with Him.

7. Heaven & Hell

A Christian Understanding

The words of Jesus in the Holy Bible:

Not everyone who says to me “Lord, Lord” will enter the Kingdom of Heaven but only those who do the will of my Father in Heaven. – Matthew 7:21

What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul? – Mark 8:36

Jesus is clearly teaching us the reality of the eternal life. The body is temporary and will certainly die but the soul within each of us is eternal. It will live forever and ever in either Heaven or in Hell.

Heaven is a wonderful space of being in God’s everlasting presence for all eternity. Hell is a state of pain, torment, suffering and permanent separation from God.

God is a loving and merciful God. He does not send anyone to Hell. Those who end up there are those who misuse their freedom and continually choose to walk in disobedience to God on this earth, without repentance and change of heart and without receiving the free & life transforming graces from Jesus.

Jesus gives us the choice to either Repent or Perish (Luke 13:5). Repentance and inner change is a MUST if one has to enter Heaven and be with God forever.

8. Accepting Jesus as your Personal LORD & SAVIOUR

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He reigns in heaven and on earth as 'King of Kings and Lord of Lords' (Rev 19:16). He strongly desires each and every person to be in friendship with Him. He is an all-knowing God and knows in detail all that you are going through now. If you allow Him, He will remove all the darkness from your life and replace it with divine light (Jn 1:5).

Open your heart willingly so that He can enter and take control of your life. (Rev 3:20). His plans for you are far better than any of the plans you have for yourself (Jer 29:11-13).

Read more about Jesus in the Holy Bible. Speak to Him like a friend. You can come to know Him personally and have an encounter with Him. He is Redeemer, Healer, Comforter, Giver of Peace, and Source of Salvation. He is the Living God !

Having a relationship with Jesus changes your life forever! **One day, when you die and leave this earth, this relationship with Jesus is all that you carry forward into Eternity !**

9. A short PRAYER

Make this prayer from your heart, slowly and sincerely.



Jesus, I ask for wisdom and understanding regarding the suffering you endured on the Cross. I acknowledge you as Lord and Saviour of my life, and I desire a true relationship with you. May your work on the Cross of Calvary and your Resurrection cease from being just a mere historic event and may it become something which draws me closer to you day by day. I ask that you cleanse me and wash me with your Precious Blood, which was shed for me and for my salvation. Lord Jesus, I ask for mercy and forgiveness, by merits of your holy wounds.

Jesus, give me your Holy Spirit. Help me change and become the person you want me to become, for your glory.

Amen.