

# God loves us.

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God created the world. We can see beauty, purpose and evidence of design all around us. It is impossible to ignore. Look at the intricate design of plants, the way the moon influences the tide, or the ever-changing colours in a sunset. The Bible tells us that God originally designed a world that worked perfectly – where everything and everyone fit together in harmony.

God created us for a purpose. He created us to know Him and to enjoy Him; to live and bring glory and honour to Him.

*“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”*

*Ephesians 2:10 NLT*

*“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”*

*John 3:16 NLT*

## **But something happened..**

If we look around at society, it is easy to see that humanity is not bringing glory to God. Rather, there is a brokenness in the world. We see it in the evil of terrorism, we see it in war, violence, abuse, deceit and betrayal. In

ignorance to God, we could search high and low for the reason of the brokenness, but the truth is, beneath it all, the problem is us.

We have not lived for God, we have not followed His rules and have made up our own. We have not valued a relationship with Him. The Bible calls this sin and it means to run from God, trying to do life our own way. Sin is taking the title of God and putting it upon ourselves. It is because of sin that we as humanity have become hostile, not only towards God, but towards others. The Bible says the consequence of sin is death.

*"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."  
Romans 3:23 NLT*

*"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." romans 6:23 NLT*

### **God provided a solution through Jesus.**

Brokenness leads to a place of realising a need for help; a remedy, some Good News. God, because of His mercy and great love for us, did not leave us in our brokenness. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ as a solution to our sin problem. Jesus came to us, lived a perfect sin-free life (exemplifying life by God's design) and willingly chose to die in our place to pay the penalty for our sin. He then defeated death and rose to life. Jesus did for us what we couldn't do for ourselves.

*"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." Romans 5:8 NLT*

*"You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He cancelled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross." Colossians 2:13-14 NLT*

### **We need to respond to this invitation.**

Simply hearing this good news is not enough, we must believe it in our hearts and then confess our sinful brokenness to Jesus, asking God for forgiveness for our sins, accepting Jesus into our hearts as our Lord and Saviour and choosing to trust in His Word instead of trusting in ourselves. This is when we can begin to understand God's original purpose for our lives and the lives of others.

*"If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved." Romans 10:9-10 NLT*

*"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it." Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT*

### **A prayer for salvation**

*Dear Jesus, I want to know you personally. I come before You to acknowledge my mistakes and seek your forgiveness. Thank you for dying for me. Thank you for your sacrifice on the cross and the opportunity for a relationship with you.*

## Now what?

Jesus responds to a sincere prayer from the heart. It's amazing because He loves you and wants to show you how to walk away from sin and into the freedom of knowing Him.

Once you have prayed, you have just begun to live His abundant life. Jesus promises eternal life to all who accept Him and that He will never leave us.

To grow in your relationship with God, read the bible daily and pray to Jesus. Tell God about the things going on in your life and ask for His guidance in all that you do.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT*

Do not quit but keep on pressing in. Our feelings can lie to us, telling us that it won't work out, but choose daily to trust God and believe His promises in the bible. We highly recommend that you join a church where they teach the Word of God and where you can find other believers to do life with.

If you would like to get involved with our church please reach out and fill out our [Connect Card](#). We would love to be a part of your journey.