### The Love of God, the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ

"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. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

The Bible, John 3:16

#### The Bible is the Word of God

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God gave us the Bible in order to give us everlasting life, peace, and happiness. Concerning God's word, the Bible says, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalms 119:105. God uses the Bible to guide men. We can trust His word.

## The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ

The Bible says, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how 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 of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. 1 Corinthians 15:1-6

God loves us. It is His will that we escape the pain and shame of hell and enjoy everlasting life in heaven. God will not allow sin to enter heaven, so, He provided a way to save our souls. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

## The First Part of the Gospel

"...how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." The Bible says, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23. Sin comes from within our hearts. Jesus said, "That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man." Mark 7:20-23. Even though men do not want to admit they are sinners, except for the Lord Jesus Christ, all men have sinned. We cannot hide our sins from God. What is the result of sin? The Bible says, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23. In the Bible, Revelation 21:8 warns us, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." The lake of fire and hell is the same.

Because we have sinned against God when we die, our soul will descend into hell and receive eternal torment and shame. God is a Spirit and He is Holy. Therefore, there is no method whereby a man can save his own soul. This includes our good works and religious ceremonies. Through the grace of God, the Lord Jesus left the glories of heaven, came to this earth, and became a man in order to die on the cross as a sacrifice. The love of the Lord Jesus towards us is truly great! "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8 & 9

### The Second Part of the Gospel

"And that he was buried..." After Jesus died on the cross, He was buried in the grave for three days. Like all men the Lord Jesus died. For three days, He was buried in the grave. Also, the Bible tells us that man's life is very short. The Bible says, "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away." 1 Peter 1:24

In Luke 16:19-31 the Lord Jesus said, "There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedest thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from hence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." Moses and the prophets wrote the Old Testament scriptures through the inspiration of God.

Like the rich man and Lazarus all of us will one day die. One day Lazarus listened to, and obeyed, the Bible. Lazarus had a repentant heart and got saved. Therefore, when he died he entered heaven. While the rich man was alive he never listened to, nor obeyed, the Bible and got saved. Even though the rich man had fame, success, honor, helped poor people in his lifetime and then asked for mercy in hell; there was no way he could escape the torment of hell.

Saved people enjoy comfort, peace, and eternal life in heaven. People who do not get saved descend into hell where they receive torment and shame. We ought to listen to, and obey, the Bible in order to escape hell and enter heaven.

#### The Third Part of the Gospel

"... and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." Jesus is Lord; even over death. For over forty days after He arose from the dead the Lord Jesus gave infallible proofs to His disciples that He rose from the dead. Many people saw, felt, ate, and walked with the Lord Jesus. When the forty days were finished, the disciples saw the Lord Jesus ascend into heaven. Except for the Lord Jesus Christ, no other man can raise himself from the dead. The Lord Jesus is a living God. Like the Corinthians believers, when a person believes in the gospel of the Lord Jesus as their Saviour he is saved.

# **Be Saved Today!**

Friend, may God bless you for reading this gospel tract. Heaven is a beautiful and eternal place. But, hell is a place of eternal fire, torment, and shame. Today, you need to repent of your sins and receive the Lord Jesus as your Saviour. The Bible says, "But as many as received him [Jesus], to them he gave power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 1:12. Also, "That is 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 with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek [everybody]: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:9-13.

Friend, if you have decided to be saved, then you could say this prayer, "Loving heavenly Father, thank you for the Lord Jesus dying on the cross for my sin. I now believe on Jesus as my Saviour. I am a sinner; please forgive me of my sin. I now receive Jesus into my heart to save my soul. In the name of the Lord Jesus, Amen." The Bible says, "For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all that call upon thee." Psalms 86:5. When a person gets saved, the Lord is very generous to him. The Lord Jesus gives them eternal life in heaven, peace, and comfort in their hearts.

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