

Foreword

This booklet contains a number of gospel leaflets that I published in recent years. The aim is to preach the gospel from different perspectives and for the needs of different readers. The salvation prepared by the sole true God, the Creator of the universe, is the pressing need of each human being, and should be made known and obtained by everyone. As the Bible says, "*He desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*" The Lord of creation who is full of loving kindness, is eagerly yearning for you whom He created to repent and turn to Him, enjoy the salvation that He prepared and with Him accompanying you in all your days ahead. Therefore, I sincerely hope that you read this booklet with a humble heart, receive the salvation of God, and obtain the eternal blessing. May God bless you!

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1. Does God exist?

One may say, "I don't believe there is any God in the universe because I cannot see Him." In fact, we are very much confined by our eyesight. Although we cannot see wind, air, electric wave, electron, neutron, proton and atom, yet nobody can deny the existence of these substances.

Just think about this: from the past till now, wherever there are men, there exists religion. And religion exists only among human beings but not in the animal's world or plant's world. It is all because only men have souls and spirits that enable them to communicate with the spiritual world. An idiom says, "Among all living things, only Man has spirit." As said in the book of Romans, chapter 1, verses 19 to 20 of the Bible *"For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world His invisible nature, namely, His eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made."* Yes, the Creator of the

universe and everything in it is the only true God. He reveals Himself to man in two different ways in order to let Himself known to mankind.

(1) Man has spirit so that man can communicate with God

When God created man, He gave him spirit, so that he can know and communicate with God. *“For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.”* Through the spirit, man can know God. Just like the receiver of a radio can receive the electric wave from the radio station and broadcast euphonious sound to the listener. However, people always neglect their inner feelings and callings from their spirit. Usually, we cry out to God only when we are in despair or misery. An idiom says, “Cry out to God when in poverty.” Man is different from animals. When a dog is being beaten, it will not cry to God or idols, but man will do so. However, man is deeply involved in sins and blinded by Satan. He makes gods for himself, worships the hand-made idols, and is slave to Satan. Under Satan, man is always in a state of worry, fear

and restlessness.

For those who said that there is no god, their inner parts would tell them that there is. Master Confucius said, "There is a god up above."

(2) The whole creation proves the Existence of God

All the things around us prove the existence of a Creator. The Creator not only gives us spirit so that we can know Him, through His magnificent creation He reveals Himself and His glory. The Scripture says, "*The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.*" (Psalm 19:1) From the existence, the orderliness and wonder of all things, it shows that the Creator exists and He is magnificent.

A tall building can be built because of the contribution from architects, designers and constructors. The traffic network of a prosperous city needs an accurate traffic controlling system to guide vehicles on the street in order to avoid confusion and traffic accidents. Let us think about the infinite universe with so many

stars and planets moving around yet without bumping into one another. This shows our Creator's elaborate design and creation. This also reveals the existence of the omnipotent Creator. The Scripture says, *"All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made."* (John 1:3) *"Upholding all things by the Word of His power."* (Hebrew 1:3)

God can be proved by science

The ex-person in charge of the NASA once said, "When human science has not yet developed, we boasted that we can get rid of God. But when scientists discover more and more, we cannot but admit that science actually shows the existence of God." A statistics shows that 92% of the latest three hundred scientists are Christians, including Newton and Einstein. Darwin, who put forward the theory of evolution, repented and believed in God when he got older. Although he wanted to withdraw the evolution theory, it was all too late. Also, the three astronauts who first landed on the moon in 1969 are Christians. Among them, one

astronaut became a missionary afterwards, using scientific viewpoints to preach God's gospel.

Nowadays, scientists agree that the universe was formed after one massive explosion – the Big Bang, and that the universe definitely has a beginning. Let us consider it in details. In the beginning there were no substances, nor energy, then how could explosion take place? Explosion will result in chaos, not order, just as a city after an earthquake cannot turn into a more prosperous city. If it were so, we would welcome earthquakes.

Scientists explain that this is a very special explosion out of nothing but led to the existence of this magnificent, orderly and beautiful universe. Isn't it just telling us the process of creation by the Creator?

In addition, scientists confirm that the universe got a beginning of supernatural law; it just matches the revelation of the Bible that the universe was created by God. The Scripture says, *"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."* (Genesis 1:1) The Creator not only creates everything, He also

shows man His creation, so that man can know Him.

Someone may say, “The source of the universe comes from nature. I only believe in nature but not in God.” What is “Nature” then? Such belief is superstitious and deceiving. The existence of God is an unchangeable fact.

The Creator not only uses the universe to reveal Himself, He also sends His beloved Son Jesus Christ to this world to be our Savior. When everyone is lost in sins, Jesus Himself seeks sinners — you and I. Because of our sins, He was crucified. (This was recorded in history.) He saved us from the future judgment, freed us from the bondage of sin so that we can live in amity with God and enjoy His great love.

Dear friends, our kind God has given you this wonderful salvation. If you can humble yourself, seek and believe in Him and let Him be your Savior, you will be saved forever. You can enjoy the wonderful presence of God.

Please pray and let Jesus enter your heart and be your Savior.

2. Who is the true God?

Let us analyze the topic objectively. Think of the characteristics that a true God should possess.

There is only one God

He must be the Creator of all substances, the source of all living beings. He must not be a creature nor a hand-made 'God'. But an idol is a hand-made 'God'. Man makes idols and deifies them. There are a lot of idols in this world with different names. There are different 'gods' in different villages or cities and there may be even several 'gods' in one superstitious family. If you objectively think about the origin of these idols, you will realize that they are created by man. Some of them are historical heroes and had already turned into dust for years. Some are legendary characters which are fictitious. Moreover, as these idols of clay, wood, copper, iron, gold or silver are made by man, they cannot protect man or themselves. Instead,

they need man's protection.

The Creator of heaven and earth reveal to man through the Scripture, *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."* (Genesis 1:1) *"All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made."* (John 1:3) God is omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient. Thus He does not need man's offering to Him. Instead He Himself gives man life and breath and everything. Anyone who trusts in God can enjoy His care and protection.

Idol is not God

When Dr. Sun Yat-sen, a famous politician, was a young child, his mother was a very dedicated idol-worshipper. One day Dr. Sun went with his mother to a temple and his mother offered the idol a chicken. Wanting to find out whether the idol would have the chicken as meal or not, Dr. Sun stared at it for a very long time. As nothing happened, Dr. Sun presumed that the idol might be shy to eat before the worshippers. So he left and went back there the next day in order to find out the truth. He found

that the chicken was gone, but it was eaten by a group of hungry rats. Also, as the fats of the chicken stained the idol, the rats had bitten a big hole on it. Without any doubt, Dr. Sun concluded that he could not trust such idols that cannot protect themselves. As he grew up, he experienced God and accepted Jesus as his Savior.

The one true God is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent beyond the confine of time or space. In all circumstances our Lord Jesus Christ is the One True God. When we pray devoutly to Him, we will experience His help and presence wherever we are, whereas idols cannot help you and they will not accompany you. When facing an airplane accident, you can go nowhere to ask idols for help. When in danger, such as in a fire, the idols need your help to bring them out of the scene rather than giving you protection. Idol-worshippers are in fact deceived by the devil.

True God's Salvation

In 1992, a company has granted its staff a

free round trip to California. Unfortunately, when the plane flew over Grand Canyon, it crash-dived downwards. On the plane a Christian told one of his colleagues to pray to Jesus for help. They both asked for God's mercy. In the end, all the passengers except these two persons had passed away. These two survivors only got foot-bone fracture. Afterwards, journalists asked the non-Christian survivor whether he believed in Jesus or not. He replied definitely, "Of course I do. Jesus has saved my life." When we are in trouble, we can realize how kind and powerful Lord Jesus Christ is. All through the years and ages past, Christians have experienced our Lord.

God is holy and righteous

God is holy. God is righteous. His standard of morality is above that of man, whereas idols are of the opposite. Idols do not care about sins. Idol-worshippers would ask their idols to protect them from being caught after committing crimes. Some even rely on sorcery to commit crime. Yet the one true God is a righteous judge. He judges us according to our sins, including idol

worshipping. It is just like a prince allowing a pauper to be his father, how humiliating to the real father. The Scripture says, *“In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent.”* (Acts 17:30)

God gave His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to us to save us from our sins. Jesus was crucified, died and was buried, on the third day He arose from the dead. Whoever believes in Jesus shall not perish but have eternal life. Henceforth, he can enjoy peace and happiness in God. He no longer needs to be afraid of the devil as he has been freed from the devil's bondage. What a blessing!

Dear friends, God has given us this miraculous and wonderful grace. Just do as the Bible tells you to do. Pray to God devoutly and loudly. Accept Jesus as your Savior. And that is it.

3. Do men have spirit and soul?

Some people think that when men die, it is just like a lamp with its oil burnt out, and everything ends. Such people are short-sighted and they try to enjoy life whenever they could. Let us think about this carefully. If we just live in this world for several decades and then vanish, what is the difference between men and animals? In fact, men are fundamentally different from all animals. As the saying goes, “Only Man has spirit among all living things.” Men are superior to animals in that we have spirit and soul. This is what God, the Creator, has revealed to us through the Bible. The Bible tells us that God created man according to His image.

Men search for God because they have spirits

Men, unlike the animals, have spirits, souls

and bodies. All animals have physical bodies but without spirits. Men, however, have all these three parts. Soul means emotions, will power and thoughts. Spirit is the channel through which we know and communicate with God. That is why wherever there are men there exists religion. With spirit, men naturally search for God, just like a radio receiving electric waves from the radio station. Though we cannot see any electric waves, we have to admit that they exist. In the same way, men have spirits and souls, they naturally longed for God. As Confucius said, "There is a God above our head." and "There is a God controlling everything in the world." However, as we are living in sinful darkness, we are deceived by devil to worship idols. As the Bible says, "*The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers.*" (2 Corinthians 4:4). Therefore, many people create fake gods – idols. As said in the Bible, "*For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for*

images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.” (Romans 1:21-23)

There is no religion in the world of animals. We have never seen monkeys worshipping idols nor a monkey turning to an idol for help when they are being chased by hunters. They have no spirit, so they do not know and cannot approach God. Men are different. An atheist may not believe in God because of his education background or his personal views, but in crisis, when his own intelligence, wealth, power and ability cannot save him, his spirit will lead him to God. So, even atheists will seek for God's help and turn to Him in crisis.

Men's fear of ghosts proves the existence of the inner spirit

Animals never fear ghosts because they do not have the channel – the spirit, to get in touch with the spiritual world. Men are different. Imagine an unbeliever walking past a cemetery at night. A cat jumping out all of a sudden will definitely scare him. Although he may assure himself that there is no ghost in the world, his body will be shaking if suddenly a dog jumps out

to chase the cat. If he really encounters a ghost, he will be scared to death. This is experienced by many people who have met ghosts.

These people originally do not believe in ghosts, but once they have the encounter, their hair will stand on its end. They will lose control and become numb. However, for believers in the true God Jesus Christ, they no longer fear ghost. It is the ghosts that fear us because we have Jesus living within us.

Men will think about the future proves that men have spirit

Another thing that differentiates men from animals is that they will think about the future. The first Emperor of China was afraid of death though he has power. He sent a troop of people to look for medicine that may enable him to live forever. In the end, he could not escape from the clutches of death. Actually, men will look for eternity because God has put the spirit in us. The spirit is everlasting, so everyone will think about the future and worry about it.

The Bible says, "*He has set eternity in the hearts of men.*" (Ecclesiastes 3:11) How true!

The experience of our ancestors verified this point. As the saying goes, “If one does not receive retribution in this life, he will receive it in the next.” This shows that we believe there is another life after this current one. Another saying goes like this, “When a man is about to die, his words will be kind.” It implies that men believe in eternity. Even the wickedest man will say a few good words before he dies, apparently for fear of the coming judgment.

Jesus is the only salvation

The Bible says, “*For the wages of sin is death.*” (Roman 6:23) Before the holy and righteous God, all men have sinned and are controlled by the power of death. But death is not the end; it is the door leading us to eternity. The end is either eternal life or eternal death. According to the Bible, “*Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.*” (Hebrews 9:27) Oh! Who can save our spirit and soul from the righteous judgment of God? Only Jesus can. There is no salvation apart from Him because He came to the world and became a man, to die on the cross for our sins.

He was raised from the dead on the third day, ascended to heaven, and gives all believers the Holy Spirit. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned but has eternal life.

Dear friends, God loves you and He has prepared salvation for you. Once you accept Jesus as your Savior, you will freely receive eternal life. In addition, you can count on Him at any time.

4. Is Bible the Inspiration of God?

The Bible is the most unique and extraordinary book in the world. It is not ordinary because it contains words inspired by the only true God who is the Creator. Throughout all generations, Bible is the No. 1 best selling book. Until now, the Bible has been translated into 1,600 languages, numerous people of all nations and countries turned to God, received the salvation and are kept from sins because of the Bible. One may ask, "How to prove that the Bible is the words of God?" Let us briefly consider this question in a few aspects.

God Himself tell us that Bible is His Word

The Bible clearly states, "*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.*" (2 Tim 3:16). You can also find in many

places of the Bible "*Declared the Lord of hosts*" or "*God said*". The Bible is the Word of the almighty God spoken to the people He made. On the contrary, there is no other religious literature which claims that it is the word of god. They are merely some religious ethics found by some people who are only humans.

The Bible is the only book which reveals the origin and end of the universe

There are a lot of religious literature and famous classics on philosophy in the world, but none of them could reveal the origin of the universe and its creatures, the birth of human beings and prophecy about the end of the world. All of them are the products of human minds, therefore they cannot tell things happened thousands of years ago or predict things to be happened hundred of years later, as humans are limited by time and space. What they can discover is only philosophy of life. Let's look at the well known Buddhism. Buddhist literature never mentions how things were created or how life came into being. They only state the cause

and effect – ‘interrelation’ between things. This is because the founder, Siddhartha Gautama, was only a human. Siddhartha himself cannot overcome the power of death. In order to be freed from the suffering of sin and vanity, Siddhartha left his family to find the truth, yet he died in his old age.

Although the Evolution Theory tried to explain the origin of the universe from the viewpoint of evolution, until now it still cannot prove how the universe began, how the first single cell came, how life came into being and what would happen at the end of the world because it is set by human beings who are finite. However, the Bible is entirely different, as it clearly explains the order, process and purpose of God’s creation, and reveals the prophecies concerning the end of the world. The accuracy of the Bible’s prophecies endures the test of history and most of them have been thoroughly verified.

**The Bible’s revelations are in
accordance with discoveries of
science**

As early as in 2000 B.C., God already revealed the mystery of the creation of the earth in His words. The Bible says, "*He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing.*" (Job 26:7) How could anyone know, as far as several thousand years ago, that the earth is hung in the universe, and what power keeps it there without falling? Such fact was unbelievable in those days. Nevertheless, modern scientists have discovered and confirmed that the earth is hung in the air and revolves around the sun. Another Bible verse says, "*It is He who sits above the circle of the earth.*" (Isaiah 40:22) God revealed in His Words three thousand years ago that the earth is a circle, which was never known by the people in those days.

Furthermore, as early as in 1500 B.C., it was already recorded in the Book of Judges, Chapter 5, verse 20 of the Bible that "*Stars...from their courses (orbits)...*" which tell us that stars in space have their own orbits. Such saying corresponds with the discovery by modern scientists. No one in the days before Christ knew that stars have their own orbits, yet it has already been written in the Bible in 1500

B.C. that stars move along orbits. No doubt the Bible is the Word of God.

Besides, when modern astronomers were studying the orbit of the sun, they discovered that a day is missing which they did not understand no matter how they researched on the subject.

They finally found the answer in the Bible which recorded that about three thousand years ago, God's chosen people, the Israelites, fought and greatly defeated the Canaanites who had caused the anger of God due to their promiscuity and sins. At that time it was near sunset, Joshua, the leader of Israel, lifted his hand and prayed to God that the sun and moon stood still where they were. Then, the sun and moon stopped for about a whole day (23 hours and 20 minutes). So, it was not a whole day yet (For details see Joshua 10:6-14).

Later, the astronomers found in other Bible verses the remaining 40 minutes which, when added up, were precisely 24 hours. That scripture recorded that a king of Judah prayed to God for recovery when he was seriously ill. He asked God for a sign although God, through a prophet, had promised to cure him. God

answered his prayer by bringing the shadow on the sundial, which was then used to measure time, ten degrees backward by which it had gone down. This had resulted in the delay of 40 minutes, which precisely made up the one missing day that the astronomers were looking for (For details see Isaiah 38:1-8).

The testimony of Noah's Ark

The Bible recorded that about one thousand years after men were created by God, men sinned and fell utterly. God, through the righteous man Noah, preached to that generation for 120 years, yet they did not repent. Therefore, God through flood judged the people of that generation, but saved Noah and his family of eight members with an ark, who became the ancestors of human beings. Subsequently, modern archaeologists discovered a huge vessel buried in a glacier on top of the mountains of Ararat in Turkey. After detailed examination, the vessel was confirmed to be the Noah's ark that rested on the mountains of Ararat as recorded in the Bible (for details see Genesis 8:4). Archaeological discovery

confirmed the reliability of the Bible as it is the Word of God.

The restoration of Israel

During the time when people of all nations worshipped idols that were made by their own hands, Abraham, the forefather of Israelites, avoided all idols and worshipped the true God of creation solely. Therefore, God chose Abraham's descendents, now the Israelites, whom God specified that whenever they turned away from God to worship idols, God's judgment would fall on them, and they would be chased up to all nations. However, they would be blessed again if they repented. Subsequently, Israelites not only turned away from God, they even crucified God's beloved son Jesus Christ on the cross, and vowed, "*His blood be on us and on our children.*" (Matthew 27:25) As a result, the people of Israel actually experienced numerous disasters and sufferings in history, including the killing of six million Jews by Hitler during the Second World War.

Theoretically, how could such a small nation as Israel restore their country after being

destroyed for nearly 2,000 years? It also has to confront the surrounding Arabic countries whose populations and power are far greater than theirs! These countries had in many times formed alliances to fight against Israel, though each time they were greatly defeated as the true God of all creation is in control. Jesus had already prophesied more than 2000 years ago that the dispersed people of Israel would one day be restored. This is also a sign of the end of the world. Events after events are unfolding according to the prophecies of the Bible. Israel was formally restored in 1948.

Some were skeptical about the tribulations at the end of the world as mentioned in the Bible. The high frequency of earthquakes, famines, wars, plagues, natural disasters and human atrocities happened recently proves that the Bible is correct. Furthermore, modern nuclear weapons can destroy the earth more than twenty thousand times! Today, armament race among nations never stops. All these cause us to take the prophecies of the Bible seriously, and believe deeply in God's true and reliable Word – the Bible.

Bible provides us with the wisdom of salvation

The Bible not only reveals God's creation, it also speaks about God's will and how He loved the world. Although on the one hand men enjoyed God's creation, on the other hand they committed sins, denied and forsaken Him, yet He still loved them and sent His only begotten Son Jesus who became a scapegoat of men's sin and was crucified on the cross for all of us. On the third day Jesus resurrected from the dead, ascended and sat at the right side of God's throne. For those who believe in Him, their sins were pardoned because of the precious blood of Jesus, and they have the holy, almighty God as the Shepherd of their lives, their souls have everlasting salvation in the coming generation eternally. As the Bible says: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."* (John 3:16).

Dear friends, the kind and loving God has already revealed His salvation through the Bible and sent His beloved Son Jesus to become our

Savior. Please turn to Him with a humble heart, believe and open your mouth to accept Him as your Savior, so that you can have eternal life and fully experience His care in your life.

5. Jesus' wonderful salvation

“Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners”, yet many people have not heard about this message. Some may have heard about it but are still in doubt. Actually, the fact that Jesus came into the world is indisputable. Both the Bible and history have it in record. Almost all calendars in this world are based on the birth of Jesus. For example, the year 2005 A.D. was counted from the day Jesus was born. The much-celebrated Christmas is to remember the birth of Jesus.

Besides, the red-cross sign, which symbolizes the act of rescuing, derives from Jesus dying on the cross. He died on the cross for our sins. He shed His blood to save us from the punishment for our sins – that is the eternal perishing. So, the whole world uses red-cross to represent saving.

The common saying of ‘scapegoat’ also derives from the dying of the innocent Jesus in

sinners' place. Jesus received God's righteous trial in our place to save us from the trial of the holy, righteous God. However, although we are familiar with the red-cross sign and calendar, we do not come to know Jesus who loves us and sacrifices for us. The said sign and calendar used by different countries and races is the wonderful act of God. He wants all of us to know about the salvation He has prepared. Believe in Jesus Christ now and receive the eternal life!

Humans have all sinned

According to the Bible, "*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.*" (I Timothy 1:15) and "*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*" (Romans 3:23) Some people may argue that they have not killed anyone nor have they violated any laws, so they disagree to be called sinners. However, from the perspective of God, sin is not confined to the external act, but the inner motive as well.

For example, someone hates his enemy and always thinks about a way to trap, attack and even stab him with a knife, though he is too

timid for the acts. Such a man still appears to be a good man because he has not put his evil thoughts into action. However, in the eyes of God who knows our hearts, the man has sinned because his heart is filled with malice. As said in the Bible, *“But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”* (Matthew 5:28) and *“For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man unclean.”* (Mark 7:21-23)

Wherever there are men, there will be fights and hatred. There are always struggles and competitions among men, with the weak being the prey of the stronger ones. Even in families which are supposed to be filled with love and kindness, yet each family has its own trouble. Yes, there is something wrong in men!

Even the kindest man on earth dare not reveal his thoughts to others. If so, he will be too ashamed of himself. In front of the all-knowing God, who can be blameless? The Bible says, *“The heart is deceitful above all things, and*

beyond cure. Who can understand it? I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve." (Jeremiah 17:9-10)

Man cannot save himself

Perhaps, some may say, "I can make up my mind to turn a new way of life. I will triumph over the power of sin." To such persons, they do not understand man's real nature. "*I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.*" (Romans 7:18) Men can determine not to be greedy, but when tempted by money, he cannot control himself. Men may determine to have a clean heart, but his mind is filled with evil desires. As the saying goes, "If the caves are low, how dare we not bow our heads?" This explains why men's morality declines despite scientific advancement. The more corrupted men became, the more sophisticated the ways they will be using to commit sins. Oh! Men have gone wrong.

Jesus is the salvation

The Bible says, “*You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.*” and “*But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*” (Romans 5:6, 8) Oh, God’s love is so deep! When we were helpless and deep in sin, He sent His beloved son to receive trial for us. He was nailed on the cross for the sins we have committed in order to save us. Jesus becomes the scapegoat for all of us. He not only saves all those who believe in Him from perishing in Hell, which is a punishment for all sinners, but also enables them to triumph over sins and all kinds of tribulation in this life. In history, there were countless Christians who experienced the power of Jesus’ salvation which completely changed their lives. For example, one who got hooked on gambling would experience a new life triumph over gambling temptation after accepting Jesus as his Savior.

Dear friends, Jesus loves you. He understands your need more than anyone else. He wants to save you and pardon all the sins you

have committed in your life. God's eternal life will also be yours. If you repent and turn to Him sincerely, believe and accept Him to be your personal Savior, you will be saved and blessed in the present life and the life to come.

6. Jesus, the Savior

In the beginning when God created man, He gave man a spirit and man became a living soul. What differentiates man from animal is that man has the spirit and soul. In the world of animal, there is no religion. Animal will not seek God when facing crisis because they do not have spirit. Without the spirit, no one can understand the spiritual world. Man is different. In desperation and crisis, man by nature will seek for help from gods. This is why wherever there is man, religion exists. Man creates idols to suit his own needs, thus different kind of religions keep coming up. Who is the real God? What kind of religions does man create? Let us explore this issue objectively and humbly.

The leader of a religion is not God

When we look at the founder of each religion, we found that they are all man. Siddhartha Gautama, the founder of Buddhism, is one example. Siddhartha grew up in a palace.

When he was 29, he found life utterly meaningless, so he left his wife and children and became a monk, wandering everywhere to seek for the truth of life. Finally, under a bodhi tree he thought of some theories. He became a guru and founded Buddhism. And he died in his old age. He never proclaimed that he is God.

Similarly, all religious leaders are men only. They all cannot save themselves from death, sins or devil. Jesus is the real God, surpassing the realm of religion. He does not need to commit Himself to self-cultivation because He Himself is holy, righteous and love. The Bible says about Him, "*Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.*" (John 1:3) He does not need to seek for the Truth because He Himself is the Truth. He said, "*I am the way and the truth and the life.*" (John 14:6)

Men cannot save themselves

All religions in the world are connected with 'teaching', that is to teach people to be good. Only Christianity emphasizes on salvation. This is further confirmed by all founders of

religions who have called themselves 'teachers', but Jesus is our 'Savior'. Religions created by men cannot change human corrupted nature. On the contrary, the Salvation from God is what we all needed. We are all controlled by sin. If we read newspapers, it is easy to find selfishness, pride, hatred, deceit, malice, greed and hypocrisy in men. This explains why there are strife and struggles of all kinds wherever there is man. We cannot but sigh that there is something wrong in men!

Only Jesus is the Savior

Yes, men have gone wrong. We find that no matter how perfect a law system is, men will try every means to find the loopholes. So, what we need today is not the ability to distinguish the right from wrong, but the power to overcome evil. The Bible describes man in this way; "*I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature.*" (Romans 7:18) The all-knowing God understands our situation. When people were still committing sins, God sent His beloved son, Jesus, to the world. Jesus died for us on the cross and received the

judgments of God in our places. Because of Him, we can be freed from the anger and trial of God as well as the final punishment of eternal fire. Besides, through Jesus' resurrection, God gives us the eternal life that triumphs over death, Satan and sin. All those who believe in Jesus will not perish, but have eternal life.

Let me make an analogy. If a boy who does not know how to swim fell into the sea, and a teacher came and laughed at him, pointing out that he deserved it because of his disobedience; or another coach came by and immediately taught the boy how to swim (how could the boy learn to swim at that critical moment?); or a kind-hearted man came and jumped into the sea to save him, who was the boy's saver? The latter one of course.

Salvation is found in no one else

Dear friends, when people are suffering and in hopelessness, Jesus comes to seek for them, this includes you and me. Not through man or angel, the almighty God Himself becomes our Savior. Apart from this, there is no other salvation in the world. As said in the Bible,

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12) Jesus is man’s only Savior. He not only saves us from God’s trial in the future, He also is our Savior now in our life time. All believers can testify that we are freed from the clutches of Satan, death and sin, and we can overcome all hardship in life because of Him.

Now, Jesus wants to save you so that you can experience His boundless grace and love. What should you do to get this precious gift? You need not spend a dollar nor should you try to change yourself. You just need to turn to Jesus and pray. Admit that you are a sinner, believe and accept Jesus as your Savior. Salvation will then be yours and Jesus will live in you through the Spirit forever. What a blessing!

7. Are you born again?

About two thousand years ago, there was in Israel a ruler of the Jews called Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a knowledgeable person, well-respected and full of life experiences. One day, he secretly came to meet Jesus the Son of God at night, hoping that he could learn from Jesus the way of obtaining the everlasting life. Nicodemus had seen and heard about miracles performed by Jesus, including the lame could walk, the leprous cured, the blind could see, the deaf could hear, the dead resurrected as well as the powerful preaching of Jesus. Therefore he humbly sought Jesus. However, Jesus did not preach to him but pinpointed his needs, saying, *“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”* (John 3:3) The meaning of ‘see’ in the original text is ‘understand’. Therefore, the meaning of the above scripture is: if one is not born again, he cannot understand the things concerning the kingdom of God. ‘The kingdom of God’ refers to

heaven. 'Born again' refers to the created man receiving a new life, the life of God, apart from the physical life he has.

God's only begotten Son Jesus not only pinpointed the needs of that man, but also the needs of all the people in the world. Only when men are really born again and receive the life of God, will they be able to understand the kingdom of God. Otherwise it is impossible for the created men, using their own limited knowledge, to understand the almighty God, the Lord of creation.

The need to be born again

We all agree that only having life of the same kind can communicate with and know each other. Lifeless things cannot communicate with living creatures. For example, girls are fond of dolls, yet they cannot communicate with each other. Besides, living creatures can communicate with and get to know each other only if they possess the same kind of life. Men cannot communicate with plants and animals because their lives are different. Although you have a dog which can recognize you by

wagging its tail, yet it cannot chat with you, it will continue to wags its tail no matter when you are sad or happy. On the contrary, if one has a son, even if his son is not as intelligent as others, the son can still chat with his father and understand his heart because they have the same life.

It is impossible for us, as a created human, to fully understand the Lord of creation. As our lives are different from the life of God, how can we understand Him? Even the best scientists in their lifetime can only learn a small part of the laws of the nature created by God, not to mention knowing God Himself.

Having God's life can understand things concerning God

With careful observation over the years, I can see that a person's knowledge about Jesus will change completely after believing in Jesus. For example, there was a PhD research student who had originally many queries when he first heard about the gospel. He was full of doubts when he read the Bible. Each time we talked about the gospel, he would raise a lot of questions. Although I have provided answers,

next time when we met again, he would further raise even more new questions.

One day during our conversation, the Holy Spirit opened and touched his heart. He sincerely accepted Jesus as his Savior and received the life of God. Wonderful things happened thereafter. From then onward he greatly admired God's Word – the Bible, which he understood well. All queries seem to have vanished. Even he himself was surprised about this. How could a science researcher change completely after he accepted Jesus? This is because he has received God's life and therefore he could know about God.

How God imparts His life to us

In order to receive God's eternal life, the created men have to get rid of the obstacles between God and men – sins. Men's hearts are filled with selfishness, pride, jealousy, malice, craftiness, fraud, deceit, hatred, anger and all kinds of passions and desires which are so filthy and disgraceful. In such conditions, the holy and righteous God cannot live within us. Moreover, we also have to face the future

judgment. However, God is full of love, as the Bible says, *“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”* (Isaiah 53:6) This is how God loves us, when every one of us because of sins turned to his own way and away from God, facing God’s future judgment alone, God sent His beloved son Jesus to this world to be a scapegoat and died for our sins, bore the judgment of God for us, so that those who believed in Him could be saved from God’s judgment and shall not perish.

Apart from this, the salvation accomplished by Jesus on the cross also enabled His believers to overcome the power of sin. As Jesus says, *“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.”* (John 12:24) Jesus, like this grain of wheat, had fallen into the ground and died – symbolizes that He, as a man, came to the earth and was crucified on the cross for our sins and was buried. However, He rose from the dead on the third day, releasing His holy and victorious life, so that those who believe in Him shall avoid God’s

future judgment and the result of being thrown into the lake of fire. Moreover, they can now receive the life of God, become God's children, and can enjoy and experience Father God. How blessed! This is like a grain falls into the ground and continues to grow, and produces much grain. All those who truly repent, believe and accept Jesus are grain produced by Him.

Jesus says: *"Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."* (John 3:5) Water symbolizes repentance, meaning when a man truly turns to God, opens his mouth to pray, believes and accepts Jesus as Savior, God's Spirit – the Holy Spirit will enter into this man, imparts God's life to him. This is the meaning of being born again.

New life, new living

We know that every kind of life has its special characteristics. For example, birds fly in the air, fishes swim in the water, pigs love filthy environment and sheep are relatively cleaner..... Similarly, men's life is under the control of sin, just like pigs. Men incline to the

filth of sin. Therefore, God has to save men, through the salvation accomplished by His beloved son, to let all those who believe in Him receive new life which is God's holy and victorious life, so that men could have a new living. This is why so many people experience behavioral change after believing in Jesus: some had been addicted to gambling, yet they kicked off this bad habit after turning to the Lord; some had indulged in sexual immorality, yet they repented after believing in the Lord; some had been narrow-minded and loved to provoke others, after believing in Jesus they became peace maker, able to forgive and love others. I heard and witnessed numerous such testimonies in my many years of preaching experience. I confirm that: *"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."* (Acts 4:12) We have the life of God when we have Jesus, and we have a new living when we have the life of God.

Dear friends, this is what you need today! Please repent and turn to God, believe and accept Jesus as your personal Savior. You will immediately receive Lord Jesus as the Savior of

your life. Your sins will be forgiven and you will receive God's eternal life and experience all the blessings of being born again.

**Please follow the prayer below
loudly and sincerely:**

“Lord Jesus, I believe and accept you as my Savior. Please forgive all the sins that I have committed in my life. Please enter into my heart and impart your life and Holy Spirit to me. I entrust my whole life to you, pray in Jesus' name, Amen.”

If you have truly believed and accepted Jesus by following the above prayer, congratulations to you! God has already pardoned your sins because of Jesus. From now on you should pray to God daily, be close to Him in your soul and spirit. You will experience and enjoy Him more and more, and gradually live a new way of living. May God bless you!