

faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:7, 9)

If you see your need to trust Christ and be forgiven of your sin, you may call upon the Lord right now wherever you are. Many have done it, and so can you. If you sincerely pray a prayer like this from your heart, you can be forgiven and receive God's gift of eternal life:

Dear Lord God,

I confess that I am a sinner and worthy of death in hell. I need your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord who died for my sins in my place and rose again. Please cleanse me from all unrighteousness. I trust only in Jesus Christ to save me and take me to heaven. Help me now to live my life for you. In Jesus name, Amen.

If you have sincerely prayed this prayer, please sign your name and write the date below. Save this pamphlet as a reminder of the most important decision you have ever made.

You may also email or write to us to tell about your decision to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. We would love to hear from you to help you in your new relationship with Jesus!

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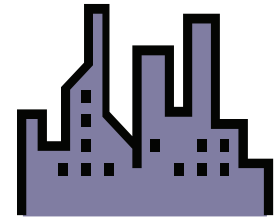
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Guilt is a reality we have all experienced. Some guilt is man-made, induced by cultural traditions or man made rules. Sometimes guilt arises when we fail to attain a goal set for ourselves.

But many times guilt is valid because of something genuinely wrong we have done. When we do something we know to be harmful, like steal, lie, commit adultery, or dishonor our parents, we experience guilty feelings. Because we are made in the image of God, we have a moral nature. God, the Great Lawgiver, has written his moral laws into our inner being. This is called our conscience. The conscience is what you and God know yourself to really be, even when no one else is looking at you. In our hearts we know there is a God who sees us when no one else does.

God is the one who defines what sin is. When we do something God has said not to do, or if we don't do something God has said to do, we feel guilty. This is sin against God and we must be forgiven by God. The Scripture is clear that *"there is not a just man upon earth that doeth good, and sinneth not"* (Ecclesiastes 7:20). God is the loving Creator and Judge of all the earth and desires fellowship with man. He is not willing that any should perish in hell forever (2 Peter 3:9). God is also holy and just and has declared that

the penalty for all sin is death. God must be true to His Word and punish all sin, and He must be true to His loving nature to make a way for man to fellowship with Him. In infinite wisdom, He planned a way to satisfy both His loving nature and holy nature by sending His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay the penalty of death that we owe to God. This shows His love! He also died to satisfy His holy hatred for sin. This satisfies His justice!

But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Isaiah 53:11

God offers forgiveness that is free, but it does not come to us cheaply. The very blood of God incarnate, the Lord Jesus Christ, had to be shed. We are not forgiven through any good work, church membership, or religious ceremony that we do. God provides forgiveness and eternal life as a free gift to any person who will call upon the name of the Lord Jesus:

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

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

Anyone who is willing to confess their sin and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, died on the cross and rose again can be forgiven. God does not discriminate. He loves the world and is the Creator of all the earth's nations and people groups.

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. ¹⁰For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. ¹²For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. ¹³For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:9-13

Dear Friend, sin has consequences. A lie may lead you to be fired from your job. Stealing may lead you to be arrested and sentenced to prison. Anger may lead you to abuse someone you love. Adultery may lead to disease that causes your body to be destroyed. But forgiveness is available.

The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin...If we confess our sins, he is