

The Holy Spirit confirms to you that what has been said in this pamphlet is true. You once were dead because of sin, but now you are alive **in Jesus Christ**. You're a new creation because you are united to Jesus Christ by His Holy Spirit living within you. Nobody can take this away from you. Jesus said, "I give them eternal life and they shall never perish. Neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father which gave them Me is greater than all, and no one is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand."

WHAT TO DO NOW

Continually thank your heavenly Father for sending His Son Jesus Christ to restore your soul to life and for sending the Holy Spirit to be in you forever. Thank Lord Jesus Christ always for paying for your sins with His blood and giving you eternal life. Read what Jesus Christ taught His disciples. This is found in the New Testament of the Bible. Read the Gospels according to Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Start at your own pace. Start by reading for as little as 5 minutes or one chapter a day--whatever is best for you. But start reading. Don't be afraid that you might not be smart enough to

read and understand the Bible. Jesus once said, "I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever, and revealing them to mere children." The Apostles were not college graduates. Yet Peter the fisherman recognized that Jesus of Nazareth was the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus said to Peter that His Father in heaven revealed this to him. Your heavenly Father loves you the same as He loves Peter. God's interested in your heart, not your background. God reveals Himself to any heart sincerely seeking Him and wanting to know Him better. Jesus also said, "The Holy Spirit Whom the Father would send in My name will teach you everything and shall remind you of all I have said to you." You too have received that same Holy Spirit. Trust Him. Before you start reading, ask your Father in heaven for wisdom, understanding and knowledge and then thank Him for giving these to you. He will give these to you because He wants you to know Him better as your heavenly Father.

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Please don't destroy this. Copy the address above and give this to someone else so that they too might accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and have eternal life in Him. Have your friends take the quiz too, just in case that they really don't know the right answer. Don't presume that they know. You might be surprised at the results.

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QUICK QUIZ FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN (ONE QUESTION WITH ANSWER)

INTRODUCTION

This pamphlet is for those who believe that there is a God who will judge us someday to determine whether we spend eternity in heaven with Him or in torment with the devil. This pamphlet is to give ideas for growth. You need not continue reading this if you already know everything. However, we believe that God has arranged for you to be reading this because He loves you so very much and He wants you to be with Him forever.

THE QUIZ

Why do you think you'll someday go to heaven? **STOP!!!** Don't read further for a minimum of 30 seconds. Tell yourself in that time why you'll go to heaven. Say it out loud so that you'll hear with your own ears. Listen to what you say. Your own words reveal your belief. Now tell yourself.

DISCUSSION

Many people will answer, "I'll go to heaven because I try to live a good life. I do unto

others as I would have them do unto me. I go to Church every Sunday, or at least on Christmas and Easter. I try my best to obey the Ten Commandments and all Church teachings, even though I don't always succeed."

Do you realize, however, that this would not get anyone to heaven? Think for a moment. If doing this got anyone to heaven, then Jesus Christ would not have had to come and die. He could have come, taught us and then left again. Do you get it? Somehow, the death of Jesus Christ has to be related to how we get to heaven. That's the point! Are you related to Jesus Christ, His death, burial and resurrection?

ANSWER TO THE QUIZ

Being related or united to Jesus Christ gets you to heaven. Trying to keep God's commandments without being united to Jesus Christ is **NOT ENOUGH** to get you to heaven. Otherwise, Jesus Christ need not have come and died. You will find, however, that once you are united to Him you will want to keep God's commandments more than you ever did before.

You might be thinking, "I know that. I believe in Jesus Christ, that He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man, that He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, that He suffered, died, and was buried, and that on the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures." Well why didn't you answer the question that way? Did you say, "I'm going to heaven because Jesus Christ died for my sins"? What you yourself answered is what you really believe will get you to heaven. Note something else. The devil "believes" those same things about Jesus Christ. They are facts which can't be denied. Yet the devil is not united to Jesus Christ and will not be in heaven with God. The devil will be in eternal torment. Similarly, you can "believe about" Jesus Christ, but not be united to and depending on Him and what He did to allow you to be with God forever. If this was the case, you would find out after you had died that like the devil, you would be eternally without God. Then it would be too late to change your destiny.

WHY YOU NEED TO BE UNITED TO JESUS CHRIST

Your soul is dead in God's eyes because like everyone else you have sinned. It doesn't matter what kind of sin or how many--just as it did to Adam and Eve, one sin puts up a wall between God and you. If you were to physically die, your soul would begin an eternal death sentence, unless it was restored to life before you had died. Only Jesus Christ can do this for you. He said,

"I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly." Jesus also said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me." Notice that Jesus said that He Himself is **the life**. Jesus Christ never sinned. Therefore, **His life** is totally acceptable in God's sight, as proved by God raising Him from the dead. Jesus Christ came as a man so that He could represent all of mankind, just as Adam did. That's why you need to be united to Him--so that you would be entitled to share all the benefits of His good standing in God's sight. It's like getting married and being entitled to share everything that your spouse has. Since Jesus Christ died on a cross as payment for sin, His death would pay for all of your sins. Since He was raised from the dead, your soul also would be restored to life. But you must be united to Him in order to share the benefits of His life.

JESUS CHRIST MUST BECOME YOUR LORD

You must accept Jesus Christ as **your** "Lord" in order to be united to Him. This means that you want to not sin anymore and to live with His help the way He wants you to live, trusting that He knows what's best for you. Imagine that you're trying to land an airplane and you run into a terrible thunderstorm. Your instruments have stopped working properly because of the storm's interference. They no longer can be trusted. You can, however, call the control tower by radio.

The controller gladly wants to guide you to a safe landing, but you must believe and do what the controller tells you in order to land the plane safely. Otherwise, you'd crash and die because of the blinding, downpour of rain. Similarly, you must place your life into the hands of Jesus Christ and allow Him to be your "Controller" (Lord). Don't be afraid to do this. Jesus Christ is worthy of your trust. He's proved this already by giving up His life so that you could have life. Will you now entrust yourself to Him?

IT'S YOUR CHOICE

You now have a choice to make: Become **united to Jesus Christ** and have eternal life **in Him**, or do nothing and be judged with sin when it is judged. However, if there was any other way of removing sin from you, then Jesus Christ certainly would not have had to come and die. The fact is, however, that there's no other satisfactory payment for sin but the death of Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself said that His blood was shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Recall **your answer** to the quiz. Did you answer something like, "Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. He died for me and I have eternal life in Him"? If your answer was not centered on Jesus Christ and what He's done for you, then you're actually depending on something else instead of Jesus Christ to get you to heaven. You now know the right answer if you didn't before. Choose

Jesus Christ to get you to heaven. You now know the right answer if you didn't before. Choose eternal life **in Jesus Christ**.

HOW TO BECOME UNITED TO JESUS CHRIST

It's simple. You probably know all about it, but you've never done it for yourself. Here's how to do it. Simply pray the following prayer, and mean it in your heart.

Dear God, I'm sorry for everything I've ever done wrong. I want to not sin any more. I choose to live with Your help as You want me to live. I believe that You sent Your Son Jesus Christ and that He died for my sins. I believe that You raised Him from the dead. I receive Your forgiveness of all of my sins because of what He did for me. Thank You for adopting me as Your child and becoming my heavenly Father.

Dear Jesus Christ, I come to You and I want to be united to You. I accept You as my Lord and Savior. I place my entire life into Your care. Thank You for dying for me and taking away all of my sins. Thank You for giving me eternal life. I want to not sin any more. I choose to live with Your help as You want me to live and as You teach me by the Holy Spirit. I receive the Holy Spirit within me right now. (Picture yourself drinking pure, sparkling, refreshing water from a heavenly well. "Drink in" the Holy Spirit so that you are not thirsty any-

more. Picture the Holy Spirit pouring out of you like a river overflowing its banks after a much needed heavy rain. Praise God and give Him thanks for what He's done for you. Let the Holy Spirit Who is now inside you help you to pray.)

OUTCOME

If you said the above prayer and really meant it, you became united to Jesus Christ. Because you accepted Him as your Lord, He gives you a share in all the benefits of His life, the greatest benefit being eternal life. Jesus said, "The sheep that belong to Me listen to My voice; I know them and they follow Me. I give them eternal life." You also received the Holy Spirit to be with you forever. The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Blessed Trinity, now actually dwells in you. As your Helper, the Holy Spirit gives you the power to stop sinning and to grow in Christian character. The Holy Spirit also gives you power to do what God wants done on this earth, thereby bringing God glory and helping others to receive eternal life in Jesus Christ.

As your Savior, Jesus Christ saved you from the punishment of sin. God counted Jesus Christ as your legal substitute when **you acknowledged** to God that Jesus Christ died for your sins. God now counts Jesus Christ as having taken your place and having borne the punishment of sin for you so that you will not have to bear it. Your sins have been paid for already by Jesus Christ. The

shed blood of Jesus Christ removes from your soul the stain of all sin--past, present, and future. Your soul is no longer dead in God's eyes because of sin. When God looks at you now, He sees you united to His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Since Jesus Christ died as your substitute and was raised from the dead, your soul also was raised from death to life. God has adopted you as His child because sin no longer separates you from Him.

Jesus Christ has been waiting for you to come to Him and receive eternal life. He would not force His life and His will on you. God gave you a free will and neither He nor Jesus Christ would violate it. You had to choose whether or not to give up sin, come to Jesus Christ, accept Him as your Lord and Savior, and receive eternal life **in Him**. It was your choice. Nobody else could do it for you.

BELIEVING VS. FEELING

You may or may not "feel" different than before you prayed. However, eternal life comes from Jesus Christ, not your feelings. He said, "I give them (My sheep) eternal life," and, "Whoever (that means you) comes to Me I shall not turn him away." Jesus Christ is not a liar. Continue to trust Him (not how you feel) for eternal life. What Jesus Christ has spoken comes to pass. He said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away."