

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT JESUS AND THE LIFE HE WANTS TO GIVE YOU?

Welcome to TEAM JESUS.

We're happy to share with you about Jesus and the life he wants for you.

Let's begin.

You are created by God in his image for the purpose of knowing, loving, and worshipping him. He already knows you, loves you, and desires to develop relationship with you.

Out of a heart of love, God created you for a purpose for this time in history. And he wants to reveal that purpose to you. In the process, he wants you to secure your eternal destiny in his Son.

But there's a problem. Something happened at the beginning of human history which disrupted, misdirected, and destroyed God's purpose for you. Yes, something went terribly wrong.

Instead of fulfilling their created design, the first human couple believed a lie: "We can get a better deal in life by living on our own terms without reference to our Creator". And they acted on that lie.

The consequences of their arrogant rebellion immediately cascaded into the world for the first time: sin, suffering, sickness, Evil, brokenness, and Death. Hideous things God never intended for any of us to experience.

The Bad News is that since that initial 'fall' from relationship with God, each of us in some way has personally embraced the same lie. Consequently, we too have become subject to sin, suffering, sickness, Evil, brokenness, and Death.

Again, these are hideous things God never intended for us to experience. Worst of all, we've forfeited intimate relationship with God for which we were designed, and we have become

slaves to Sin,

targets of Darkness, and

destined for Death and Judgment.

This 'fallen state' is our default setting. We were born into this matrix and we have each participated in this matrix because we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

To personalize this, let me say it this way: your sin has alienated you from your Creator and placed you under a death sentence. Despite your efforts to break free, at some point you'll discover that you are hopelessly enslaved to sin, suffering, Satan, judgment, and Death.

Your 'fallen life' is a bankrupt counterfeit of the life God intended for you. He created you in his own image so you might obey Him without resentment, serve Him with gladness, represent Him with authenticity, and enjoy Him fully. Now and forever.

But there is Hope. There is Good News. God has already taken action to rescue you from sin and Satan and suffering and judgment and Death. Long before you existed – long before you would be lost in your sin -- Father God sent His Son to suffer and die on the cross to make it possible for you to have life. True Life---Life in its fulness---Life now and Life forever.

Jesus of Nazareth came as Messiah to the Jews and as Savior for the world. He came to rescue you from sin and Satan and suffering and judgment and Death. He came to do for you what is impossible for you or anyone to do through personal effort.

On the cross Jesus paid for all sin for all times. Yours included. And if you belong to Him, He will forgive all your sins and set you free from their guilt-laden power.

On the cross Jesus was executed naked for the world to see in order to take your shame onto himself. He did this to break the life-sucking misery of your shame being nurtured by your past offenses and omissions.

On the cross Jesus crucified the authority of Satan. He did this to set you free from the crippling power of Satan to steal you---kill you---destroy you.

On the cross Jesus broke the curse of performance-based Law by replacing it with a Spirit-filled life of grace. He did this so you might enjoy freedom and peace.

On the cross Jesus defeated Death to deliver you from the fear and power of Death and to impart Eternal Life which exists only in him.

You were born into a broken world. And if you are like the rest of us, you have experienced some degree of brokenness. And like the rest of us, you have tried to deal with your brokenness in ways that haven't succeeded. Perhaps made things worse!

So the question is, "Have you arrived at the point in your life where you recognize your need for God's intervention? For God's forgiveness? For God's sovereignty? For God's life-giving Holy Spirit? For your reserved place within God's unique People?

Are you ready to trade your old life for the new life Jesus comes to give you?

Out of a heart of love with an intention of love, God created you to know Him, love Him, worship Him, obey Him, serve Him, represent Him, and enjoy Him---beginning now and lasting forever---and to be a part of his forever family.

Your life has been detoured, delayed, and damaged by 'the lie'. But God's intention for you has never changed. He still desires for you to know Him as he knows you. He still desires to reveal to you the purpose for which He created you for this time and place in history.

God---in his great love for you---has moved heaven and earth to save you from your sins and impart to you his precious gift of eternal life. He wants to make this happen. If that's what you want....

Call to him. He will hear you.

Confess to him your sins and your sinfulness. Confess to Him that you have stolen. You have coveted. Lied. Lusted. Misused His Name. Failed to live a holy, righteous life.

Confess candidly that you have self-sabotaged the life he has given you through pride, selfishness, stubbornness, carnality, and unholy desires.

Acknowledge unless He comes to save you, you are doomed to face Him on Judgment Day separated from His grace and forgiveness; you are rightly destined to spend eternity in Hell.

Confess you have tried to make life work without him. Confess that you have failed to make it work. Admit that you need him. Want him. Welcome him.

Ask Jesus to come into your life to wash away your sin. Wipe away your shame. Liberate you from your guilt. Transform you into a new creation. Give you a clean, new heart. Place his Holy Spirit within you. Fill you with the holiness and righteousness of Jesus. Draw you into close relationship with him. Give you eternal life.

Welcome Jesus fully into your life. Holding back nothing. Negotiating no more. Hesitating no longer. Going all in. Making it clear to Him that from this moment your desire is to forever love him, know him, worship him, obey him, serve him, represent him, and enjoy him.

Talk with him from your heart until you feel the transformation of new birth happening within you. (Check out John 3:1-21; 2 Corinthians 5:17-18; Titus 3:5-7; Galatians 6:15)

Then thank him!

Thank him for loving you. Thank him for forgiving you. Thank him for rescuing you from certain Judgment. Thank him for giving you a new life in his Son Jesus.

Thank him that that his Holy Spirit has come to live within you. Thank him that your old nature is gone and you have miraculously become a new, naturally-supernatural being.

Praise Him! Thank Him! Worship Him! Enjoy Him!

WHAT COMES NEXT?

GOD IS POURING OUT HIS LOVE ON YOU. RETURN THAT LOVE TO HIM AND TO OTHERS.

A man once asked Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Luke 10:25, 27

SHARE WHAT HAS JUST HAPPENED TO YOU. You've just had an intensely personal encounter with your Creator. But your transformation is not just a private matter. God has re-created you (in part) to share Him with others. Perhaps you will be the bridge others will cross to find new life in Christ Jesus. (John 4; especially verses 39-42)

People who already belong to Jesus will celebrate your new life in Christ Jesus with you. Those who don't yet belong to Jesus need to meet him as you have just met Him. Be humble. Be authentic. Don't worry about people's reactions. Simply share what God has done for you.

THE NEXT ACT OF OBEDIENCE IS WATER BAPTISM. As a new follower of Jesus you will want to be water baptized. Ask the Holy Spirit to connect you to believers who will gladly baptize you. This will be an outward testimony to what has happened within: you have died to your old life and Christ has raised you to new life in Him. Romans 6:3-4

PRAY THAT YOU WILL BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. Pray that the Spirit of Jesus will be released within you to empower you to share your new faith and to do the ministry of Jesus (Luke 4:18-19). Pray that he will release his spiritual gifts in and through you.

Luke 11:9-13;

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

START PRAYING. Start talking to Jesus. Then never stop talking to him! Talk to him like you talk to others. Talk to him about everything. Then listen. Listen for Jesus' response to your prayers as he speaks through his written Word, through the quiet voice of his Spirit, and through the wisdom of his People.

START READING YOUR BIBLE. Daily open it and read. You might begin with the Gospel of John and the other Gospels. Then work your way through Genesis and Acts. You will experience God's Word as it comes alive within you. The Holy Spirit will speak to you as you read. He will teach you. Correct you. Inspire you. Direct you. Becoming literate in the 66 books of the Bible is an amazing adventure!

FIND A HEALTHY GROUP OF BELIEVERS AND JOIN THEM. Ask the Holy Spirit to direct you to a fellowship of believers who will welcome you. The Christian faith is a team activity.

Study God's Word with them. Pray with them. Serve with them. Give with them. Love with them.

At any point in this process you would like to talk to a competent, caring person who can assist you further, click on the link below (English or Spanish) -- fill out your contact info -- you will be contacted by someone who will assist you.

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Blessings.