### WHY MUST I BE SAVED?

### Jesus Christ is God

God is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and these three are One (1 John 5:7). Jesus is the only way into heaven (John 10:9; John 14:6-7; Matthew 7:13-14). He is the only God; He is the Messiah, the Truth and the Life. The Bible is the Living Word of Jesus Christ (Hebrews 4:12). We are currently living in the end times of humanity, but GOD, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are in control.

### THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

(1 Corinthians 15:1-4; John 3:16-21; Romans 10:9-13)

First, the bad news: We are all born into sin.

Sin came into the world through one man, Adam, and death through sin (Romans 5:12-13). Because Adam sinned, all are born with sin and must be born again in Christ so that He may blot out our transgressions (Isaiah 43:25). If we die with sin, we suffer the punishment of eternal destruction (2 Thessalonians 1:9). If we do not repent (turn away from sin) and we die in sin, we will forever be separated from Jesus, and we will spend eternity in hell (Isaiah 59:2).

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:23). Jesus died for our sins and conquered death. He alone has the keys to hell and death (Revelation 1:18).

Now, the good news: Jesus died for our sins!

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God (John 3:16-18). If we believe and confess with our mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in our heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, then we shall be saved (Romans 10:9-10).

In this instance, confession means to take on the name of Jesus Christ as a bride when they are married, hence the importance of cherishing your relationship with Jesus Christ. For example, if we are married, we do not just say "I do," and that is the end of the relationship, on the contrary, it is just the beginning of a lifelong bond of love, growth and learning. God wants to have this bond of love with us and for it to be an eternal bond! That is why we have freewill. We can choose to follow Him and love Him or deny Him. As with every choice, there is always a consequence.

#### 1 Corinthians 1:18:

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

# Forgiveness

God is ready to forgive us however we must forgive those that hurt us in any way and even ourselves as well. If we do not forgive, then, God will not forgive (Matthew 6:14-15). To truly be with Christ, we must humble ourselves and come to Jesus Christ, to heal all wounds and to close off any footholds of the enemy. As difficult as it may seem, true healing begins with forgiveness as Jesus will heal you. Forgiveness is essential for your salvation as Jesus forgave all our sins by His Work at the Cross, so ask God to take away your pain and forgive. Don't let your pain/trauma control you. Give it to God and He will bring you true peace.

## To All Sinners, Repeat This Prayer of Repentance & Salvation

Father God, in the name of Jesus, thank You for Your Son Jesus Christ who died on The Cross because of my sins and the sins of this world. I believe that Jesus Christ, The Holy God, came to earth, in the form of a man, lived, was crucified, hung on a cross, died and was buried, rose up on the third day and that same Jesus Christ was God in the flesh. I believe that Jesus Christ did all this for ME, and I accept Jesus Christ as MY Lord and Savior. I am confessing with MY own mouth, and I do believe in MY own heart that He truly is God. I confess MY sins to You, and You alone, and I am asking for Your forgiveness. I am repenting for all the wrong I have done and for dishonoring and disrespecting the Life and Death of MY Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I want to be a part of The Royal Kingdom of God. Please, forgive and accept me and be MY Lord and Savior, in Jesus Name, Amen.

If you have recited this prayer (or something just like this from your heart) then:

#### CONGRATULATIONS! WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

You have taken the first step into eternal life with Jesus our Lord!

# What does it mean to be Born Again?

Once you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior with a sincere, contrite heart, you are Born Again of the Spirit and dead to the old self (Romans 6:10-11). Born Again means that the sinful self has died with Jesus Christ at the cross and the new self, being Born Again, is alive in Christ through His Blessed Resurrection. You are now a new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17)!

# Once Saved Always Saved?

Being saved is an ongoing process. Do not believe anyone who tells you that once you are saved you are always saved as this is a lie from the enemy, satan. God wants us to continue to walk in His ways, to talk and pray to Him every day, read His Word, listen to His Word and continue to repent (turn to Him for forgiveness) when sin occurs. Repent 100 times a day for the same thing if you have too! Until you have overcome this sin. This is the definition of obedience: to obey His Word and His commandments (John 14:15). Jesus said, that the greatest of all Commandments are to love Him with all your soul, mind and strength and to love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:29-31).

Think of it like this, if you did something wrong to someone you love, would you not address it? Would you just move on? That is how resentment builds, and how communication breaks down, turning the love, you had for each other cold. The Lord Jesus Christ wants us to remain in a sanctified state by repenting, turning away from our sins and acknowledging our sins by asking God to correct us in His love. That is how we are perfected in Him, through repentance, despite our shortcomings. The totality of being Born Again is to see, then to enter, but you can't enter His Kingdom unless you are first Born Again to see the need to ask for and receive The Holy Spirit.

### Water Baptism

Now that you have heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ, repented from your sins, confessed Jesus Christ is Lord with your mouth, it is time to be water baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Baptism is an outward expression of belief in our Lord Jesus Christ and lets the world know that you are a believer in Jesus Christ. It also reminds us of the time we died to ourselves and arose to a new life with Him.

### Relationship vs Religion

God does not want **religion**; He wants a **RELATIONSHIP** with you! If the person you love never talked to you, would you still say you have a relationship? God feels the same way; He wants to hear from you! But how do we hear from God?

# Reading His Word to understand His Voice

By reading His Word, the Bible, we begin to understand God more, just like when we listen to someone we love, we understand their likes and dislikes. God outlines His Salvation Plan showing His love for us and guidelines on how to live, all through His Word. It is important to note that in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and this same Word became Flesh which is Jesus Christ! (John 1:1-5, 14).

Often, as a new Christian, it is hard to read and understand the Bible. That is ok! God has provided a Helper, the Holy Spirit, which is His Spirit, to reside within you.

# Do I have Holy Spirit?

Everyone comes to Jesus in their own way. Some heard the Gospel at a gas station, some of us were in prison, some of us were near death, some were struggling with addictions, some are coming out of the occult and still, Jesus met you where you were to offer you peace and true love to heal from these wounds.

Because of His Mercy, some of us receive the Holy Spirit as we confess Jesus is Lord when we are Born Again (Ephesians 1:13).

### 1 Corinthians 12:3

Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

And others may need prayer or need to pray to receive His holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-17) as they may have accepted Jesus into their life but did not know of the Holy Spirit. The important aspect in all of this is that you sincerely believe that Jesus is Lord in your heart and you have surrendered to His Will in your life.

# **Prayer to receive His Holy Spirit**

Father God, Lord Jesus Christ
Thank You, Jesus, for dying for our sins.
I believe that You died for our sins and rose 3 days later
Paying the ultimate price for our sins.
I surrender to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Father God, help me understand more of Your Ways and Your Word.

Lord, You say in Your Word that if we ask for anything in belief, we will receive it.

I am asking to receive Your Holy Spirit, so that I may pray in The Spirit and understand Your Word by having Your Holy Spirit within me to guide me and help me.

I receive Your Holy Spirit with joy and love. I also ask for my new prayer language that I don't understand, but You do. And You will give me the words to pray for myself and others.

Thank You, Jesus, for the gift of the Holy Spirit!

If you have said this prayer and believe in your heart (or something like this from your heart), **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOW WITH YOU!** 

# Fruit of the Spirit

#### Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

If you express these characteristics in your daily walk, it is a sign of the Holy Spirit moving in you.

# The Power of the Holy Spirit

Now that you have confessed that Jesus is Lord and received His Holy Spirit, how does the Holy Spirit help us? The Holy Spirit is the power of God living in Believers! Through the Holy Spirit, we can witness/share the Gospel with others, lay hands on the sick and they would recover, cast out demons in Jesus' Name and speak/pray in tongues. Praying in the Spirit/speaking in tongues is something that you do in private and is a language the Father understands, though you may not. Speaking in tongues recharges the Holy Spirit within you. There are studies that show praying in the Spirit activates parts of our brain that shows a message is being received, or that we are listening, despite the fact we are speaking in a tongue we may not understand, but Jesus does.

All who have His Spirit living in them are the Body of Christ/the Bride of Christ! And now, you will start to understand His story on a more intimate level.

## Gospel written in the stars

The gospel of Jesus Christ was written in the stars (the constellations are the signs for us and tell His story) they were created on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of creation (Genesis 1:14-19). This story is written for all to see (Romans 1:20). His gospel was written prior to sin entering the world; therefore, God knew all that was going to occur before it occurred. Astrology is a form of new age blasphemy, and the names of the signs have been changed by man due to man perverting the Word of God. Many civilizations, that have come and gone, have tried to manipulate the signs and constellations for their own personal gain to further control the narrative of our existence, but man cannot change the stars and their original purpose as created by God. This truth is revealed to those who seek, study and research His Word.

### **HOW DO WE KNOW IT IS THE END?**

Without doing an intensive study of the Bible, it is difficult to understand some of these next passages, but the Word of God is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction (2 Timothy 3:16), so if you study, this will make more sense with time. The Lord Jesus Christ spoke in parables, so that His sheep/His followers only understand Him (John 10:27; Matthew 13:10-17). We learn to understand His Word by praying with the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ to help us understand the Bible each time we read. The Bible is nourishment for your Spirit!

# The Fig Tree Prophecy

Israelites are the chosen people of God (Deuteronomy 7:6-8). God refers to Israel as the Fig Tree throughout the Bible (1 Kings 4:25; Jeremiah 24; Hosea 9:10).

#### Matthew 24:32-35

"Now learn this parable from the Fig Tree: When its branch has become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So, you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—even at the door! Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Words will by no means pass away.

What generation is Jesus referring to? He is referring to the final/terminal generation of the Israelites that returned to their country in 1948! Israel was birthed as a nation in one day (Isaiah 66:7-9). Just as when a fig tree is tender, when shooting forth its first leaves, the final generation of Israel began to flower **May 14th, 1948** when the Jews returned to their land that was given to them by God (Genesis 17:7-8).

Prior to 1948, the last time Israel was recognized as a nation was in 606 B.C. when they were taken away into Babylon (see Books of Ezekiel and Daniel). We must remember that when Jesus Christ was on earth, in the flesh, Israel was not recognized as a nation. The Roman empire was in control of the land at the time of Jesus. Israel is promised to the Jews by the Covenant the Lord made with Abraham (Genesis 17:7-8).

Israel becoming a nation again was the sign that Jesus said to look for when it comes to knowing that we are in the final days/season of the end times.

## How is a generation defined by God?

#### **Psalms 90:10**

The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

If we add 80 years to 1948, we get to the year 2028! Israel will remain 80 years old until their birthday on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2029; therefore, the Rapture, Tribulation, and the anti-christ along with the return of Jesus should occur before May 14<sup>th</sup> 2029! (Matthew 24:3-14).

The Israelites turned away from God; therefore, God turned to the Gentiles (anyone that is not Hebrew). Jesus Christ placed a pause on the punishment of the Jews which is for 70 weeks. The Jews have gone through 69 weeks of punishment, so far, for their disobedience to the Lord. That means there is still one final week left, the time known as Jacob's Trouble. This final week will occur over 7 years overlapping the final generation/Fig Tree prophecy (2028/2029). The possible return of Christ before Israel turns 80 and Jacob's Trouble—70<sup>th</sup> week—are two separate timelines that happen to overlap. This week must be completed, and Jesus should return prior to the end of 80 years to win the final battle for Israel as all the nations will be against Israel. The time of Judgment/Tribulation and the Rapture need to occur to take the Church (the Believers in Jesus Christ) out of the way, so that God can finish His plan with the Hebrews. The Hebrews are the *chosen people*; the Body of Christ/Bride of Christ/all who believe in Him are *the called* (Romans 8:28-30).

# What is the Rapture?

The Body of Christ/Bride of Christ is saved from the time of judgment by the Rapture. The Believers in Jesus Christ are taken away before the chaos of the world truly occurs, a time known as the Tribulation followed by the Great Tribulation. The Holy Spirit is the Restrainer, and He is the only reason why utter destruction has not occurred prior to the taking/snatching away, the Rapture, of the Believers in Jesus Christ.

The Rapture is defined in the following verses:

#### 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the Word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from Heaven with a shout, with a voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus, we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, comfort one another with these words.

This is why we are saved and even more reason to rejoice in all the persecution that may come! For Jesus is our Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13)!

When Jesus Christ mentions the Church, it is not a physical location, but the Body of Christ. All believers in Jesus Christ **ARE** the Church, not a building, but the body of Believers make up the Body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:12-14; Ephesians 5:22-24; Ephesians 5:25-27).

This "snatching away" of the Believers in Jesus Christ must occur first prior to the Tribulation occurring. So, when millions of people "suddenly disappear" after the trumpets sound, we can know that it was not "aliens (which are demons)," but God that has called the Holy Spirit home and all those who have the Holy Spirit within them—the Believers in Jesus Christ—to the wedding supper of the Lamb!

According to the Bible, God will do nothing without telling us first (Amos 3:7)! And He told us about the rapture! (Matthew 24:36-44, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).

We do not truly know what day Jesus is coming **nor do we live for one specific day**. We **live for Jesus Christ, daily**. He is our Lord. He died for us. He is in control. Let us live in His Word and follow His Ways to be found worthy to escape all that will come upon the earth (see book of Revelation).

Jesus tells us that we will know the signs of His arrival (Matthew 24; Luke 21). He did leave us clues in His Word to uncover and to seek them out as He commands us to watch for His return, or else He will come upon us as a thief in the night (Revelation 3:3).

### What are the signs to look for?

We can look at the state of the world and compare it to the Bible. The Bible tells us other signs to look for such as pestilences, war, famine, earthquakes in diverse places and lawlessness (Matthew 24). The love of many will grow cold as we draw closer to the end. We can also look at how easily the world can be controlled when we examine how 2020 was handled.

Israel entering a state of war with Hamas, Hezbollah, Syria, Lebanon and Iran is the first of many dominoes to fall. Russia and their Allies will eventually get involved and even America will turn on Israel, at some point soon. This war will lead to the Rapture, the Tribulation, a false time of peace, rise of the false Christ and inevitable return of Jesus Christ.

Despite all of this, know that God is in control!

# So, when should I get ready?

**TODAY!** Today is the day of **SALVATION** (2 Corinthians 6:2)! This letter is being written to you in 2025. Many Christians are anticipating the Rapture to occur in 2025 and if not, we live every day for the Lord Jesus Christ. We can still die at any moment and if you do not take your relationship with Christ seriously, you risk damnation for eternity, forever burning in hell, forever tormented and tortured beyond imagination, forever separated from the Lord, never knowing peace. With Christ, there is **ALWAYS** Hope. As long as you have breath, you have a chance to **REPENT** and turn to Jesus. If you are reading this letter, Jesus is drawing you near to Him!

Jesus loves you and wants you to know that He understands all your pain, discomforts, traumas and sorrows. The Lord heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds (Psalms 147:3). Isaiah 55:6 states, "Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near." Confess Jesus is Lord and accept Him as your Lord and Savior, **NOW!** 

That is why you must be saved! Life is not a game, and your Salvation vs damnation is a reality. God created all things including you and He has provided a way for you to enter Eternal life through the Death, Burial and Resurrection of His Son, but without Jesus, we are all on death row, awaiting eternal punishment. This is the reality of existence that many are afraid to speak of, but now you know, why you must be saved, because death is inevitable, but Eternal Life through Jesus Christ is available to you, **NOW**!

Stay encouraged! May this letter bless you in your walk with Jesus. Share the Gospel with your family, friends and people you meet in life. God bless you, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

# Where to Find Further Studies and Understanding

If you are looking for a church, or online resources to further your studies, please, take the time to check out:

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#### II Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.