

I AM
THE WAY,
AND
THE TRUTH,
AND
THE LIFE.

A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD


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There is a big question that haunts all of us: **"What happens when I die?"** However, a more important question that we should ask is this: **"When I die, will I spend eternity in Heaven with God?"**

Our relationship to Jesus Christ is central to the answer of that question. The good news is this – God wants you to know the answer. The Bible tells us in 1 John 5:13,

***"These things have I written unto you that believe
on the name of the Son of God; that ye
may know that ye have eternal life..."***

God wants you to know where you're going! Let's look at it

A person wearing a yellow beanie with a small label on the side. They have their right hand raised to their face, with fingers slightly curled, in a contemplative or distressed pose. The background is dark and out of focus.

Recognize Your Condition

My biggest mistake when I don't know my way is that I don't want to admit that I am lost! My wife calls this, "pride." In order to find the way to eternal life with God, I must admit I am lost in sin. Romans 5:12 teaches us that since Adam and Eve, the first man and woman on earth, a sin nature has been present in all people. Romans 3:23 says,

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

Sin is any act contrary to God's laws and commandments, and those sins that I have committed separate me from God. Whenever I have been lost, I have paid some type of penalty. I have been late to a special event and, on occasion, I have received a speeding ticket. Sin also has a penalty. Romans 6:23 says,

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

The "wage" or payment for our sin is spiritual death, and eternal separation from God.

Religion and Good Works are Not the Answer

Religions try to create their own ways to God. Their systems may seem logical, but they cannot bridge the gap created by our sin. Proverbs 14:12 says,

**“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but
the end thereof are the ways of death.”**

In other words, our thoughts and ways are not what matter. God's Word, the Bible, provides true answers of grace and forgiveness. In Ephesians 2:8–9 the Bible says,

**“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.”**

The Good News: Jesus Christ Provides the Way!

Even though we were lost and separated from God, He loved us, and because He is love, God sent His Son to die on the Cross and raise from the dead three days later.

John 3:16 explains

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, He became the payment for our sin. Now, we do not have to pay for our sin ourselves. By His grace, salvation is provided. In Romans 5:8, the Bible says,

“But God commendeth [meaning proved or demonstrated] his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Now Believe and Receive Christ!

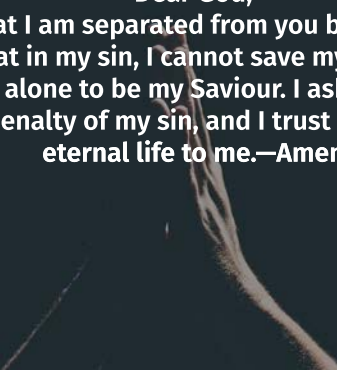
In order to have a relationship with God and an eternal home in Heaven, we must stop trusting ourselves, our works, and our religions, and place our full trust in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of our sin and eternal life. In Romans 10:13 the Bible says,

**“For whosoever shall call upon the name
of the Lord shall be saved.”**

That is a promise directly from God that if you will pray to Him, confess that you are a sinner, ask Him to forgive your sins, and turn to Him alone to be your Saviour; He promises to save you and give you the free gift of eternal life.

You can make that decision today by praying from your heart, something like this:

**Dear God,
I know that I am separated from you because of sin.
I confess that in my sin, I cannot save myself. Right now,
I turn to you alone to be my Saviour. I ask you to save me
from the penalty of my sin, and I trust you to provide
eternal life to me.—Amen**

A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's hand reaching upwards, palm facing up, in a gesture of prayer or supplication. The hand is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the frame, with the fingers slightly spread. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wall or a large piece of fabric, which adds to the solemn and intimate feel of the image.

You'll Never Regret This Decision!

If you have just trusted Christ, we would love to know about your decision and give you materials to help you learn more about this new relationship! Give us a call at 0800-843-929, email us at info@bridgewayhb.com, or visit bridgewayhb.com/contact/ and fill out the form so we may send you helps in the mail.

Whichever you choose, please let us know today!



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