




# JESUS SAVES

GOD'S PLAN FOR THE AGES



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A serene sunset or sunrise over the ocean with waves crashing on a sandy beach. The sky is a mix of soft orange, yellow, and blue, with a few wispy clouds. The water is a deep blue with white foam from the waves. The beach is visible in the foreground, with the waves washing onto the sand.

Do you know for sure that you will spend eternity  
with God in Heaven?

**You Can Know.**

This presentation is subtitled ***God's Plan for the Ages***, because God had a plan for humankind when He created the world, and He has a plan for your individual life.

Many people wander through life without accepting God's plan. Therefore, they miss out on God's loving direction in this life and forfeit eternal life with God in Heaven. Since God had a plan for this world, He found a means to reveal it to humankind. God has chosen to reveal His plan for the ages in His written word, the Bible.

## Why was the Bible written?

The Bible was written so that you may know that you have eternal life. The Bible says 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."***

The point of this gospel presentation is to share with you what the Bible has to say about eternal life. However, before we do, there is one more question to ask.

The Bible tells us that one day we will all stand before God. Just suppose that you were standing before God and He were to say to you, "Why should I allow you to live with Me in Heaven forever?"

Before you move on,  
please ponder the answer you would  
give to God.

A white gift box wrapped in white paper, tied with a large, elegant red ribbon bow. The ribbon is a deep red color and is wrapped around the box in a crisscross pattern, with the bow centered on top. The box is set against a dark, gradient background that transitions from a light grey at the top to a dark grey at the bottom. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the paper and the sheen of the ribbon.

**Eternal Life Is Offered To  
You As A Gift.**

You've watched the Olympic games on TV and have observed the marathon race. The best runners in the world compete in the race. They condition hard for many years just for the opportunity to represent their country in the Olympics. And yet, only one runner can come away with the coveted gold medal. That runner believes that he or she could not have earned that gold medal without years of hard work and training.

We are all conditioned to believe that nothing in life is free we must earn it! So, when we think of spiritual things, we apply this same logic:

***"If I'm going to live with God in Heaven forever, I will have to be the best person I can be in this life. When I stand before God, I can hand Him my gold medal of achievement, and certainly He will let me into Heaven."***


The Bible has something to say about attempting to reach Heaven through good deeds alone.

***"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Proverbs 14:12***

Working your way to Heaven seems right, but God says it leads to death. Again, this is not just a physical death, but eternal separation from God. The Bible also says:

***"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways' saith the Lord." Isaiah 55:8***



A man with a beard and short dark hair is smiling and looking towards the camera. He is wearing a dark t-shirt. He is in a crowd of people, with palm trees and buildings visible in the background. The image is dimly lit, with a dark blue and black color palette. The text "Let's look at the ways humanity tries to achieve Heaven." is overlaid in white, centered on the image.

Let's look at the ways humanity  
tries to achieve Heaven.

The image is a vertical split composition. The left half shows a man with a beard and dark hair, wearing a black t-shirt, smiling and holding hands with others in a crowd. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with palm trees and other people. The right half is dark, featuring a close-up of a wooden gavel resting on a wooden surface. The text 'Humanity's Way vs God's Way.' is centered across the middle of the image in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

**Humanity's Way  
vs  
God's Way.**

## Humanity's Way

Humanity attempts to achieve Heaven through religion, good works, morality, philosophy, and self-righteousness. Yet these ways all fall short of God's way.

The Bible says in Romans 3:23:

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

The Bible also says in Titus 3:5a:

***"Not by works of righteousness which we have done. . ."***

Getting to Heaven by good works is humanity's way, but now let's see . . .

## God's Way

We cannot save ourselves! The Bible points out that we all fall short of God's standard. Have you ever thought just how many times a day it is possible to sin?

Let's just suppose you sin only three times a day: once verbally by saying a wrong word, once mentally by thinking a wrong thought, and once physically by committing a wrong deed. Just three sins a day would be over a thousand sins a year. That would be over 70,000 sins in an average lifetime.

What if you were to stand before a judge in a court of law in your city with 70,000 crimes on your record?

**Would that judge let you go free?**

Would you expect the judge to be just and do what is right? Yes! You must not expect any less from God; for the Bible says in Genesis 18:25b:

***"Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"***

God, the Judge of all the earth, is right 100% of the time and we are all guilty before Him. The Bible tells us in Ecclesiastes 7:20:

***"For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not."***

God's Word further states that He (God)

***" . . . will by no means clear the guilty." Exodus 34:7***

No one has ever reached Heaven based on their performance in this life. It is clear from Scripture, that because of your sin, you cannot make it into Heaven on the basis of your good works.

So, how do you receive God's gift of  
eternal life in Heaven?

The answer lies in looking to God.



**God Is Loving And Merciful.**



**God will never stop loving you.**

He is a God of love, kindness and compassion. The Bible says,

***"I have loved thee with an everlasting love." Jeremiah 31:3***

God's mercy will endure forever. The Bible says in Psalm 107:1:

***"O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:  
for His mercy endureth for ever."***

If God were only a God of love and mercy, there would be no problem. God would have to let everyone into Heaven. The same Bible that tells us that God is loving and merciful, also tells us that. . .God is righteous and just.

**God has to do what is right.**

Referring to God's righteousness, the Bible says:

***"The Lord is righteous in all His ways,  
and holy in all His works." Psalm 145:17***

Righteousness is a separation from all that is evil unto all that is good. Because God has to do right all the time. . . He will always be just in His actions.


The Bible says in Zephaniah 3 verse 5a:

***"The just Lord is in the midst thereof:  
He will not do iniquity [sin]. . ."***

Tell me, if God were only righteous and just, where would that leave you?

So, how can God be loving and merciful, and not want to punish you, and yet, at the same time be righteous and just and deal effectively with your sins? God has answered this question very clearly in Jesus Christ.

**God's answer is Jesus Christ.**



**Jesus Is God.**

## **Jesus is the Living Word of God.**

The Bible presents Jesus Christ as a great teacher and miracle worker with great love and com-*passion*, but beyond this, the Bible also says,

***"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word was made flesh [Jesus Christ is the Living Word made flesh] and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." John 1:1,14***

There was a man named Thomas. He said,

***" . . . Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe."*** John 20:25

When Jesus appeared to Thomas and showed him the nail prints in His hands and the wound in His side, Thomas knelt at Jesus' feet and said unto Him,

***" . . . My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed. . ."***

**John 20:28b-29a**

Jesus accepted Thomas' worship of Him as God, because He is God. Jesus continued by saying,

***" . . . blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."*** John 20:29b

Do you believe that Jesus is God? Read on . . .

**Jesus created all things.**

The Bible also says:

***"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:"*** Colossians 1:16

As God, Jesus created the universe for His pleasure and glory.

**Jesus is without sin.**

Jesus lived a sinless life while He walked on this earth. The Bible says in 1 John 3:5b:

***"In Him is no sin. . ."***

The Bible tells us that Jesus gave the world its most noble teaching and performed the greatest miracles, and then. . .

At the end of Jesus' earthly life,  
He went to the cross.



**God's Way Is Through  
The Cross.**



## **Christ bore our sins on the cross.**

In ancient times the cross was used to execute people. Let's explain the significance of Jesus dying on the cross this way:

Imagine your open hand holding the sum total of all your sins — past, present, and future. Your hand would hold the weight of around 70,000 sins — and that would be an absolute minimum! However, you would also need to include the sins of the whole world — from the beginning of time until the end of time. I believe you would agree — this would be an infinite number of sins. Within most people is a desire to live with God in Heaven forever, and hopefully, you have this longing. Now think of your hand and the heaviness of the sins you hold — this separates you from God.

Now, picture God placing all of these sins on Jesus. The Bible tells us that God took your sins and the sins of the whole world and placed them all on Jesus the day He died on the cross. As you read the following verses, think of the sins of your whole life being placed on Jesus:

***"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by Whose stripes ye were healed." 1 Peter 2:24***

***"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way: and the Lord hath laid on Him [Jesus] the iniquity [sins] of us all." Isaiah 53:6***

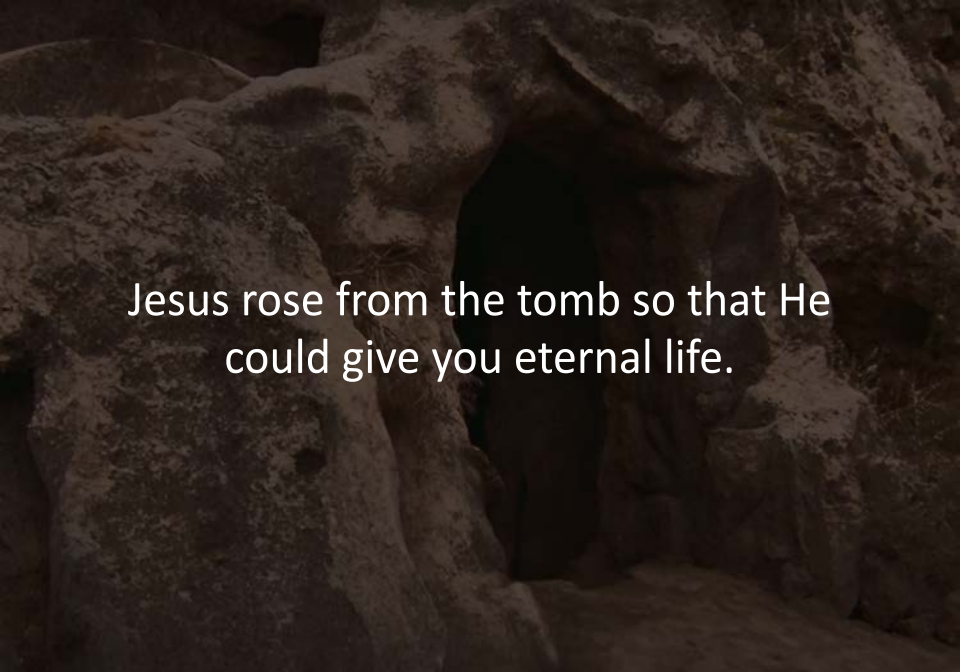
**Jesus paid the debt for our sins on the cross.**

When Jesus said, "*It is finished*" (John 19:30), He was saying,

***"I have paid the debt of sin for the world."***

Now you don't have to pay a debt for your sins, because Jesus paid it! Jesus purchased, with His own blood, a place in Heaven for you, and all those who believe in Him.

He not only purchased this place for you in Heaven, but...



Jesus rose from the tomb so that He  
could give you eternal life.



**Saving Faith Is The Key.**

## Jesus gives eternal life with God in Heaven.

Jesus said in John 10:28,

***"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand."***

Only Someone who has life could give us eternal life. Jesus also said in John 5:24,

***"Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."***

Those who reject Christ are condemned to eternal death in Hell, but those who accept Christ are given eternal life with God in Heaven. Eternal life must be received by saving faith at a point in time between birth and death...

**Saving faith is the only key that will ever  
unlock the door to Heaven.**

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."*** Ephesians 2:8,9

If anyone could make it into Heaven with their gold medal of achievement, they would certainly boast about it.


What is saving faith?

Saving faith is simply transferring your complete trust from yourself and what you have been trusting in, and trusting Jesus Christ alone, plus or minus nothing, for eternal life.

Jesus Christ didn't leave Heaven, come to earth, and suffer the agony of death on the cross, just to get you through life on earth. Jesus did all those things so that He could take you to Heaven when this life is over.



Are you willing to say from your heart  
that you want eternal life?



**Are You Willing?**

**Jesus wants to guide and lead in your life.**

Are you willing to ...

- Transfer your trust from yourself to Jesus Christ alone for eternal life?
- Believe that Jesus took your place and paid for all your sins on the cross?
- Repent of your sins and follow Him?
- Receive God's gift of eternal life?
- Ask Jesus to be the Lord and Saviour of your life?

Are you willing to let Him? Are you willing to pray to God?

**God will hear your prayer!**

The Bible says in Romans,

***"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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:9,10***

***"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13***

Just pray this simple prayer, believing it in your heart:

*“Lord Jesus, I now transfer my trust from myself and the things in which I have been trusting, and I place my trust entirely in You. Forgive me for all my sins. I repent and turn away from my sins and will follow You. I now receive Your gift of eternal life. Jesus, be the Lord and Saviour of my life, in Your name I pray, Amen.”*

Did you pray, and by faith accept God's  
free gift of eternal life?

# Your New Life In Christ.



## **Congratulations!**

You are to be congratulated for receiving Jesus Christ as your Saviour. The Christian life, by far, is the most joy-filled life that any person could ever live. This life is so exciting that the Bible says,

***" . . . there is joy in the presence of the angels of God..."***

**Luke 15:10**

It was by faith that you accepted God's free gift of eternal life; and now, by faith, you must believe that God will do all that He said He would do. You can base your eternal life on three important truths...



## God cannot lie.

The Apostle Paul said in Titus 1:2:

*"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began."*

It is impossible for God to lie. So, if God makes a promise it will come to pass!

## God's Word is sure.

The Apostle John described God's sure Word when he wrote:

***"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, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."***

**I John 5:13**

The last important truth to understand is....

## God's Word never changes.

The Apostle Peter wrote:

***"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." 1 Peter 1:23***

In a world of constant change, it is reassuring to know that one thing never changes. God's Word, the Bible, has stood the test of time and has come through unchanged.

As you continue your walk as a new believer in Christ, you need to associate yourself with a community of believers just like you. God calls these communities churches. In the local church you will find other followers of Jesus Christ who will pray for you and guide you as you learn to live for Jesus with all your heart.

Contact the person or church that  
shared this with you.

## 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](mailto:info@bridgewayhb.com), or visit [bridgewayhb.com/contact/](http://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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