

# TRUE LIFE

TWO WAYS TO LIVE



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## **1. The biggest question in life**

In this life, people live for different purposes. Some live for money, for fame, or for pleasure. But what about you? For what purpose are you living? Maybe you're just seeking to have a nice life, get a good house, and have a nice car. But does life consist in an abundance of possessions? Do these things really satisfy you? Jesus said, "What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and yet forfeits his soul?" In other words, in this world, if you gain a nice life, if you have a good job, and a happy family, but you don't have peace with God and your sins are not forgiven, in the end, what will you gain? Nothing.

So to find the way to true life, we must consider our lives in light of God and eternity. But this can be hard to do when days quickly come and

go and our lives are filled with many problems and burdens that demand our attention. What problems are you facing? Do you feel alone and hopeless? Maybe your heart is broken because of pain in your life and you're trying to find healing?

My friend, nothing in this world can offer true peace and rest for our burdened souls. But Jesus came to bring good news of great hope to all who are weary and burdened. Jesus gives you hope. Jesus said, "come to me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." We all carry the burden of our broken lives and the guilt of our sin. But God loves us and is not far from us. He sent Jesus to give us rest and to remove the shame and guilt of our sin. God's love for you is seen through Jesus. Through Jesus, we can find peace with God and gain eternal life. Through Jesus, we can find true purpose in life. Through Jesus we can have hope as we face our burdens and sins.

This short booklet describes the good news of Jesus according to the Bible. This good news of Jesus is for you. Please take a few minutes and read this booklet to answer your biggest question in life, “how can I find rest for my soul, peace with God, and the hope of eternal life?”



## **2. God - The loving ruler and creator**

The Bible says:

*You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.*

*Revelation 4:11*

The Bible tells us that there is only one God. He created the heavens and the earth by his powerful word. He is the Lord and king of everything that exists. He is a completely good God who is full of love and mercy, but he is also perfectly just.

God is the ruler of everything because he created everything. He deserves our honor and praise. He determines what is right and wrong. This is his world. He made it, and he is in charge of it.

God also made us. God created humanity, and gave us a special place in his good world. In the beginning, he created Adam and Eve and put them in the garden of Eden and blessed them. God created them to know him, praise him, and live with him forever. They were to honor and obey God and care for his world according to his commands and desires. In the beginning, Adam and Eve had a life of perfect peace with God and with one another in a perfect world. There was no sin. Everything was good.

### **Summary**

- God made the world.
- God is the ruler of the world.
- He made us know him, honor him, and have an eternal life of peace with him.

**This is how God created things to be. But it's obvious that this world and humanity are corrupted. What happened?**



### **3. Man's rebellion against God**

The Bible says...

*Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned*

*Romans 5:12*

All the evil and corruption that you see in your life and in this world are a result of sin. But how did sin come into the world? When God created the world, he put two special trees in the garden of Eden, the tree of life, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God commanded Adam and Eve to not eat of the tree of knowledge and good and evil. But Satan came to them in the garden in the form of a snake and deceived them. Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command. They rebelled against

God by deciding to live their own way, not God's way and the curse of sin came upon them. They were shamed and lost their peaceful relationship with God and one another. Because of their disobedience, sin and death entered the world.

The presence of sin in this world is clear. All people sin. Just look around, is anyone you know perfect? No. Even the prophets sinned. The Bible tells us that Noah was drunk and the holy writings tell us David committed adultery with Bathsheba and then afterwards he killed her husband. The Bible is right when it says that there is no one good, not even one.

And this includes you. You also have willingly rebelled against God. People try to manage their own lives according to their own desires, without giving importance to God, and what's the result? Broken families, corruption, war and broken hearts. All the injustice, evil deeds, and pain in our

lives and in this world is a result of our rejection of God and rejection of his rule in our lives.

Maybe you say, “I’m not that bad, I haven’t done any big sin.” Maybe compared to others you’re not that bad. But God doesn’t compare us to others. He judges us based on his perfect law and standard.

Also, God not only judges your actions, but he sees and accounts for the thoughts and intentions of your heart. Jesus said that even if you look at a woman lustfully, that you have committed adultery in your heart. Jesus also said that “For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person.” You see, your biggest problem in life is that you have a sinful heart.

Think about your own rebellion against God. Every evil thought. Your greed and lust. Have you

rebelled against God and broken his commands? The Bible says, “whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.” According to this verse, are you guilty or innocent before God? On the day of judgment, if the Holy God showed on a screen all the secret things you've done and every thought of your heart for him and all to see, would you be proud of yourself or ashamed?

### **Summary**

- We have all rebelled against God and sinned
- Sin comes from our hearts
- All of us are guilty, not good, and ashamed before God.

**What will God do about our rebellion against him? Will he simply overlook our sin because he's merciful?**



#### **4. God - The just judge**

The Bible says...

*God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.*

*Ecclesiastes 12:14*

Imagine if a man broke into the house of one of your family members and stole his money and his car. Then the thief was caught and brought before the judge, and the thief said, “I’m sorry, at least I didn’t kill them, please let me go.” What would you think if the judge let the man go free? You would feel anger, that justice has not been served. You would say that the judge is corrupt and unjust, right?

But what about God? When God sees our rebellion and sin, he doesn’t just look over it. No, because he’s just, good, and honorable, he holds us

accountable for our sin and gives the just sentence for sin. It matters to him when we dishonor him, and when we treat other people poorly. God won't let our rebellion go unpunished. He won't let our rebellion continue forever without judgment.

On the last day, we will all stand before God and give an account to him for our lives, for all our thoughts and the sins we have done. On that day, we can't hide or give an excuse for our sin.

Yes, God is merciful, but his mercy doesn't cancel his justice. The Bible warns us that God will punish sinners for their rebellion against him. Remember that God is a God of justice. In the time of Noah, he judged the world by a flood because of the evilness of people. The Bible says that God "will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his

might.” The ultimate punishment of God for our rebellion is hell, a place of eternal fire and suffering apart from the mercy of God.

Some think that God’s punishment of sinners on the day of judgment is a temporary punishment in order to pay the penalty of their sin so that afterwards he can bring them to heaven. But this is not true. After the day of judgment, people either go to heaven to remain forever, or to hell to remain forever. There is no third option.

This is a terrible thing, to fall under God’s judgment as a sinner. But this is what all people deserve because we’re all guilty of rebelling against God.

## Summary

- God is a just judge that must punish sinners.
- God's mercy doesn't mean he won't judge people.
- God's punishment for rebellion is eternal punishment in hell.

**This is hard to hear. It means that we are all in deep trouble. But the question is this: By doing enough good things, can we outweigh the bad we've done so that God will have mercy on us and forgive us?**



## 5. The law and our effort

The Bible says...

*Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.*

*Romans 3:20*

As we've seen, it's clear that everyone has rebelled against God and is deserving of God's judgment for their sin. But what do many people do to try to save themselves from God's judgment?

Think about yourself. If someone were to ask you, "On what basis do you hope that your sins will be forgiven and you'll go to heaven?" What would you say? Most people say, "I pray, I give to the poor, I fast, I haven't killed anyone or committed adultery." But this answer is like a thief who says to

a judge, “Be merciful to me, because I’m not that bad. I didn’t steal anything so big and valuable. I’m better than other people.”

But if the judge is just, he must punish sinners. God is also a just judge and you’ve broken his law. Therefore, you carry the consequences of your sin. Because of your sin, you are ashamed before God like a thief is ashamed before others.

Many people think that they can obtain favor from God and wipe away their sin and shame by doing the laws and commands he’s given. But is this really possible?

God gave his law to his people through the prophet Moses. Don’t kill, don’t steal, don’t commit adultery, love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself, etc. God’s law was good. But it was powerless to make people clean. Why? Because man can’t keep it. The law is like a burden on people’s backs because it demands that people

obey it fully, and if they don't, the result is curse and judgment. But no one can obey it fully. The Bible says, "For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.' Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God."

The law is like a mirror. A mirror can show you that you are dirty, but it has no power to clean you, the purpose of the law was to show us our sin. That was the purpose of God's law, not to make us clean, but to show us we are dirty with sin.

But through the law that God gave to Moses, God also showed grace to his people. God made a way for people's sin to be covered so they could live in peace with him. That way was through the sacrifice of animals. Year after year, God's people sacrificed animals on behalf of their sin, like an atonement of sin. But the blood of bulls and goats

could never take away the sin of man. The blood of animal sacrifices couldn't change their hearts. These sacrifices pointed to the truth that forgiveness of sin and peace with God comes, not by man's efforts, but by God's grace through sacrifice.

By our own efforts to keep God's law no one can be justified, because no one is able to keep the law perfectly. Our good works cannot cancel out bad works. Remember, our fundamental problem isn't that we just do bad things, it's that our hearts are sinful. We don't want to live under God's rule.

I have a question, "can you clean a coal of its blackness?" No! It's hopeless. In the same way, you can't clean yourself before God by your own efforts to obey his rules. It's like trying to wash coal.

But know this, God wants to use your inability to keep his law to show you that you need his help and grace. You need someone who is not a slave to sin, to save you from the curse of sin. You

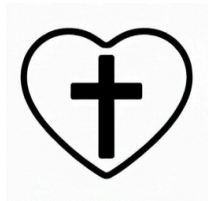
need a savior to change you and make you new. You need someone to remove the burden from your shoulders.

For example, if a child falls into a river and is about to drown, what does he need? Does he need someone to give him instructions about how to swim? No, that won't save him. He can't swim. He needs a man who can swim to jump in the river and save him. Like that child, we need a savior.

### **Summary**

- We cannot outweigh our bad works by our good works
- God's way of salvation is by his grace through sacrifice, not by our efforts
- We need a savior to save us from sin and God's judgment

**So who is the savior that can save us?**



## **6. Jesus - God's love for us**

The Bible says...

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:*

*While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

*Romans 5:8*

Even though we have rebelled against God, God loves us. God could have left us, but he's patient and merciful. From the very beginning, God planned to save sinners and make a special, holy people for himself. By his grace and mercy, he came near to us to reconcile us to himself, for we could not save ourselves.

God sent his own divine Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to save us. Jesus was fully God and fully man. Before the creation of the world, he existed with God, and he himself was God. 2000

years ago he came to this world and became a man. He was born of a virgin, to seek and to save the lost. An angel announced his birth and said he was coming to forgive his people of their sins. Also the angel said he was to be called Emmanuel, which means, “God with us.”

Jesus did many miracles showing his love, deity, and authority. He healed the lame, forgave sins, and raised the dead. Who has the power to raise the dead and forgive sins? Only God alone. Unlike us, Jesus never rebelled against God. He perfectly loved others, obeyed God's law, and was good. And who is good except God alone? Jesus was not a slave to sin like we are. Because he never sinned, he didn't deserve God's judgment, and he didn't deserve to die.

But Jesus didn't come to this world to just be an example of how to live. Jesus came with a special mission, to save people of all nations from the curse

of sin and by becoming a sacrifice for us. When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he said, “Behold the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” Although he had the power of God to heal the sick, raise the dead, and stop his crucifixion, Jesus willingly gave himself to be beaten and crucified. Why?

Jesus was himself, becoming the final perfect sacrifice on our behalf. The sacrifices of animals in the time of Moses pointed to the sacrifice of Jesus. The blood of lambs can't take away sins, but the blood of Christ can. The mercy of God is shown to us in Christ.

Because he loves us, Jesus took upon himself the judgment and punishment that we deserved. By dying on the cross in our place, he paid our debt of sin. Jesus died as a substitute for sinners like us. He didn't die for his own sins, for he didn't have any sin, but he died for our sins. Like a martyr who gives

his life to protect his family from attack, on the cross, Jesus gave his life and bore the wrath of God that we sinners deserve. He did this so that the wrath of God would not remain on those that believe in him as Lord. This is God's love for us, and we don't deserve it.

### **Summary**

- Because of his love, God sent his Son into the world: the man Jesus Christ.
- Jesus was perfect and did not deserve death.
- But Jesus took our punishment by dying in our place.

**But a question remains, did death conquer Jesus?  
Or did Jesus conquer death? Is our savior still  
dead?**



## **7. Jesus conquered sin and death**

The Bible says...

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*

*1 Peter 1:3*

If Jesus died, but he never rose from the grave, there would be no reason to believe he is Lord and Savior of the world. But the biggest miracle in all the world is that three days after Jesus died, God raised him from the dead. After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples and more than 500 others. His resurrection is the proof that Jesus is God and that God accepted Jesus' sacrifice as payment in full for our sins. By his

resurrection, Jesus broke the power of Satan and defeated sin and death. Forty days after his resurrection, he ascended into heaven where he now reigns with all authority as the king of heaven and earth.

One day, Jesus will return to earth and judge the living and the dead. But Jesus is not only the judge; he is also the savior from judgment. Because of his death in our place and his resurrection, he now offers forgiveness of sins and new life to all those who come to him in repentance and faith. He's done everything that needs to be done in order to save you from sin and return you to God.

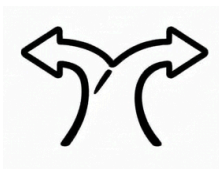
Because Jesus rose from the dead, if you believe in him as Lord and Savior, you have the hope and promise that when Jesus returns, you too will rise from the dead and live forever with Jesus as your King. Then there will be perfect peace forever.

No sin will remain, and God's people will live in perfect joy with him forever.

## **Summary**

- After his crucifixion, Jesus rose back to life.
- Jesus has conquered sin and death
- Jesus offers forgiveness and new life as a gift
- Jesus will return and raise his people to live with him forever

**The death and resurrection of Jesus doesn't mean that every person will be saved and receive forgiveness of their sin. Each person has a choice before them to go one of two ways. What are those two ways?**



## **8. Two ways to live**

The Bible says...

*Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.*

*John 3:36*

You have a choice now, two ways are before you. The first way to live is to continue in your rebellion against God. This means rejecting the truth that Jesus is the savior and king who gave his life as a sacrifice for your sin and rose from the dead. In this life, you may gain money, house, cars, and temporary happiness in this world, but what does it profit you if you gain the whole world and forfeit your soul? On this path, you are going towards hell. Also, you will face the troubles of life by yourself

and the consequences of your sin alone, and find no rest for your soul.

But the good news is that there is another way before you. If you turn to God in repentance and ask for forgiveness, and believe in Jesus as the resurrected son of God and savior, then everything changes.

Because of what Jesus has done for you, not because of what you do for God, you will find rest for your soul. Jesus will free you from slavery to sin and make you a beloved child of God. God takes away your shame and accepts you as his beloved child. You can be free from the fear of death and judgment, and be sure you'll be forgiven by God. You can be totally confident that when Jesus returns, you will be counted as righteous and accepted by God—not because you deserve to be, but because he's saved you.

For example, suppose you want to go to a big event of an important man, but you don't know the man, and you're not dressed in nice clothes. You stand outside the hall wanting to get in, but they don't allow you in. But imagine if the son of the manager of the event comes out and invites you in as his friend. Imagine if he gives you nice clothes and brings you into the event with him as your friend. Immediately, instead of being rejected, you become an honored guest that is accepted. This is what Jesus does for us before God. He unites us to himself, gives us his righteousness like new clothes, and brings us into the family of God as his friend, based on his honor and righteousness, not ours.

If you repent and believe in Christ, God will wipe the guilt of your sin away. He accepts Jesus' death as payment for your sinful rebellion, and freely and completely forgives you. He gives you his Spirit and heals your brokenness. In this new life that Jesus offers, Jesus will change your inner

person and give you a new heart that loves him. He will strengthen you to obey him and he'll give you a new purpose in life to live for his glory. Through Jesus you can experience the joy of a new relationship of peace with God.

But Jesus warns us that following him will also have a cost. One day Jesus was speaking to his disciples and he told them, "If they persecuted me, they will all also persecute you." It's likely that your family members may reject you and people will insult you if you follow Jesus. Jesus calls us to love him more than our family and friends. Jesus warned his followers, "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven." Also, Jesus said, "whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." Meaning you must be ready to bear the costs of following Jesus.

But despite these costs, it's worth it. When you become a follower of Jesus, he is always with you and he cares for you. This doesn't mean that we will get a good job, gain riches in the world, or get support to leave the country. No, Jesus doesn't promise wealth in this world. He doesn't promise that we won't face difficulties. But he does give us something of greater worth than gold, forgiveness of sin and the hope of eternal life. Jesus promises that he'll never leave us and that he'll give us the joy of knowing him. Jesus gave his life for us, will you give your life to follow him?

These are the only two ways. There is no third way. Jesus is the only way to heaven. Jesus says, "I am the way the truth and the life, no one comes to the father except through me."

## **Summary**

There are only two ways to live.

### 1. Your own way

- Reject Jesus as your king
- Live your own way
- Facing death and judgment

### 2. God's new way

- Submit to Jesus as your king and live for him
- Rely on Jesus' death and resurrection to be forgiven of sin
- Receive a new life that lasts forever

**So, which way do you want to live?**

If your answer to this question is “Which way would you like to live?” is “My own way,” then I plead with you, don’t ignore the message of the gospel. Read the Bible and see for yourself who Jesus is. Also, find a church and believers to spend time with and ask them questions. An evangelical church is open to people from all different religions to attend. Believers in Christ will be happy to discuss any questions you may have about faith.

**But if you decide to go God’s way and be a disciple of Jesus, what must you do? Where should you begin?**



## 9. What must I do to be saved?

The Bible says...

*Repent and believe the good news!*

*Mark 1:15*

Just knowing information about Jesus doesn't save you. We must respond to be saved. God calls you to come to Jesus to be saved. But how? Repent of your sin and believe in Christ as your savior and Lord. Faith and repentance cannot be separated from one another. We must have both to be saved. They are like two sides of the same coin, like two wings of a bird.

### **Repent**

Repentance is turning from your sin and submitting to Jesus as the savior and king of your

life. You must see and confess that your sin has separated you from God and that you can't clean or fix yourself. In remorse for your sin, you must humbly come to Jesus and seek his help to leave your sin and obey him. We repent by the power and help of God.

We don't have to fix our life by our own efforts before you can come to Jesus. No, carry all your sins to Jesus. He is merciful and ready to clean you and strengthen you to repent. Repentance is coming to Jesus, regretting our sin, and asking him to forgive you and for help and strength to leave our sin.

There will be all kinds of areas in your life that need to change. There will be old bad habits to get rid of like pride, greed, anger, selfishness, and so on. You will need, with God's help, to take on new attitudes and actions that honor God, like humility, generosity, kindness, love, and patience. Repenting

will have an effect on your relationship with others. You will need to forgive those that have wronged you and seek to live in peace with everyone. You will need to confess your sin to those you have wronged and ask forgiveness from them.

Because Jesus is the king of your life, repentance is an ongoing process in the life of a believer. Believing in Jesus as Lord doesn't mean that you will never sin again after you believe. No, you will still struggle with sin until the day that you die. But as you follow Jesus and grow as a believer, God will help you step by step to be far from sin and please him.

Ask yourself, which sins in your life do you need to repent of?

## **Faith**

Salvation is by God's grace, and you receive it through faith. To believe in Jesus is to confess that

he is Lord and Savior and to trust in his death and resurrection alone to forgive you of sin and reconcile you to God. As you live for God, you will fall into sin sometimes. We all do. You will need to keep believing in Jesus as the only basis for your forgiveness. You must never stop relying on him alone as the means by which you are forgiven and united to God in peace.

True faith will bear fruit in repentance and a changed life. Those that truly believe and are changed by Jesus will begin to show love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self control. Even though sin's presence continues in the life of a believer, it is no longer our master. If a person says they believe in Jesus to be forgiven of their sin, but they continue in sin without repenting, and they don't grow in obedience to Jesus, their faith is not real, it's dead. The sacrifice of Jesus is not permission to sin. Trusting in the sacrifice of Jesus

unites us to the living God who changes us to live for him.

## **Talk to God**

To express your faith and repentance to God, talk to him. You could pray something like this below. Saying these words doesn't make you a believer, but it simply is an example of how to pray and respond to God's gift of salvation.

*Dear God, I know that I am not worthy to be accepted by you. I don't deserve your gift of eternal life. I am guilty of sinning against you and ignoring you. I'm sorry, and I need your forgiveness.*

*Thank you for sending Jesus to die for me so that I may be forgiven. Thank you that he rose from the dead to give me a new life. Please forgive me and change me, so that I may live with Jesus as my Lord. Amen.*

If you have decided to repent of your sin and trust in Jesus as your Lord and Savior, then rejoice in your salvation. Know that God doesn't want you to live as a secret believer apart from other believers. God's children are spiritual brothers and sisters and called to live together as a family of God. Here are some things that you should do to affirm that your new faith is real and help you live as a follower of Jesus.



## **10. What's next?**

### **1. Connect with a church**

It's very important that you get connected to an evangelical church and gather with them regularly. A church is a gathering of believers that are committed to helping one another live for Christ. There are Kurdish speaking evangelical churches in Erbil, Slemani, and Dohuk that you can go to. They're open and will be happy to welcome you. The church will get to know you, affirm your faith and help you learn to walk with Christ.

I know that it may be scary and hard to trust other believers, but King Jesus commands you to be a friend to other believers and be connected with your spiritual brothers and sisters in a church.

Consider what will happen to a coal if it's removed from the other coals in the fire. Its warmth dies out. In the same way, a believer who is isolated from the church will grow cold. Know that you are not meant to live the Christian life alone. God has given you his other believers to be a new spiritual family to help you stay firm with Christ. Don't reject this gift of God to you, his church. Be connected to a church.

Sometimes believers who are scared to meet with a church say, "I can just stay at home with my Bible, read and worship God, and keep my belief to myself, I don't need to be connected to others." But this isn't right. The Bible doesn't allow this. The Bible says that "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew

5:14-16). Believers don't want to hide the light of Christ inside of them.

Also, Jesus said, "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." If you really love God, we must love the people of God. We can't separate loving God from loving God's people, the church. And how can you love the church if we make yourself far from the church?

Maybe you live in a small town, or your situation at home makes it difficult to find a church and attend it regularly. Don't be without hope and don't let that be a reason to not be connected to a church in another city. You can still be connected to a church even if you're not able to go every week. If there is no church in your town, attending a church in another city once every month or two is better than nothing. Even the people in the church can

come and visit you from time to time. God's people should not be alone.

## **2. Read the Bible**

The Bible is God's word. By reading the bible we hear the voice of God. The Holy Spirit helps us understand his word and apply it in our lives. God's word guides believers and protects them against sin. Make it a habit to read a part of the Bible each day to hear from God and grow with him. I would encourage you to start by reading the book of Luke. Speak with other believers about what you read. Other believers can help us understand the Bible and apply its commands.

## **3. Pray**

Prayer is simply speaking to God. It doesn't have to be with special words, in a special place, or at specific times. Believers should pour out their hearts to God and speak with him about all things

through prayer just like a child speaks to his father. As you pray, you should praise God for who he is, confess sin and ask forgiveness, ask him for wisdom and help in your life and in the lives of others, and thank him for the good gifts he gives you.

## 11. Other resources

Here are the links to other resources that will help you know more about the gospel of Jesus

This is the Bible



This is a film about Jesus



## **12. Scripture for further study**

If you have questions or want more explanation about some of the points of the gospel of Jesus that are described in this booklet. Below are some references to verses in the Bible that are connected with each chapter in this booklet. If you're a believer and you want to study the Bible with someone to help them learn about following Christ, these passages below are good places to start.

1. God - the loving ruler and creator
  - Genesis 1-2
  - 1 Chronicles 29:11-12

## 2. Our rebellion against God

- Genesis 3
- Mark 7:14-22
- Ephesians 2:1-3

## 3. God - the just judge

- Psalm 9:7-8
- 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10
- 2 Peter 3:3-7

## 4. The law and our effort

- Exodus 20:1-21
- Deuteronomy 30:15-20
- Romans 2:12-16
- Galatians 2:16-21 and 3:10-11
- Philippians 3:1-11

5. Jesus - God's love for us

- John 3:1-21
- Romans 3:21-26
- Romans 5:6-11

6. Jesus conquered sin and death

- Luke 24
- John 11:25-26
- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

7. Two ways

- Luke 18:9-14
- Luke 14:15-35

8. How to respond to be saved

- Luke 15:11-32
- Romans 10:9-13



What are you living for? For money? For a nice life? But what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and yet forfeits his soul? As you search for true life so your soul is not lost in the end, you can be weary and burdened. But there's hope. Jesus said, "Come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." This booklet describes the good news of Jesus according to the Bible. This gospel of Jesus is for you.

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