

The Way to Heaven

A happy and a holy place.

Revelation 21:1-5, 27

John 14:1-6

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Revelation 21:1-5, 27

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

John14:1-6

Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know. Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

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We are created by God. Genesis 1:27 God loves us. John 3:16, Romans 5:8

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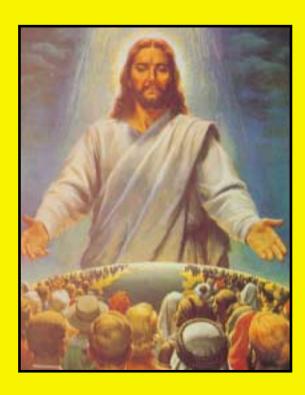
Such Great Love

For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Jonh 3:16

God wants us to enter Heaven

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, loves us



and gave Himself up for us, that he might redeem us from all evil. Ephesians 5:2; Titus 2:14
Salvation is found in no one else (other than Jesus), for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

All Have Sinned and come short of the glory (holiness) of God.

Roman 3:23

Sin is the breaking of God's Laws. 1 John 3:4 Sin separates us from a holy God. Isaiah 59:1-2



The Wages of sin is death;

but the GIFT of God is ETERNAL LIFE through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23, Hebrews 9:27

The punishment for sin is the lake of fire, the second death (Hell),

Revelation 21:8

a place of eternal suffering. Matthew 13:41-42

Jesus Christ died for our sins.

Man's Problem



a sinful heart

No sin can ever enter God's holy Heaven (Revelation 21:27). Through our own good works or by trying to be good we cannot take away even one sin. Isaiah 64:6

We <u>cannot save</u> ourselves. Titus 3:5, Ephesians 2:8-9

We need the ONLY Saviour of the world, Jesus Christ, to take away our sins and to bring us to God.

I Peter 3:18

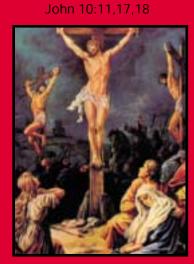
For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Crist Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men.

I Timothy 2:5-6

Jesus appeared to take away our sins. And in Him is no sin.

I John 3:5

Jesus willingly died to take the punishment for our sins.



We have sinned and should be punished for our own sins.

Because Jesus had no sin, He could take the punishment for our sins. II Corinthians 5:21

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit. I Peter 3:18

The Lord has laid on Him (Jesus) the sin of us all

Isaiah 53:6. I Peter 2:24

He was buried and on the third day He rose again from the dead. I Corinthians 15:3-4

Jesus came to life again



"Christ died for our sins... and He was buried, and He rose again the third day according to the scriptures. He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve, after that He was seen of above 500 brethren at once..."

I Corinthians 15:3-6

After Jesus rose again form the dead, He was seen over 10 different times by many people, and on the 40th day He went back into Heaven. Acts1:3

Jesus promised in John 14:3

"I will come again."

All who believe in Jesus, though they die physically, yet shall they live again forever, when Jesus comes again the second time. John 11:24-26. Hebrews 9:28

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God commands all men everywhere to REPENT!

Acts 17:30

Confess all your sins



Ask the Lord Jesus to cleanse your heart from all your sins with His precious blood.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (sin)." I John 1:9

"The blood of Jesus Christ God's Son cleanses us from all sin." I John 1:7b, Revelation 1:5

Without the pouring out of blood, there is no forgiveness for sins. Hebrews 9:22b



and forsake your sins

Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on Him; and to our God, for He will freely pardon. Isaiah 55:7

"He that conceals his sins shall not prosper; but whoever confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy. Proverbs 28:13

JESUS SAID:

"...except you repent, you will all likewise perish (go to Hell)." Luke13:3,5

REPENT MEANS:

- 1. Be sorry for your sins. IICor. 7:10
 - - 3. Turn to God. Isaiah 55:7
 - 4. Forsake your sins! Proverbs 28:13

Then

Your sins will be forgiven and your heart will be cleansed by the blood of Christ. I John 1:7,9



A clean heart

The BIBLE says that

God gives ETERNAL LIFE to those who repent toward God and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 20:21

Jesus knocks at the door of your heart. Jesus wants to come into your heart and life.

Revelation 3:20

Jesus knocks at our heart's door.



Jesus said, "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if any one hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him." Revelation 3:20

Invite Him

INVITE JESUS to come into your heart and control your life.

Sample Prayer

Lord God, forgive me for all of my sins and cleanse my heart from every sins. Lord Jesus come into my heart and control my life. Thank you.

Then Believe

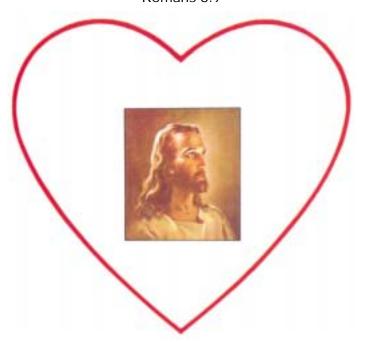
God's promise that He has forgiven you and cleansed your heart from all your sins (I John 1:9) and believe that His Spirit has come into your heart and life (Revelation 3:20).

God Promised, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5b

We Can Fully Trust all of God's promises, because it is IMPOSSIBLE for God to lie. Hebrews 6:18: Titus 1:2

If Jesus is invited to come into your heart, His Spirit immediately comes into your heart and you have eternal life.

Revelation 3:20; Romans 8:9



Whosoever RECEIVES the Lord Jesus becomes a Child of God, and has <u>ETERNAL LIFE</u>, because Eternal Life is in Jesus.

John 1:12-13; I John 5:11-13

Jesus said, EXCEPT a man be born again (of God's Spirit-a spiritual birth) he CANNOT enter the kingdom of God (Heaven).

John 3:3-8; John 4:24; (Hebrews 12:9)

Grow spiritually

II Peter 3:18



I Thessalonians 5:17

Read the Bible every day.
Colossians 3:16
Matthew 4:4
Hebrews 1:1-2
II Peter 1:20-21
II Timothy 3:16-17

II Corinthians 4:16

I Peter 2:2



Go to Church regularly. Hebrews 10:25

Live for Christ means:



Obey God's commandments through the help of the Holy Spirit. Be Baptized.
Matthew 28:18-20

Be filled with the Spirit. Ephesians 5:18



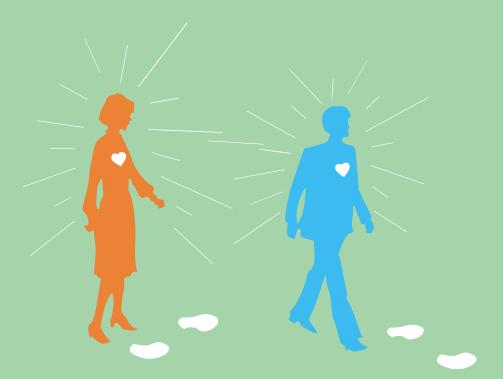
Tell others about Jesus. Acts 1:8

WALK IN THE LIGHT as God is in the LIGHT!

(live in daily fellowship with a holy God) I John 1:7

GOD IS LIGHT (holy), and in Him is no darkness (sin) at all. If we say that we have fellowship with God, and walk in darkness (live in sin), we lie and do not live by the Truth (God's Word).

I Jonh 1:5-7; I Peter 1:15-16



Sin ALWAYS breaks fellowship with a holy God. If we confess our sins and turn from sin, God will forgive us and the blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from ALL sin, then fellowship with a holy God is again restored. I John 1:5-7,9

How God helps us to walk in the LIGHT (to live a holy life). God gives us abundant grace through faith in Christ Jesus to help us to obey His commandments and to live a life that is pleasing to Him. It is IMPOSSIBLE to live a life pleasing to God through human effort.

Romans 5:1-2; II Corinthians 9:8; II Corinthians 12:9-10; Romans 6:14; Philippians 4:13.



1. Daily Life

We must have daily fellowship with a holy God through Bible reading, through prayer and by obeying the Truth of God's Word through the Spirit. I Peter 1:22

2. If

If we sin after we have received Jesus, we must immediately ask God to forgive us our sin and turn from that sin. Ask Him to help you not to do it again.

3. Also

We need to make right anything that is wrong between us and our fellow man, so that our fellowship with God is not hindered also.

Jesus said, I AM THE LIGHT of the world; whoever follows Me shall not walk in darkness (live in sin), but shall have the LIGHT of Life. John 8:12 Believe in the LIGHT (Jesus) that you may become Children of LIGHT. John 12:36

You are the LIGHT of the world! Matthew 5:14
Walk (live) as Children of LIGHT (God)! Ephesians 5:8

THE WAY TO HEAVEN

I. An overview of the booklet

- A. This booklet presents the Gospel through the use of 5 colors, each color represents a part of the Gospel.
- B. The outline is on page 3 this is for the use of the narrator.

Yellow strip - Represents Heaven and God's LOVE for us, P.4 & 5.

- Represents SIN and punishment, P. 6 & 7. **Black** strip

- Represents Christ's **DEATH** for our sins, and **Red** strip His resurrection P. 8 & 9, and the forgiveness of sins for those who confess and forsake their

sins. P. 10 & 11.

White strip - Represents cleaning and Eternal Life for those who

RECEIVE the Lord Jesus, P.12 & 13.

- Represents **GROWING** spiritually and living for Christ, **Green** strip P.14 & 15, and walking in the light through unbroken

fellowship with God and man, P.16 & 17.

- C. There is the opportunity of giving 3 reviews (after the Gospel has been presented, P.4 - 13), this is for the purpose of emphasizing the main points of the Gospel again, in order that the hearer might clearly understand the
 - 1. The first review the front cover
 - 2. The second review back cover
 - 3. The third review page 3: which also serves as the outline for the narrator of the booklet.

II. Directions for using The Way to Heaven booklet

Start by stating the title of the booklet, "The Way to Heaven" then turn to page 4 and give the message on that page.

- Page 6 & 7 State, "All have sinned, and the punishment for sin is the lake of fire, which is eternal suffering."
- Page 8 & 9 State "God does not want us to suffer. God sent Jesus to die for our sins. Jesus had no sin, we have sinned, we should be punished for our own sins, Jesus was willing to take the punishment for our sins." Then present Christ's death and resurrection.

Man's problem – A sinful heart. By trying to be as good as we can, and by trying to do as much good as we can for others, by being religious, and by going to church every week cannot take away even one sin. We cannot save ourselves by our own efforts, for this reason we need the Lord Jesus to save us from our sins.

Page 10 & 11 – If we want to go to Heaven, we must do what God commands us to do. we must repent. Jesus said that if we do not repent, we will perish (go to the lake of fire), Luke 13:3,5. To repent means to confess our sins, be willing to turn from every sin and to turn to God; then our sins will be forgiven and our hearts will be cleansed by the precious blood of Christ.

Page 12 & 13 – The Lord Jesus is knocking at the door of our hearts. He wants to come into our hearts and lives. If we invite the Lord Jesus to come into our hearts, His Spirit will immediately come into our lives and we will have Eternal Life, Revelation 3:20. I John 5:11. 12.

First review - Front cover: When Jesus has come into our hearts and our sins are forgiven, then when we leave this world we will enter Heaven. Between earth and Heaven we need the bridge of Salvation. God has opened the ONLY way for sinners to enter His holy Heaven by sending the Lord Jesus to die for our sins, to take our sins away. Salvation is the gift of God, it is not of works lest any men should boast, Ephesians 2:8. 9.

The two men (yellow) – Believe in Jesus and they confessed their sins and their sins are forgiven. They have received Jesus in their lives, they have eternal life and can cross the bridge of salvation and are on their way to Heaven, John 3:16.

The sinful man (gray) - Cannot bring his sins into Heaven. God's Heaven is holy, no sin can ever enter Heaven, Revelation 21:27. If the sinful man will believe in the Lord Jesus and confess his sins he will be saved and can cross the bridge of salvation and be on his way to Heaven, Acts 16:31. If the sinful man does not cross the bridge of salvation he will go to the lake of fire. Jesus said,"I am the **ONLY WAY** to the Father in Heaven, there is **NO OTHER WAY!**" John 14:6.

Second review – Back cover: Matthew 7:13. 14 tells us that there are ONLY two ways in life, the narrow way which leads to Heaven and the broad way which leads to the lake of fire. The people (gray) are all on the BROAD WAY to destruction (hell). We are ALL on the BROAD WAY which leads to destruction, because ALL have sinned, Romans 3:23; and the punishment for sin is death (the second death, the lake of fire, hell) Romans 6:23; Revelation 21:8. The two people (yellow) have chosen the NARROW WAY, they believe in the Lord Jesus and confessed their sins and their sins are forgiven, I John 1:9. These two people have invited the Lord Jesus to come into their hearts and they have Eternal Life and can enter through the narrow gate toward Heaven.

WILL YOU CHOOSE THE NARROW WAY? If the person says that they choose the narrow way, or if they do not answer the question, then say, "If we choose the narrow way, then we must talk with Jesus in prayer."

Turn to P.12 and read the "Sample Prayer", "Lord God, forgive me for all of my

sins and cleanse my heart from every sin. Lord Jesus come into my heart and control my life. Thank You."

Ask the person, "Does this express the desire of your heart?" If they say "yes", then ask them to pray to Jesus, asking Him to forgive their sins and asking Jesus to come into their heart. Ask them if they want to pray now. If they say "Yes", encourage them to pray their own prayer asking Jesus to forgive their sins and to come into their hearts, they can bow their heads and close their eyes. Romans 10:13.

As far as possible, have them pray their own prayer. If they need help, have them pray the "sample prayer" if this expresses the desire of their heart. After the person has prayed, ask them, "To whom did you pray just now?" If they don't know how to answer this question, they may not have understood the message you presented. Then you can use one of the review pages to explain the way of salvation again. It is very important for them to understand what they are doing, not just to follow you in a prayer. It is important for them to express to Jesus the desire of their heart in order to be saved, Romans 10:13.

If you ask the person what they prayed to Jesus, and their answer is that they asked Jesus to forgive their sins and they asked Jesus to come into their heart, then it is important for you to lead that person to the assurance of salvation. This can be done by asking, "Where is Jesus now, is He still standing at your heart knocking or has He come into your heart?" If they say that they don't know, then you need to ask them to read Revelation 3:20 again and again until they have the assurance from the Word of God that Jesus has come into their heart.

We need to make it clear to them that the Bible is the Word of Almighty God and we can fully believe it. It is impossible for God to lie, and He willl never deceive, Titus 1:2.

Concerning the forgiveness of sins, we must lead the person to have the assurance of the forgiveness of sins. Turn to the black heart on page 8 and the white heart on page 11 and ask them which one their heart is like now. If they point to the black one, then you must explain again about the forgiveness of sins which God gives to all those who confess their sins, turn to I John 1:9 and let them read it over and over again until they believe God's promise that their sins are forgiven because they confessed their sins and believe that Jesus died for their sins.

God promised – P.12: Hebrews 13:5b "I will never leave you nor forsake you." We need to assure the person of God's promise that Jesus will never leave us nor forsake us.

Page 14 & 15 – We GROW spiritually by reading the Bible every day. Begin with Matthew 1:18 and continue to read chapter by chapter. Do not skip around in your reading. When you have finished the New Testament, then go on to the Old Testament, beginning with Genesis. While reading from the Old Testament you should also be reading from the New Testament at the same time. You can read one chapter from the Old Testament and one chapter from the New Testament, and in this way read consecutively until you finish the whole Bible. Then read the bible over and over again.

We must pray each day with thanksgiving. As we wake up in the morning, ask God to keep us from sin and protect us from danger. Ask God to help us overcome our trials and to solve our problems and difficulties. We must pray for our unsaved friends and relatives that God will save them.

We must **go to church** regularly to worship God, to learn more about the Truth in the Bible and to have fellowship with fellow believers. To **LIVE FOR CHRIST** means to **obey God's commandments** through the help of the Holy Spirit. We must be baptized, Matthew 28:18-20. God commands us to be filled with the Spirit, Ephesians 5:18. We must **tell others** the Good News of Salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Page 16 & 17 — We must walk in the light as God is in the light by having unbroken fellowship with God and with our fellow man, I John 1:5-9. to walk in darkness means to be living in sin. When we confess our sins and turn from every sin, we are walking in the light.

Third review	- Page 3: At this point we can summarize the Truth we have
	been presenting:

Do not neglect to follow up the person you have led to Christ until they are established in the faith. You can follow them up by weekly contacts either personally, or by phone or by letter or by entrusting them to someone else to follow them up. May God bless you as you use The Way to Heaven booklet to lead many to Christ!

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