



# FAITH IS THE KEY.

What God asks is that you **believe** in the Lord Jesus Christ, **trusting** that His death on the cross paid for your sins. When you do that, you **receive** eternal life as a gift.

**The Bible** says:

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” **ROMANS 6:23**

You cannot get to heaven by trying to live up to God’s holiness. But God is offering to forgive all your sins and to give you eternal life, if you will receive His offer as a **free gift**.

Because none of us deserves such a gift as this, the Bible describes **God’s offer** as **grace**.

“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**

**We can do nothing but believe, and God gets all the credit!**

## CONSIDER AN ILLUSTRATION...

### IMAGINE THERE ARE 3 PEOPLE...

Each one responds to God in a **different way**.



The first person either doesn't believe God exists or has no interest in knowing God.

The second believes God exists, but depends on his own efforts or on religion to work his way to God.

The third realizes that she cannot work her way to God and **trusts in Christ alone to save her by grace.**

WHICH ONE REPRESENTS **YOUR LIFE?**

**THIS IS THE SECRET TO LIFE'S MEANING AND A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.**

## TAKING THE STEP OF FAITH.

You may wish to use the following prayer to express your wholehearted trust in **Jesus Christ as your Saviour**.

“Lord Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God who died on the cross for my sins and rose again. As of this moment, I am trusting in You — and You alone — as my Saviour and only way of salvation. Thank you for forgiving me and giving me the gift of eternal life. Help me become what You want me to be. Amen.”

This is the most important step you will ever take in life. **By trusting Christ as your Saviour**, you enter God’s family and become His child.

**The Bible** says:

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.” **JOHN 1:12**

**SINCE GOD CANNOT LIE, YOU CAN COUNT ON HIS PROMISE TO YOU!**



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# THE SECRET

to life's meaning



# WHAT IS THE SECRET TO LIFE'S MEANING?

Some people think that **the secret** to having a successful and meaningful life is found in...

- BEING RICH
- HAVING A GREAT JOB
- BEING WELL-EDUCATED
- HAVING POWER AND INFLUENCE
- DOING GREAT THINGS

These things aren't necessarily wrong, but they don't give us true meaning and lasting happiness.

## WHY?

Because the secret to life's meaning is found in **having a personal relationship with the God who created us.**

**THE BIBLE EXPLAINS HOW WE CAN KNOW GOD IN A PERSONAL WAY...**



## TRUTH 1

### GOD LOVES YOU.

God really does love you, and He has shown this in the **most dramatic way** possible by sending His own Son, Jesus Christ, to earth.

"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." **JOHN 3:16**

The eternal life God offers us is not only a life with Him forever, but also a rich and meaningful life now.

**Jesus Christ said:**

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." **John 10:10**

We don't have to keep living like we have been. Our future can be different. Jesus can change us and give us a life worth living.

**BUT FIRST WE MUST UNDERSTAND...**



## TRUTH 2

### WE ALL HAVE A SIN PROBLEM.

Because **God is holy** (without any sin), He cannot simply ignore our sin.

**The Bible says:**

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." **ROMANS 3:23**

### WHAT IS A SIN?

It's anything we do that falls short of God's standard of right and wrong.

It's not just "criminals" who are guilty of sinning... we all are! This keeps us from having a personal relationship with God. And just as there are consequences in life for breaking laws, there are also consequences for breaking God's laws.

**In fact, the Bible warns us:**

"For the wages of sin is death." **ROMANS 6:23**

The **wages** — the return or penalty for our sin — is death, that is, the experience of spiritual separation from God. Eventually there is physical death and then **separation from God for all eternity.**

**THANKFULLY, GOD HAS AN ANSWER FOR OUR SIN PROBLEM...**



## TRUTH 3

### GOD'S ANSWER IS THE CROSS.

God answer to our sin problem was to send Jesus Christ **to die for our sins** on the cross.

**The Bible says:**

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." **ROMANS 5:8**

This means Christ died in our place. Because the **penalty for our sins has been paid**, we can be forgiven. Afterwards Jesus was **resurrected** from the dead. This proves He is the Son of God and that His death was **sufficient** to pay for our sins.

**In the Bible we read...**

"that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4**

**WHAT THEN DOES GOD ASK US TO DO?**

