

THE TRUTH

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

God IS TRIUNE — three in one.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are all collectively ***ONE GOD.***

GOD is HOLY and HE created everything without sin.

Sin entered the world when Satan deceived Eve and then Adam, her husband, willfully sinned against God *BY* **breaking the one and *ONLY* rule** God had given them.

More on that later... what is important to understand *now* is that:

GOD IS HOLY. *AND* sin made US UNHOLY (*not Holy*)

AND US being UNHOLY SEPARATES US FROM GOD.

Because of our **separation** from God, we **needed more laws** to live by. So, God gave us ***10 Commandments***.

God hates sin. **God SAW** what sin **had done to His creation** and so He required **blood sacrifices** to show ***US*** the **seriousness of sin**.

But that was only a **temporary solution** for the sins of mankind (*and the **animal sacrifices** were required more than once each day*)

The ***penalty of sin is death***. And the continuous **animal blood** sacrifices were **never enough** to *permanently erase* the sins of mankind.

We needed a savior, and **God** already had a **plan to save us**.

Think of it this way...

- **Disobeying God's one rule** — not to eat the fruit of **one** specific tree — *but ALL OTHER TREES were OK to eat from* — breaking that **ONE** simple little rule **allowed sin to enter the world**.

When **SIN** entered the world,
it **grew...** A lot! **FAST!**

Cain, Adam and Eve's son,
MURDERED his **brother** Abel...

- ...Then people began **worshiping statues** made of wood or metal
WAIT! Really? **God created us,**
but we wanted to *bow down*
and **worship some THING** that
WE MADE.

But we **did not want** to
love and worship *or even*
accept our *one and only*
Creator **GOD** who is the **only**
one Worthy of Worship.

No wonder God became ANGRY!

- ...and violence was everywhere....
- ...Then **people** were **sacrificing their babies to the gods THEY MADE!**

Yes. Sin really *IS* that **serious!**

One *seemingly* **little sin** turned
into **MURDER** and now look at
the world!

Yes! Let us look at how that fits into our world today.

Worship is the **honor, reverence, and devotion given to a deity.**

So therefore, the **deity OR god BECOMES** what we **honor, respect,** and **give our devotion to.**

We *might think* we are *above* **worshiping idols** like they did *back* in the days of the Bible.

But now our gods are:

- ✓ **Music, Movie and Sports Idols**
- ✓ **Money**
- ✓ **Me, my-SELF, and I**
 - *It is all about Me.*
 - **My** Career / **My** Identity
 - **My** Hobby / **My** Pleasure
 - **My** life, **My** body, **ME** time!

SACRIFICING BABIES to the god of SELF!

Satan has *deceived* and enticed so many people to *push God away*.

And many people have **willingly forgotten God** *and all He has done for them* so that they CAN ***live happily*** in their *own pleasures*.

GOD IS RIGHTFULLY ANGRY!

But God's anger **has an end**. He will save anyone who *wants to be saved*. And then we have FOREVER to spend with our Loving God.

Our loving God who made a way to **end the horrors** of rape, murder, war, famine, baby killing and other ***things*** that are **only in our world because of SIN**.

And so, ***THANKFULLY*** God the Son, **who is Jesus Christ, willingly left His exalted place in heaven**

and was born to a virgin, lived a sinless life **so that He could be *THE* blood sacrifice** needed to ***ERASE*** our sins ***ONCE*** and **FOR ALL TIME**.

Jesus was nailed to a cross *and* died for ALL SIN— everyone's SIN.

Because Jesus was completely without sin, death could not hold Him.

Jesus *defeated* death and rose from the dead on the third day (and there are WRITTEN, **EYEWITNESS accounts** of the events surrounding HIS **LIFE, DEATH,** and **RESURRECTION** – *being raised from the dead*).

You *may* have always thought you were a **nice person**.

And you *may* have even spent your life doing nice things for other people.

Going to heaven has **nothing** to do with **what you have *OR* have not done**.

Which is a great thing too, otherwise we would all be DOOMED.

Thankfully, going to heaven is based *ONLY* on what JESUS did.

If you did not already know this, you *are* a sinner.

What? Me a sinner? But how?

Because you have, at some point, **told a lie**. And if you deny that, you are **lying** to yourself right now. What about **stealing**? Even something small. *Maybe, maybe not? Probably.*

What about *LOOKING* at someone with **jealousy, lust, or hate**?

These are sins and go against the

10 commandments that God gave us.

*10 Commandments **NOT** 10 Suggestions.*

Committing just ***one sin*** makes you a **sinner**.

Being a sinner makes ***you worthy of death, which is the wages of sin.***

BECAUSE ***one little sin*** leads to so much worse. ***And God made the rules.*** *More on that later....*

If you have to **pay the price** for your own **sinful actions** that means that you will be **separated from God *for eternity*** (which means DAMNED FOREVER with no end... ***EVER!***... in a REAL place called ***HELL***).

And anyone who does not accept the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross **WILL suffer that fate.**

Our thoughts on this...

For you, **it is free**. It costs you **nothing**. It cost Jesus ***His life!*** **AND** it is **self-righteous** **AND** **disgraceful** to turn down the sacrifice He made for us.

But it is a ***choice!*** And some people really will *choose HELL* rather than **humble themselves** and **accept Jesus** as their Lord and Savior. ***And THAT makes us sad.***

Keep in mind, **Jesus did not come to earth to save people who do not need to be saved.**

He did not come to save people who do not sin, (*there are not any people who do not sin, but still*)...

No matter what you have done, including everything on that **long** but not exhaustive **list** of **EVIL** things mentioned earlier, ***Jesus died to save you.***

All you have to do is **ask for and accept His forgiveness** to be **SAVED**.

For the **wages** of **sin** *IS* **death**,
 but the **gift** of **God** *IS* **eternal life** in
 Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 6:23NIV*

All of us who disappeared BEFORE
 God's wrath, **we were also lying**
 thieves (**and much worse**).

The difference is **we knew it**,
repented of our sins and trusted in the
 forgiveness Jesus offers to everyone.

repented means that we **AGREED**
 that **we are sinners** and we **AGREED**
 that breaking God's laws, which is
 committing sins, is deserving of death.
This is the first part of getting *saved*.

Getting saved is very easy.

THE **hardest part** for most people is
believing in God and **admitting** that
 you are a **sinner** *in need* of being saved
 from having to **pay** the price for your **sins**.

This guidebook gives more details
 about sin and God, but **this next**
part will tell you what you
need to know *to be saved*.

Considering your situation,
you do not want to wait.

As it is written: "**There is none righteous, no, not one; ...**"

Romans 3:10 NKJV

Once you **believe God is real**, that **Jesus Christ died for your sins** (and was raised from the dead 3 days later) **AND you admit that you are a sinner** needing to be saved, **the rest is a simple prayer.**

Jesus loves you. Jesus died for you because He loves you!
*He does not want you to **SUFFER for eternity.***

He wants you to **share the peace and joy** that only **He can give you**, and for you to spend eternity with Him.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him **MUST** believe that **He exists** and that **HE rewards** those who earnestly seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6 NIV