



The Hand
in the
Storm

Every day, storms generating thunder and lightning
are raging all around the world.

In a similar way, storms of life are raging in the hearts
of men and women all around the world – storms
of loneliness, inadequacy, a sense of failure, failed
relationships, financial crises, broken marriages,
incurable diseases, and even death!

*The loving and caring hand of God is always near,
no matter how furiously the storm
may be raging in your life.*

This gospel booklet is in your hand for a reason. The Lord Himself has caused circumstances to put this booklet into your hand. He knows you and understands what you are going through. As the Lord Jesus calmed the raging storm on the Sea of Galilee with three simple words – “Hush, be still” – He can also calm the most difficult storms raging in your life.

What is the first step in calming the storms raging in your life?

The Bible

The Bible is the Word of God, and is always true.

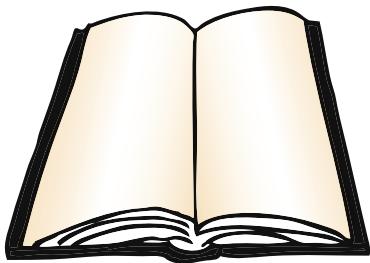
“All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness”
(2 Timothy 3:16).

Consider just a few facts about the Bible.

- It was written over a 1500-year period of time.
- More than 40 human authors contributed to its writing.
- It was written in 3 languages (Greek, Hebrew, and Aramaic).
- It was written on 3 continents.
- It addresses many controversial issues.
- It never contradicts itself on a single issue.

“For no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God” (2 Peter 1:21).

The Bible is always right, and when addressing the many storms of life it always gives us the truth, every time.



Have you ever wondered, “What is the truth about life after death, about eternal life, or about heaven?”

Eternal Life / Heaven

What is eternal life?

Eternal life not only lasts forever but it is of the highest quality here and now. Why? Because it is life connected to God.

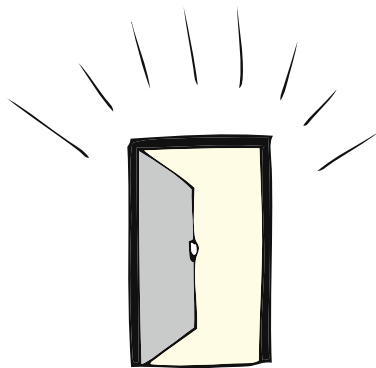
Jesus said, *“This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent”* (John 17:3).

The loving hand of God gives us Heaven, a place of eternal joy and blessing, and eternal life as a free gift!

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

Because Heaven belongs to God, He has established its entrance requirements: absolute holiness (or purity) in every area of life!

“Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14).



Can anyone be perfect in holiness, or perfect in purity of life? Absolutely not; we all have a major problem...

Sin: a problem faced by every man

What is sin?

Sin is anything that goes against the will of God in thought, word, or action.

The Bible says we are all sinners – every one of us!

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”
(Romans 3:23).

Many people feel they are good people; that they are doing their best to live by the 10 Commandments.

The Bible says that if you disobey a single commandment, only once, at any time during your entire life – it is the same as if you had disobeyed every commandment, every day, of your entire life.

“For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty all” (James 2:10).

We can either admit or deny our sin.

If we admit our sin, then we can receive God’s free forgiveness.

If we deny our sin, then we face the consequence of that decision...

Consequence / Judgment

The Bible says there is consequence for sin.

“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, ... It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Hebrews 10:30-31).

The loving hand of God is also just, and will severely punish sin.

“And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment” (Hebrews 9:27).

God created a place of eternal punishment and judgment: Hell.

“For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them to hell...” (2 Peter 2:4).

“So it will be at the end of the age; the angels will come forth and take out the wicked from among the righteous, and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (Matt. 13:49-50).

So how do you receive free forgiveness for your sins?

Jesus Christ / Savior

Who is Jesus Christ?

He is God in human flesh. He is unique in every way. He had no human father.

The virgin birth separates Jesus from every other man ever born.

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14). (Immanuel means God with us)

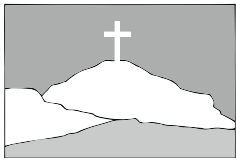
Jesus lived an absolutely perfect life – He was incapable of sinning, and never did!

Jesus is *“...One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin”* (Hebrews 4:15b).

How is Jesus the Savior?

Jesus accepted the wrath of God by taking upon Himself the punishment for the sins of every believer.

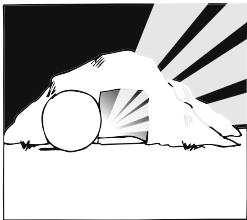
“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him”
(2 Corinthians 5:21).



God's punishment for sin is death. Jesus was nailed to a cross and crucified for the sins of every believer.

“And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him” (Luke 23:33).

Three days later,
Jesus rose
from the dead
and is alive today!



“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ proves to the world that He is no average man; He is God. Only God has power over death!

Only Jesus could pay the price for our sins and be our Savior.

Because He never sinned, only Jesus can remove your sins. No one else in history has ever been able to do that – no one!

Consider this: If you were soaking wet and wanted to dry off, would you reach for a wet towel or a dry towel? You would reach for a dry towel. Why? Because only a dry towel can change you from being a wet person to being a dry person; by removing the water from your body.

Jesus, the Savior, says of Himself:

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6).

So, what can you expect to happen when Jesus opens your heart?

Repentance and Forgiveness

What is repentance?

Repentance is a sincere desire to turn away from our sin. It is turning from sin to God. It does not make us perfect, but it puts us on the path to God.

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19).

“The Lord is not slow about His promise... not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

What is forgiveness?

Forgiveness means God has forgiven you your sins – all of them!

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9).

When we confess our sins God forgives every one we have ever committed! The result of having our sins forgiven is that we do not come under the judgment of God.

Jesus himself promised, *“He who believes in Me is not judged”* (John 3:18).

Therefore...

What must you do to be saved?

No amount of good deeds will cause you to be saved!

“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Christ Jesus... for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified” (Galatians. 2:16).

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9).



Repent of your sins, and believe (Saving Faith)

- Do you believe you are a sinner in the eyes of God?
(Romans 3:23)
- Do you believe you deserve God's punishment for your sins?
- Do you believe Jesus is God in human flesh? (John 1:14)
- Do you believe Jesus paid the price for your sins when He was crucified on the cross? (1 Corinthians 15: 3-6)
- Do you believe that you can be forgiven all your sins, past, present, and future, through faith in Jesus Christ?
- Do you believe Jesus died and rose from the dead three days later, like He said He would, and is alive today?
- Do you believe that Jesus is the only person able to save you from God's judgment and wrath in hell?
- Do you acknowledge Jesus as Lord and submit to His authority?

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

“He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him” (John 3:36).

“That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation” (Romans 10:9-10).



If Jesus has opened your heart to trust Him alone for your salvation, and to love and obey Him, you can pray a short prayer of thanksgiving, thanking Him for opening your heart to the truth found in the Bible; thanking Him for showing you your sin, and causing you to feel the guilt of it. Thank Him for showing you your need to confess and repent of your sin, and to turn and follow Jesus. Thank Him for giving you His free gift of eternal life.

So, by placing your faith in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation, how will your life be changed?

Saving Faith produces a Changed Life, Obedience and Action!

As a believer in the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, you are a new person in Him! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

The desire of your heart will be to know Jesus and His word – the Bible (Colossians 3:16). Begin by dedicating a few minutes every day to reading the Bible – start by reading the Gospel of John. Then, spend a few minutes every day in prayer. Prayer is talking to God. Share your thoughts, concerns, anxieties, and even your joy and happiness. He is always there, and always listens to your prayers (1 John 5: 14-15).

The desire of your heart will be to attend a Bible-teaching church (Hebrews 10: 24-25). Start looking for that church today! Search the web for a Bible-teaching church in your area; then plan to attend this coming Sunday. Call the pastor and tell him the Lord has opened your heart to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Ask him to meet you there and introduce you to other believers.

The desire of your heart will be to tell others that Jesus changed your life and has given you joy, fulfillment and peace (Matthew 28: 16-20). Always be ready to share with others how the Lord has changed your life. Your new life in Christ will be the loudest testimony to others about how Jesus has changed your heart and soul. You might want to keep a few of these gospel booklets in your pocket or your purse at all times to give to others.

This gospel booklet has been written to introduce you to the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Become familiar with the content of this booklet as it will build your confidence in sharing your new faith with others. Please feel free to share this gospel booklet with others, giving them the opportunity to also come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

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