



THE MISSING PEACE

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Psychiatrist
DR. PAUL TOURNIER
wrote

“Let us be the first to discover
what modern man is seeking.
He is thirsting for
God...everybody today is
searching for an answer to the
problem to which science
pays no attention, the problem
of destiny, the mystery of evil,
the question of death”.

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THE SEARCH OF THE CENTURIES

Modern man has many questions and very few answers.

Our lives are full of guilt, frustration, confusion
and uncertainty about death.

You have discovered a need in your life.

You have tried a thousand different ways,
but you have failed!

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE?

One of the world's finest comedians committed suicide whilst making a television series.

In an interview some years earlier he said:

"True happiness is impossible to obtain".

Happiness and satisfaction can be found in a personal relationship with God.

It is difficult to find on any continent of the world, men from any nation or tribe who have not, at some time, tried to reach God.

You may have followed various religions and cults and still have an aching void of loneliness and unhappiness inside.

Your search has been for the right Person - the one True God - but you have not found the right way.



WHERE DO I BEGIN

The God we are all looking for is Loving,
Pure, Just, Powerful, Eternal and above all Personal -
INTERESTED IN US.

Jesus Christ said He was that **GOD**, come to give us a dynamic new life, as a genuine alternative to the confusion and despair around us.

"I am the Way and the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father except through Me", Jesus said.

John 14 v 6

You have already proved the truth of Christ's statement.

You have been searching for God in your own way - without success.

All the while God has been searching for you - in Christ.

Jesus stated

"If you really knew Me, you would know My Father as well".

John 14 v 7

FACING THE FACTS

The facts concerning the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are more than sufficient for any one of us to trust our lives to Him with complete confidence.

As one man put it:

"For me Christianity was not a leap into the dark, but rather a leap into the light".

Jesus said

"I am the light".

John 8 v 12

Instead of coming to Christ alone to find God, you have relied on something else like:- attending church, being baptised, following a religion or trying to live a good life.

Doing these things is not the way to peace with God. It is rather asking God to do for you what you find impossible to do for yourself.

AMAZING GRACE!


"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast".

Ephesians 2 v 8&9



GOD is
Loving • Pure • Just
Powerful • Eternal

SIN



MAN is
Selfish • Guilty
Condemned • Weak
Going to die

People were created with God's character, but something tragic happened.

We rebelled against God and that rebellion caused us to be cut off from God.

Rebellion against God is called sin, it is a disease, and every one of us is infected with it. We have tried every means to regain our perfection, but the Bible says that we have all "*fallen short*". Sin is like a solid wall that separates us from God.

"But your iniquities have separated you from your God".

Isaiah 59 v 2

That is why God often seems miles away, and unreal to you, and you cannot get through to Him.

NEW LIVES FOR OLD!

Nothing less than a complete change of nature will make us acceptable to God.

That is just what God wants to do for each of us. He says,

"You must be born again".

John 3 v 7

God wants to give us a new life.

We long to start again with a clean sheet, God says that a revolutionary new life, with the past forgiven, can be ours.

Not to make the same mistakes over again, but by the power of his Holy Spirit within us, we can live the Christian life.

"Therefore, if anyone is in CHRIST, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come".

2 Corinthians 5 v 17

We will not become instantly perfect in our living, but we will become completely different as we follow Christ.



HOW CAN THIS LIFE BE YOURS?

The Bible says
"it is the gift of God!"

Ephesians 2 v 8

There is *nothing* to pay. You receive it in the same way as any other gift.

"That's too easy", you say, *"nothing is free, someone has to pay!"*.

God's plan to save you is no exception. Eternal life is offered free, but it cost God the highest price. It involved him coming to planet Earth as a man - Jesus Christ; living, teaching, healing, dying on the cross and coming back from the dead.

WHY DID CHRIST DIE?

A very well known hymn says;
*"We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains He had to bear
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there"*

No one knows how terrible it was for Jesus Christ to die as our substitute.

The Bible describes the event like this:-

*"He Himself bore our sins
in His body on the tree".*

1 Peter 2 v 24

*"The Lord has laid on Him
the iniquity of us all".*

Isaiah 53 v 6

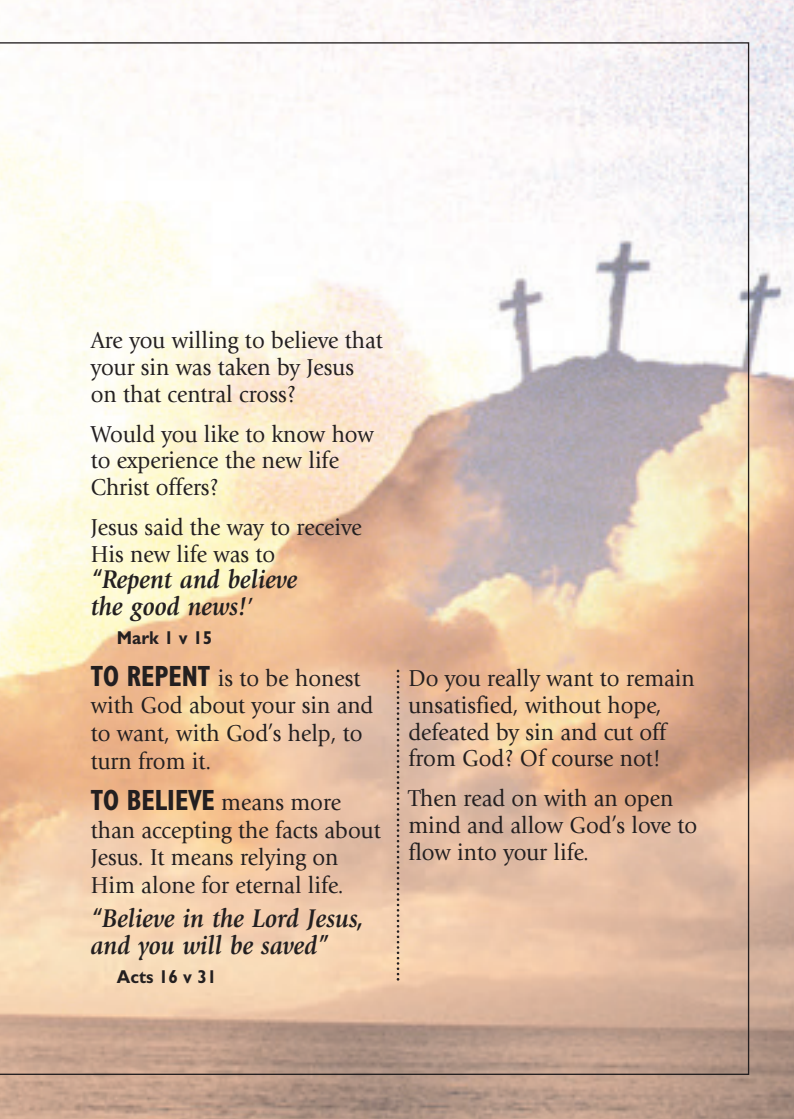
Our sin has been the barrier between us and God.

God who is pure and just, must punish sinners. Jesus was punished for us. He bore our Hell and removed the barrier of sin forever, making it possible for us to enter Heaven.

This does not mean that automatically everyone is forgiven and has eternal life. God does not thrust His forgiveness on those who do not want it. He asks for a loving response from each person.

The hymn concludes;
*"Oh dearly, dearly has
He loved!*

*And we must love Him too,
And trust in His
redeeming blood,
And try His works to do".*



Are you willing to believe that
your sin was taken by Jesus
on that central cross?

Would you like to know how
to experience the new life
Christ offers?

Jesus said the way to receive
His new life was to
*“Repent and believe
the good news!”*

Mark 1 v 15

TO REPENT is to be honest
with God about your sin and
to want, with God’s help, to
turn from it.

TO BELIEVE means more
than accepting the facts about
Jesus. It means relying on
Him alone for eternal life.

*“Believe in the Lord Jesus,
and you will be saved”*

Acts 16 v 31

Do you really want to remain
unsatisfied, without hope,
defeated by sin and cut off
from God? Of course not!

Then read on with an open
mind and allow God’s love to
flow into your life.

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Jesus warned those who wished to follow him that he claims first place in a person's life.

"If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me".

Luke 9 v 23

..... The step of salvation is a simple but solemn one.
..... Read carefully the following prayer to see if you are really
..... ready to take this saving step.

Lord Jesus Christ, I need you.

I admit that I have sinned against you and cannot save myself.

I am truly sorry for my sins.

With your help, I am willing to turn from everything I know to be wrong and follow you.

I believe that you died on Calvary's cross taking my punishment.'

Thank you for dying for me.

I accept your free gift of eternal life.

Right here and now I invite you to come into my life, please forgive all my sin and be my Saviour, Lord and Friend.

Thank you dear Lord for answering my prayer and coming into my life.

Make me the kind of person you want me to be.

Amen

CAN YOU HONESTLY SAY THAT TO GOD? WILL YOU SINCERELY PRAY THAT NOW?

WHAT NOW?

After receiving Christ you may feel different or you may not.

Possibly you were expecting an exciting feeling.

God does not deal primarily in feelings. He deals in facts!

✦ **GOD HAS PROMISED
TO GIVE YOU ETERNAL LIFE.**

✦ **YOU HAVE ACTED UPON
HIS PROMISE.**

✦ **THAT SETTLES IT - FOREVER!**

Jesus said;

*"I tell you the truth,
whoever hears My word and
believes Him who sent Me
has eternal life and will not
be condemned;
he has crossed over
from Death to Life".*

John 5 v 24

Jesus promised;

*"If anyone hears Me calling
to him and opens the door,
I will come in and enjoy
fellowship with him and
he with Me".*

Revelation 3 v 20

Do you believe Jesus would lie to you or change his mind?

By his Holy Spirit, Jesus has come into your life, whether you feel Him or not.

He is with you to give all the power you need for living the new kind of life God wants you to live.

EVERY DAY - read the Bible - so that God can speak to you.

EVERY DAY - pray to God - so that you can speak to Him

EVERY DAY - look for ways to live for Christ and tell others.

MAKE SURE - you find a church to attend as soon as possible.

HOW TO PLAN YOUR TIME WITH GOD

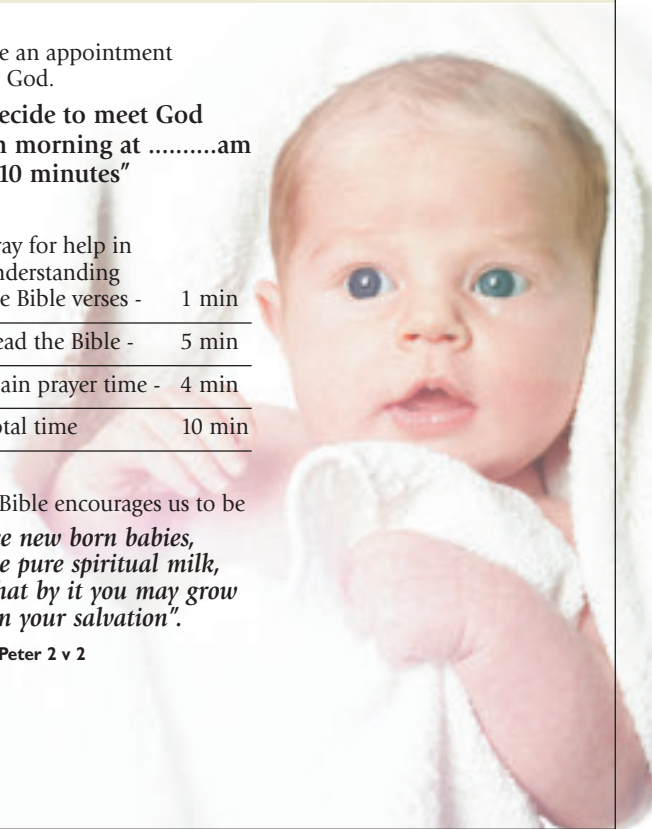
Make an appointment
with God.

**"I decide to meet God
each morning atam
for 10 minutes"**

● Pray for help in understanding the Bible verses -	1 min
● Read the Bible -	5 min
● Main prayer time -	4 min
Total time	10 min

The Bible encourages us to be
*"Like new born babies,
crave pure spiritual milk,
so that by it you may grow
up in your salvation".*

1 Peter 2 v 2



BIBLE READINGS

For your first two months of new life.
Begin with Mark's Gospel,
the second book of the New Testament.

DAY	CHAPTER	VERSES
1	1	1-8
2	1	9-13
3	1	14-20
4	1	21-28
5	1	29-34
6	1	35-39
7	1	40-45
8	2	1-12
9	2	13-22
10	2	23-28
11	3	1-6
12	3	7-12
13	3	13-19
14	3	20-30
15	3	31-35
16	4	1-9
17	4	10-20
18	4	21-29
19	4	30-41
20	5	1-13
21	5	14-20
22	5	21-34
23	5	35-43
24	6	1-13
25	6	14-20
26	6	21-29
27	6	30-44
28	6	45-56
29	7	1-13
30	7	14-23
31	7	24-37

DAY	CHAPTER	VERSES
32	8	1-13
33	8	14-21
34	8	22-30
35	8	31-38
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37	9	14-32
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57	14	66-72
58	15	1-15
59	15	16-32
60	15	33-47
61	16	1-8
62	16	9-20

PRAYER PLAN

Prayer is simply talking with God.
All Christians find prayer a difficult art to master.

A simple prayer list written in a notebook will help you get started.
Write down what you want to pray for and then record the answers.

PRAYER LIST MONDAY

1 ANYTHING TO CONFESS:

2 PRAISE TO GOD:

3 THANKS FOR:

4 NEEDS OF OTHERS:

5 MY NEEDS:

Soon talking to God
will be as much a part of you as breathing is now!

*"Very early in the morning,
while it was still dark, Jesus got up,
left the house and went off to a
solitary place where He prayed".*

Mark 1 v 35

Cut out these verses and carry them with you. Memorise them, together with the book, chapter and verse.
Any further help you need, can be asked for by using the coupon - address overleaf.

CHRIST FIRST

Matthew 6 v 33

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well".

BEING CERTAIN

1 John 5 v 12

"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life".

CONFESSION

1 John 1 v 9

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness".

PRAYER

Matthew 7 v 7

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you".

I would like you to know that I have become a Christian.

I have accepted Christ but need help with:-

- 1 Being certain I am saved
- 2 My daily Bible reading
- 3 Finding a Church
- 4 I have not received Christ, but want to.

My main difficulty is:

Name

Address

Postcode

A brief outline of how to find Peace through a personal relationship with God

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