

Shining Light

Jesus said, "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believes on me should not abide in darkness."

John 12:46

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Whatever you decide to do with this leaflet. We simply plead with you to read it and think seriously about its important message before disposing of it.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6v23

"How shall we escape if we have been negligent of so great salvation"

Hebrews 2v3

Perhaps you always put leaflets like this in the bin. Perhaps you pass them on to someone else. Maybe you excuse yourself by saying you aren't religious. Well perhaps just once think about it seriously as the implications are huge.

We are not giving you this leaflet for any other reason but that we want you to know the joy and peace that we have found in trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible tells us that we all have "fallen short of the glory of God" (Romans 3v23) by living in self-will; doing things that we know deep down in our consciences are not pleasing to God. This includes things like adultery (with someone to whom you are not married), lying, stealing, hating someone, not loving others, not loving God, being selfish and so on. It may be the case that some things are not seen

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as being too bad now but God's standard has never changed.

God is holy and pure. He cannot look upon sin. He declared that the soul that sins shall die. However He is also love (1 John 4v8) and desires all of us to be saved (1 Timothy 2v4).

Perhaps, just once, think about this seriously.

To achieve this God in love for us (while we were yet sinners) gave His own beloved Son to die for our sins, Jesus Christ, in whom He had found complete delight because of His sinless perfection. The Lord Jesus died on a cross bearing God's wrath against our sins and going into death having paid the price for our sins.

Three days later He rose alive again and was seen by many, including over 500 people at once, before returning to heaven. Therefore we know our sins are gone forever and just as He is acceptable to God so also are we. **You too can be saved just as we have been by asking Him to forgive you and you'll know wonderful joy.**

"God commends his love to us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" Romans 5v8.

YOUR LAST CHANCE?

Andrew was brought up knowing about Jesus. Every week he was sent to Sunday School and when he was a bit older he went to a couple of gospel preachings. However, he had no real interest in it all and as he started work he spent his free time socialising with mates. Some of his Christian family continued to try and talk to him about Jesus and His dying for us but he would regularly just laugh and dismiss it.

One day he was walking through the town with some mates and met a Christian lady handing out gospel leaflets. She gave one to each of them but when she got to Andrew she said "I feel God has told me to give you this one". Andrew laughed at her, crumpled the leaflet, put it in his pocket and walked on.

The next day he was late for work. Andrew rushed in just in time for the factory roll call and stepped backwards falling down a shaft and was killed. Two days later, his father was going through his possessions and found the leaflet in the coat. The title was "Your last chance?"

We are not saying that by refusing this leaflet you are going to die tomorrow. However you do not know when your last chance will be. God has been very patient and is still appealing for you to accept the salvation He is offering through Jesus Christ to escape the punishment for your own sins. This is another opportunity. It may be your last. Please take it before it's too late.

ONE LAST CHANCE

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Bible Wordsearch

WORDS:



Accept	Free
Opportunity	Joy
Heaven	Eternal
Wonderful	Jesus
Forgiveness	Loves

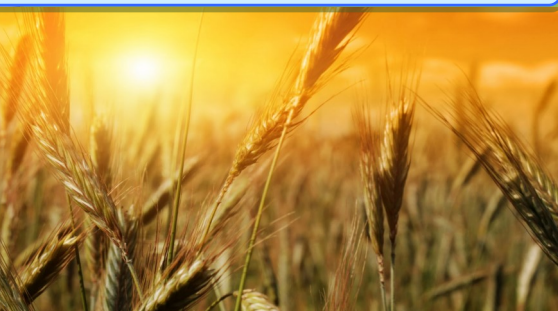
"His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world ... So they are without excuse." Romans 1v20.

A GLIMPSE BEYOND DEATH

I spoke to a man in Belfast recently who said that the night he was saved he saw a vision where a man called Jesus took him to a great pit. When he asked what it was he was told it was a glimpse of hell. He said that it was not the darkness of that pit that made him fear most, but rather the cries ascending out of it pleading "Please, Lord, give me one more chance" when all opportunities to them were gone. When he awoke he got down on his knees and asked the Lord Jesus to save him. The joy and peace that flooded his soul he has never lost.

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

Jeremiah 8v20



The harvest is in, our summer is over, the children are at school, the days are quickly shortening and the temperature is dropping. Winter is just round the corner!

What about the second part of this verse? Are you "not saved"? Saved from what? Why should I need to be saved?

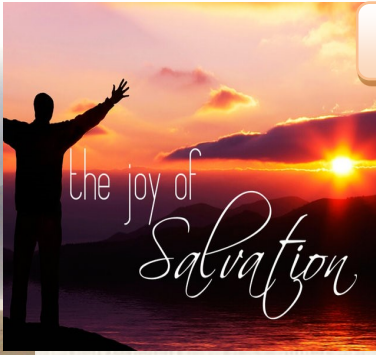
God's word in the Bible helps us to face up to some stark facts about ourselves that can be very uncomfortable. We have disobeyed God. We fall short of His perfect standard. I am, in fact, a deeply dyed sinner and there is nothing that I can do about it. I deserve the punishment for my sin, i.e. death. Lead-

ing a good life won't get me to heaven. When I thought that somehow my good deeds would balance out the bad and tip the balance in my favour I did not appreciate what it meant to be "saved"! It is impossible for us to redeem ourselves before God, but He has shown me that He has provided a way that we can be saved that doesn't depend on us at all. Jesus paid the price to redeem me by His own blood which was poured out on that cross and God accepted it in full payment. I now am saved through what Jesus has done for me – not anything that I have done. What I had to do was come to Jesus just as I was – don't wait, acknowledge before Him that I am a helpless sinner, ask for my sins to be forgiven, and trust in what He has done to save me. The result? I am "Saved"! I have a peace in my soul knowing that all is now well for me. I have a joy that I did not have before. I will never lose it. Now I have a personal link with my saviour Jesus and He wants me to witness to you of the mercy He has shown to me and is willing to show to you too. No-one of us deserves to be saved, but He desires to save us nonetheless if we ask for His forgiveness. Go into the winter therefore as a saved sinner. In the darkness of life's journey He will now light your path until the time when by death you enter His presence in heaven.

To accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour simply pray! Tell him you know you are a sinner and that you're sorry for your sins and ask him to save you from those sins. He will take your sins and remove every one of them! Jesus said "*him that comes to me I will in no wise cast out.*" John 6v37. Make him your Saviour today!

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11v28.

JOY FILLS ANOTHER LIFE



Preparations were being made for a village fair the following day and quite a crowd had gathered to watch all that was going on. Two Christian men took the opportunity to give out gospel booklets to the people. When their supply of booklets was finished one of the men decided to say a few words about God's way of salvation through the work of the Lord Jesus on the cross. When he stopped speaking a woman came over from a caravan and asked if they would come and talk

with her husband. She told them "My husband is a prize boxer and is happy when he is fighting but when he is not he is miserable"

They silently asked God to help them and then told him of the Saviour's love. For the first time in his wandering life he heard the story of the God who "so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believes on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life". The message was like water to a thirsty soul and he and his wife asked God for His forgiveness and came into the joy of trusting in the atoning work of Jesus on Calvary's cross.

A week or two later there was a fair in another village and one of the Christians decided to take some more gospel booklets to it. On reaching the fairground he was surprised and delighted to hear a loud voice sounding out the gospel message. Imagine his feelings as he followed the voice to its source and found himself in a great crowd of people gathered round the boxing ring and the boxer himself appealing in power to his listeners to trust the Saviour as he was doing.

He is the same Saviour today in whom you can trust for time and eternity. Ask God for His forgiveness today and He can grant it because the punishment we deserve for our sins has

Tomorrow's sun may never rise
Upon your long-deluded sight
This is the time, O then be wise:
You would be saved? Why not tonight?

This world has nothing new to give,
It has no true, no pure delight;
Look now to Jesus Christ, and live:
You would be saved? Why not tonight?

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You are most welcome to....

***"For we do not preach
ourselves, but Christ
Jesus"***

2 Corinthians 4:5