

# Shining Light

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


John 12:46

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## Jesus, the Friend of Sinners

The effects of the current pandemic either directly on those who have been ill, or indirectly by keeping isolated and the necessary protections, has resulted in issues of loneliness and helplessness.

The experts have recognised the negative effect on people's mental health. However I have heard of many heart warming stories of neighbours, family and in some cases complete strangers who are helping those lonely or frightened and to those who have been



*"but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother"*  
Proverbs 18:24

became the point of attraction for people who were conscious that they had sinned and needed His help. How they learned to value His friendship even though they did not deserve it!

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bereaved. For many they have been brought to tears by this demonstration of care and friendship.

When Jesus lived on this earth it was observed that He was a friend of sinners (see Matthew 11:19 & Luke 7: 34). He

Jesus tells us in Luke 15, when He was being criticised for helping sinners, about a shepherd who had lost a sheep. This was not carelessness on his part but that he realised that it was not in the flock and had wandered off. The shepherd searched the wilderness and did not give up until he found it. He took up that helpless and hopelessly lost sheep and carried it home on his shoulders. He says to his

***"We love because he has first loved us." 1 John 4:19***

# JESUS, THE FRIEND OF SINNERS (CONTINUED)



friends and neighbours "Rejoice with me for I have found my lost sheep". How Jesus wants to show you how He is searching and calling for you even if you do not realise that in your sins you are lost like that sheep.

Jesus is calling you today. Please answer Him in your need like the man in Matthew 14:30 who when he started sinking called out "Lord Save Me!" Jesus the friend of sinners caught hold of him and saved him. He can do the same for you today. He wants you to repent before Him (to own up to the sinful person that you are) and find out that He is ready to save you and give you peace, joy and, of course, His friendship.

"What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and griefs to share  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer"

Joseph. M. Scriven

## Bible Wordsearch

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FIND THE UNDER-  
LINED WORDS:



But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid upon him the iniquity of us all.

(Isaiah 53:5-6)

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"God has sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him." 1 John 4:9

## NOTHING TO PAY

# On Her Majesty's Service

The envelope was brown. At the top it read "On her Majesty's service". It had come from the tax office. There was a list of figures inside, but to my relief at the bottom of the page were the words:

**"You have nothing to pay"**

Do you know, when it comes to our sins you can have those words said about you!

On a cross of wood God's only beloved Son paid the debt that we owed to God so that we would have "nothing to pay". He didn't pay with money, but with His life. The debt we owed wasn't money. You and I have rebelled against God and so we have to pay by dying and spending eternity in judgement, unless we have availed of the opportunity God has provided in Jesus to save us

**"The wages of sin is death, but the act of favour of God, eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"** (Romans 6:23).

God reached out to us by giving His Son. Jesus said, **"No one has greater love than this, that one should lay down his life for his friends"** (John 15:13).

Jesus laid down His life for you ... his friend! He paid the debt that you or I couldn't afford. I only hope that you will ask Jesus to save you right now.

He said **"him that comes to me I will not at all cast out"** (John 6:37).

He wants to save you, but will you be saved? You can spend eternity paying the price or you can let Jesus pay for you. You need Him and He's ready and willing to save you!

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 for forgiveness 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!



## TO BE BLIND BUT 'SEEING'

Fanny Crosby wrote over 9000 praise and gospel hymns during her lifetime, but she was totally blind.

She lost her sight at the age of six weeks. A few months later her father died and her mother had to go out to work to support her family. So her Christian grandmother took responsibility for Fanny. Through long hours she gave her an education with emphasis on learning the Bible. At eight years of age she wrote

"Oh what a happy soul I am, although I cannot see, I am resolved that in this world contented I will be."



Under the Christian influence Fanny gave her heart to the Lord Jesus as her Saviour and committed the first five books of the Bible to her memory. She lived a life of caring for others as she was able, always speaking of her steadfast faith in her Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

She declined any offer to attempt to restore her eyesight. saying that she wanted her first view to be Jesus.

Do you have your eyesight? Is Jesus your Saviour and are you looking forward to seeing Him and being with Him eternally? Can you say like Fanny - This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long ?

Though they are slighting Him,  
Still He is waiting,  
Waiting the penitent child to receive;

Plead with them earnestly, plead  
with them gently;  
He will forgive if they only believe.

Rescue the perishing,  
Care for the dying;  
Jesus is merciful,  
Jesus will save. .

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)

You are most welcome to...

***"For we do not  
preach ourselves,  
but Christ Jesus"  
2 Corinthians 4v5***