

# 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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## Are you lonely? There is One who understands ...

**"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**

(Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34)

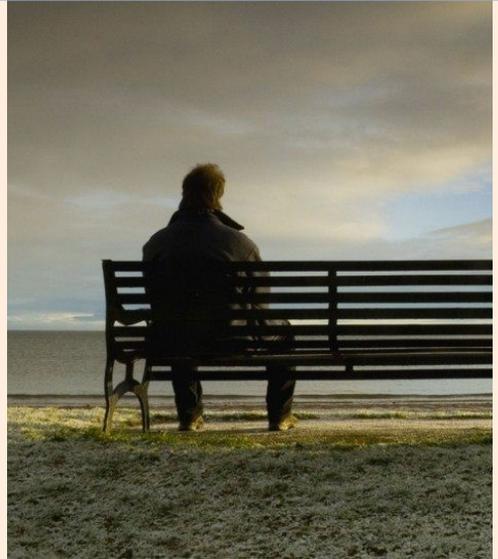
Loneliness is a terrible thing. Most of us don't know what it really means. However, in this day of increased technological communication and social media the occurrence of loneliness has reached record levels. Never before have we been able to know so much about so many people without needing to actually talk to them.

Perhaps, you are someone or know someone who is experiencing loneliness. The Lord Jesus experienced that utter loneliness on the cross at Calvary, near Jerusalem two thousand years ago.

We have all *"fallen short of the glory of*

***He loves us despite our sins, our failings and our weaknesses.***

*God"* (Romans 3:23) and God tells us in the Bible that He has not found a single person on this earth who is righteous *"not so much as one"*. So He gave us Himself in the person of His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus was absolutely perfect. He was born Son of God and so He wasn't tainted by sin.



God proclaimed, after 30 years of His life *"this is my beloved son, in whom I have found my delight"* (Matthew 3:17).

So, why did Jesus say that God had forsaken Him if God's delight was in His Son. We are told that *"Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath subjected him to suffering. When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin ... he hath poured out his soul unto death, and was reckoned with the transgressors; and he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."* (Isaiah 53:10, 12).

**"Him who knew not sin he has made sin for us, that \*we\* might become God's righteousness in him." 2 Corinthians 5v21**

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## ARE YOU LONELY? (CONTINUED)

You might ask, how could it possibly please God to punish the son He loved so much? Jesus offered Himself, the only righteous man that ever lived, as a sacrifice for our sins. God laid our iniquities and sins upon His only Son and applied His just and righteous punishment for our sins upon His own beloved son. He was *“made sin”* that we

might *“become God’s righteousness”*. This was to make us as righteous and sinless as God Himself.

For three hours, Jesus Christ, the one who had spent His whole life in the enjoyment of God’s presence and with His disciples, suffered agonising pain and utter loneliness on a cross of wood. Why? Because He loved us! He loves us despite our sins, our failings and our weaknesses. That is why He

died for us. So that we could come to Him in all our worthlessness and find Him, the One who valued us so much that He died for us (see verse below) to enable our sins to be righteously washed away. He paid the price we should, but couldn’t, have paid. God raised Jesus from the dead *“for our justification”* (Romans 4:25). Jesus is alive again and seated at God’s right hand. Everlasting glory has been given to Him and mercy is freely available for all who come to Him.

You too can find the company of the One who loves you with an everlasting love and who is seeking your salvation today just as we have done.

**A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.**

*Proverbs 18:24*



### PUZZLES

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### Bible Wordsearch

FIND THE UNDERLINED WORDS:



But when the kindness and love to man of our Saviour God appeared, not on the principle of works which have been done in righteousness which we had done, but according to his own mercy he saved us (Titus 3:4-5).

*“God commends his love to us, in that, we being still sinners, Christ has died for us. Romans 5v8*

## AS WHITE AS SNOW



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believes on him may not perish, but have life eternal. For God has not sent his Son into the world that he may judge the world, but that the world may be saved through him. (John 3:16-17).

A young man with no thoughts of God was handed a gospel tract. He threw it away but before he did so he noticed the title on the cover - "Though your sins be as scarlet".

A little later he turned a corner and heard a preacher say "Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow". On the way home he passed a church and on the board outside it said "Come now and let us reason together saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow". (Isa. 1,18)

He said to himself "This can't be a coincidence, God must be reminding me that I am a sinner and that He has a saviour whose work on the Cross of Calvary can wash away my sins".

He asked God for His forgiveness and put his trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Have your sins been washed in the precious blood of Jesus?

NOW is the accepted time, NOW is the day of salvation (2 Cor 6,2)

**"But when the kindness and love to man of our Saviour God appeared, not on the principle of works which have been done in righteousness which we had done, but according to his own mercy he saved us through the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, which he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that, having been justified by his grace, we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life." (Titus 3:4-7).**

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**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!**

*"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear ... We love because he has first loved us. 1 John 4v18-19*

# WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?



The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch (Acts 11:26)

A Christian, according to the Bible, is a disciple, or follower, of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A Christian is someone who has undergone a radical change in their life.

Formerly they led their life apart from God according to their own ideas; now they know Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord; they listen to His voice and obey Him (see Ephesians 2:1-10; John 10:27).

A Christian rejoices in the forgiveness of their sins (see Ephesians 1:7)

Through the testimony of the Bible a Christian knows that by faith in the atoning death of Jesus Christ they are justified before God and have peace with God (see Romans 3:24-26 and 5:1).

From the Word of God a Christian

**Being a Christian is a matter of heart and life. It begins with our opening our hearts to God's Word, work and ways.**

knows that they have been born again and have therefore passed from death to life; they possess eternal life (see John 3:16 and 5:24).

A Christian is a child and heir of God and will share the riches of heaven with Christ (see Romans 8:15-17).

A Christian has received and is indwelt by the Holy Spirit as the witness, seal and pledge of his eternal salvation (see John 14:17 and 2 Corinthians 1:22).

There from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flowed mingled down;  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

You are most welcome to...

***"For we do not  
preach ourselves, but  
Christ Jesus"  
2 Corinthians 4:5***