### By 'Darkness' Jesus meant sinful living and ignoring God

Jesus also said: "And this is the condemnation, that the **light** has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light. because their deeds were evil". "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God" John 3:16-21.

Jesus also said, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life" John 8:12.

#### A suggested prayer for all seeking God's forgiveness:

"Heavenly Father, I now realise that I have sinned against You. I ask Your forgiveness and now receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. Thank You for sending Him into this world to die for me and to rise again the third day to give me a new spiritual life. Amen"

# This is a lifetime commitment

Believing or having faith in God and what He says involves a total commitment. Again, this is what Jesus said: "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it" Luke 9:23.

If you have truly believed and have prayed from your heart, and now confess Christ as Lord, you are **born again** and have begun a new life in Christ that will never end.

The Bible says this, "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" Romans 10:9.

God loves you and Christ died for you. Your greatest need is to receive Him now as your Lord and Saviour. There are simple Bible Study aids that can help you to know more about God's love for you and His plan for your life. We care, so for more information, Email GoodNewsForYoujohn316 @gmail.com

## Heaven -And How to get there!

The Bible shows us the 'Way'



"The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings" Malachi 4:2

We are all on life's journey, and need 'supernatural life and light' from Jesus Christ the 'Sun of Righteousness' to light for us the way into

God's Holy Heaven.

For He is 'The way, the truth and the life' John 14:1-6

Are <u>YOU</u> Born again? Jesus said "You <u>MUST</u> be born again" to get to heaven.

The birth of a baby and life itself are both a **miracle** and a **mystery.** To be **'born again'** is both of these. For this read John 3:1-21.

Our **natural birth** gives us physical life and a body with the ability to enjoy the air we breathe, the food we eat and **pleasures** of life.

Jesus taught that we need a supernatural birth to enjoy the pleasures of heaven – a new spiritual birth that God alone can give. Jesus spoke to Nicodemus, a Doctor of Divinity in the Jews religion, of a birth 'from above'. "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" John 3:1-21. His religious obser-vances and good works could not give this.

## We must be saved from our sins

Sin has broken our spiritual relationship with God, so that we cannot know Him or enjoy His presence. We are all 'Born of the flesh' and need to be 'Born of the Spirit'. This is a miracle that God does in our hearts when we turn to Him in faith.

## Sin leads to God's judgement

We must be saved from sin's **power** and **penalty** if we are ever to get to heaven. For this to happen we need a **power** from outside ourselves.

When the angel announced the birth of Jesus, he said, "you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins" Matthew 1:21. The name Jesus means 'Saviour'. He only has the power to save us.

Jesus is the **name** above every **name**: "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other **name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" Acts 4:12.

## God's 'GRACE' to sinful people

This salvation from sins is offered as a **free gift**, but it came at a **great cost** to the Lord Jesus Christ.

He paid the penalty and died a terrible death on a Roman cross, when all the sins of all the ages were laid upon Him.

Jesus foretold His death. He said, "*The Son of Man must* be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again" Luke 24:7.

God's 'GRACE' brings this salvation to us. The Bible says: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest *anyone should boast"* Ephesians 2:8.

'Grace' is 'unmerited favour' and is God's gift to sinful people, given freely to all who will receive it, for Christ paid our great debt caused by our sins.

## To be born again, receive Jesus

The Bible tells **HOW** this spiritual birth can take place in these simple words: "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" John 1:12.

The Bible is God's Book and written in are the words of Jesus. He says: *"For God so loved the* world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" John 3:16.