

## Restored back to usefulness

In the Bible we find God's great restoration plan for the human race: *"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God"* 1 Peter 3:18. God wonderful Bible says: *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new"* 2 Cor. 5:17.

Being *'in Christ'* means to **believe in Him**, and then He indwells and unites us eternally to Himself by placing His Holy Spirit within our hearts. This is God's wonderful promise, *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household"* Acts 16:31. God accepts Christ on our behalf as the sinless sacrifice, and He opens the way back to God for all who make **the choice** to believe this good news. **God loves you and Christ died for you. Your greatest need is to receive Him now as your Lord and Saviour.**

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From

Ruin

A



beautifully restored luxury 1935 Ford Tudor Sedan

**You also can be part of God's great restoration project**

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## Ruin



In 1935 this old Ford car was new and admired by many, valued and enjoyed by its first owner.

However as the years passed its paint faded, seats wore out, rust corroded and its motor seized and it ended up in a scrap yard.

But there was a collector searching for such a wreck, who saw its potential and valued it.

**He purchased it fully knowing that the restoration would come at great cost.**

After restoration the former wreck was again lovely and brought delight to the new owner.

**Man was made by God in His own image. He has become a wreck of his former self!**

In the Bible we read that Adam and Eve, our first parents, were created in God's image, and given a **will to make choices**. They enjoyed talking to God in the cool evenings in the perfect environment of the Garden of Eden.

Sadly, they **choose** to disobey God and as a result, **sin** and **death** entered the world and marred them and all of God's creation.

We also have **inherited** Adam's fallen sinful nature, but we also still have the God given ability to **choose**, but we so often choose wrongly, and our sins separate us from God.

God will not overrule our wrong choices, and we cannot blame Him for bad outcomes. The whole human race is wracked with the pain of wrong choices, from individuals to nations.

Like that old worn-out car, we are also helpless and unable to better our condition and make ourselves acceptable for God's Holy Heaven.

## God's great restoration plan

To meet our need, the Lord Jesus Christ, God's sinless Son, came from heaven. He was both able and willing to pay the great cost of our restoration. Jesus proclaimed His great love for us and said, ***"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. He saved from both sin's **power** and sin's **penalty** by shedding His blood for us on the cross. He rose from the grave on the third day and said to His disciples, ***"because I live, you will also live"*** (John 14:19).