

If you died today,
where will you go?

Everlasting life, Salvation, Mercy and Grace how do I get it?

Are you a Good person?

Let's see if you are a good person: Jesus said, "Whoever looks upon another to lust (with sexual desire) after them has committed adultery already with them in their heart". Jesus sees lust as adultery (**Matt 5:28**). Have you ever lusted (**Adultery**)? Jesus sees hatred as murder (**1 Jhn 3:15**). Have you hated anyone (**Murder**)? Have you made a god in your mind to suit yourself, or worshiped the things of this world or followed a false god (**1 Cor 6:9**) (**Idolatry**)? Have you had sex outside of marriage (**Col 3:35**) (**Fornication**)? Have you used God's name in vain (**Col 3:8**) (**Blasphemy**)? Have you ever stolen something irrespective of its value (**Rom 13:9**) (Thief)? Have you ever told a lie even a small one (**Eph 4:25**) (**Liar**)?

If I'm really honest my answer to all these is yes, and yours should be too. If you have stolen, you are a thief, if you have told just one lie you are a liar, if you have lusted you're an adulterer and cannot enter **Heaven**. You have to face a Righteous Holy God on Judgment Day. Will you be guilty and end up in **Hell**, forever? This should deeply concern you.

False dichotomy: goodness cannot exist apart from justice. Would we call a judge "good" if he let violent criminals go free, with no consequences? Of course not! We would call him corrupt and bad. But God is good; in fact he alone is good (**Mar 10:18**), and he is also just (**Psa 37:28; Psa 111:7; Dan 4:37**).

If we look at the **Ten Commandments** (**Deu 5:1-21**) and compare ourselves against it, then each and every one of us has sinned, we are liars, thieves, adulterers, blasphemers, murderers and much more in our actions and at heart, we all deserve judgement, and because God is a Righteous Holy Judge he will send us to **Hell** which is God's prison where there is no escape. The price of sin is **Death** (**Rom 6:23**).

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned (**Romans 5:12 NASB**)

Still think you are a GOOD/RIGHTEOUS person, consider this

"For whosoever shall keep the whole Law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." (**Jas 2:10 KJV**)

No One Is Righteous: as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD; ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE." (**Rom 3:10-12 NASB**)

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. (**1 Jhn 1:8 NASB**)

"If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts." (**1 Jhn 1:10 NLT**)

"Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God". (**1 Cor 6:9-10 NASB**)

"Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. So, anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven."" (**Matt 18:3-4 NLT**)



The Good News

So, we as sinners deserve to go to Hell. But that's not God's desire. We broke His Law (the Ten Commandments) but because **Jesus** paid our fine (died for our sins as a sacrifice, in our place) on the cross about 2000 years ago, God can forgive us. The bible says, "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, **Christ** died for us." (**Rom 5:8**). Then He rose from the dead and defeated the power of death and the grave. If you **REPENT** (turn away from your sin, have sorrow for your sin(**2 Cor 7:10-11**), humble yourself (**Matt 18:3-4**), admit you are wrong, ask for forgiveness and turn to God) (**Luk 13:3**) and **TRUST** and put your **FAITH** in the Savior **Jesus Christ**, God will forgive your sins, then God will fill you with the Holy Spirit and you will be Born Again, God will give you a new heart with new desires and grant you everlasting life, for God is **LOVING** and **MERCIFUL**. We cannot save ourselves, only God can save us through Faith, but we must take the step of Faith, accept the Free gift, humble ourselves, Repent and Believe in Him.

God desires all to be saved: This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (**1 Timothy 2:3-4 NASB**)

Saved through Faith: For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. (**Ephesians 2:8-9 NASB**)

"If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."" (**Rom 10:9-10, 13 NLT**)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (**Jhn 3:16 NASB**)

"The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance." (**2 Pet 3:9 NASB**)

For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death. For behold what earnestness this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter. (**2 Cor 7:10-11 NASB**)

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise." (**Psa 51:17 NASB**)

"Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near." (**Matt 3:2 NLT**)

"Not at all! And you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God." (**Luk 13:3 NLT**)

"Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God." (**Matt 3:8 NLT**)

"I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent." (**Luk 5:32 NLT**)

"Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away." (**Acts 3:19 NLT**)

"Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God."" (**Acts 2:38-39 NLT**)

"Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins." (**Rom 3:24 NLT**)

"Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith." (**Rom 3:27 NLT**)

So, repent of your sins and turn to God today, put your faith in Jesus Christ, then read the Bible and obey what you read (**Jhn 14:21**). Be sensible, get right with God today.

Further Explanation

“And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.” **(Heb 11:6 NLT)**

To repent means to be sorry and turn away from sin, ask for forgiveness and to change the direction of your life from selfishness and rebellion against God. At the same time, you must turn to Jesus Christ, depending on and trusting Him for forgiveness, mercy, guidance, and purpose. We cannot save ourselves, only God can save us through Faith, but we must take the step of Faith when He calls, accept the Free gift, humble ourselves, Repent and Believe in Him.

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Well as we see in the bible Jesus Christ the Son of God became man in the flesh (Fully God and fully man) and lived a perfect life with no sin, he died for us and took the punishment due to us because of our sin, upon himself. Without this beautiful sacrifice, we would all go to eternal Hell. Now we have a chance and a choice, if we repent (are truly sorry for our sins and turn away from them and turn to God), believe and trust in Jesus Christ and what he did on the cross for you and that he rose again on the third day, he will grant us the free gift of salvation. He will then give you a new heart and mind with new desires and the Holy Spirit will live in you and you will walk in the Spirit and not in the Flesh. Now you turn away from sin (You will never be perfect in this life, but you will grow to be more like Jesus with His help), and if you stumble and sin you repent of it immediately and ask God to give you strength to change and overcome that sin, you keep in prayer, you read, study and obey the word of God, you spread the good news till your death or Jesus comes again. Don't wait another second to give your life to Jesus and repent, you might die tonight.

“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” **(1 Jhn 1:9 NLT)**

Baptism

When you **TRUST** and put your **FAITH** in the Savior **Jesus Christ** and you have **REPENTED**, then you should be **BAPTISED**, Baptism identifies us with Christ and with the community of believers. Baptism openly and publicly declares your faith and commitment to follow Jesus. How do we clothe ourselves with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ? First, we identify with Christ by being baptised.

“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” **(Gal 3:27 NASB)**

Baptism shows our solidarity with other Christians and with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We should also obey what Jesus Commands for Jesus says: “So why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when you don’t do what I say?” **(Luke 6:46)** “If you love me, obey my commandments.” **(Jhn 14:15)**

The Great Commission “But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”” **(Matt 28:16-20 NASB)**

Peter **(1 Pet 3:20-21)** says that Noah's salvation from the flood symbolized baptism, a ceremony involving water. In baptism we identify with Jesus Christ, who separates us from the lost and gives us new life. The ceremony of Baptism is evidence of our faith in Christ's death and resurrection. Baptism is a symbol of the cleansing that happens in the hearts of those who believe. **(Rom 6:3-5; Gal 3:27; Col 2:12)**

Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.” **(Rom 6:3-4 NLT)**

God desires EVERYONE to be SAVED and to understand the TRUTH

This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. **(1 Timothy 2:3-4 NASB)**

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. **(2 Pet 3:9)**

The fact that all people, without exception, commit sin proves we have a sinful nature. Does this mean only Christians do good? Of course not, many people do good to others. On a relative scale, many are moral, kind, and law abiding. Comparing these people to criminals, we would say that they are very good indeed. But on God's absolute scale, no one is good enough to earn salvation. Only through being united (through Faith and Trust in Jesus and Repentance) with Christ's perfect life can we become good/righteous in God's sight. We were dead in our sins, but God, we were rebels against him, but God, we were enslaved by the devil and our sinful natures, but God. These may be the most welcome words in all Scripture: "but God". God could have left us in rebellion against him and in bondage to our sins. But he didn't. He did not send His Son to die for us, because of, but rather in spite of, what he saw in us. In addition to thanking him for what he has done for us, we should also show humble patience and tolerance for others who seem unworthy or undeserving of our love and compassion. They may be spiritually dull, rebellious, and even antagonistic toward God. So were we; but God loved us anyway. Can we do less for fellow sinners? Pray for All People, God wants everyone to be Saved.

"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. For, There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time." **(1 Tim 2:1-6)**

Both Peter and Paul said that God wants everyone to be saved **(2 Pet 3:9)**. This does not mean that all will be saved, because the Bible makes it clear that many reject Christ **(Mat 25:31-46; Jhn 12:44-50; Heb 10:26-29)**. The Good News has a universal scope; it is not directed only to people of one race, one sex, or one national background. God loves the whole world and sent his Son to save sinners. No one is outside God's mercy or beyond the reach of his offer of salvation.

"that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; for "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved."" **(Rom 10:9-13 NASB)**

That is why the Holy Spirit says, "Today when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested me in the wilderness. **(Heb 3:7-8)**

So God's rest is there for people to enter, but those who first heard this good news failed to enter because they disobeyed God. So God set another time for entering his rest, and that time is today. God announced this through David much later in the words already quoted: "Today when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts." **(Heb 4:6-7)**

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God." **(Joh 3:3)**

All of us have sinned and offended our Creator, a righteous God **(Rom 3:23)**, and the penalty for sin is death **(Rom 5:12 and 6:23)**. But one day even death will be defeated, "the last enemy to be destroyed is death" **(1 Cor 15:26)**.

God has provided the way of salvation through his Son, Jesus Christ. The door of salvation is open, but only for a time. If we will walk through the door, which is Jesus Christ **(Jhn 10:9)**, we will be saved. In this way God's justice is satisfied and God's righteousness is displayed **(Rom 3:24-26)**. The cross is where "Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed" **(Psa 85:10)**.

Here are some verses to bring the Truth about the Gospel to you heart

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him and have seen Him.””
(Jhn 14:6, 7 NASB)

“Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” **(Php 2:9-11 NLT)**

“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.” **(Rom 3:23-26 NLT)**

“Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him.” **(Rom 6:1-8 NLT)**

“Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So, use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God’s grace. Well then, since God’s grace has set us free from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning? Of course not! Don’t you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living. Because of the weakness of your human nature, I am using the illustration of slavery to help you understand all this. Previously, you let yourselves be slaves to impurity and lawlessness, which led ever deeper into sin. Now you must give yourselves to be slaves to righteous living so that you will become holy. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the obligation to do right. And what was the result? You are now ashamed of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom. But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” **(Rom 6:12-23 NLT)**

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His Own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.” **(Rom 8:1-8 NASB)**

“Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else. But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. So, God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.” **(Eph 2:1-9 NLT)**

“Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory. So, put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you.

Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don’t be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. Don’t lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.” **(Col 3:1-10 NLT)**

“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.” **(1 Cor 6:9-11 NASB)**

“This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.” **(1 Jhn 1:5-10 NASB)**

“And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”” **(Mrk 8:34-38 NASB)**

“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.” **(Gal 5:16-25 NASB)**

“Therefore, everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.” **(Matt 10:32, 33 NASB)**

“Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason, also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” **(Php 2:8-11 NASB)**

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.” **(1 Jhn 4:7-15 NASB)**

Why Trust the bible?

God inspired, Faith filled, God fearing and loving men wrote the bible. When you write a letter, do you write the letter, or does the pen in your hand write the letter? Obviously, you do; the pen is merely the instrument you use. God used men as instruments to write His "letter" to humanity. His letter is there to teach us who He is, so we can have a personal loving relationship with him. The men God used to write the bible ranged from kings to common fisherman, many of them not knowing the other. But there is a common theme, message and a golden thread of information running through all 66 books written across hundreds of years by different men (statistically an impossibility to coordinate such a task with such a common thread and message across all the books). God gave man his words through the direction, inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Man then expressed these words accurately, in his own voice, under the supervision of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit directed the collection of these inspired writings so that they became the Bible we have now.

"Those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God" (**2 Pet 1:20-21**) means that Scripture did not come from the creative work of the prophets' own invention or interpretation. God inspired the writers, so their message is authentic and reliable. God used the talents, education, and cultural background of each writer (they were not mindless robots); and God cooperated with the writers in such a way to ensure that the message he intended was faithfully communicated in the very words they wrote.

Proof that the bible is supernatural can be seen with a quick study of its many prophecies which have come true over hundreds of years. The fulfilled prophecies, amazing consistency, and many scientific statements of the Bible prove it to be the Word of God. Isaiah 53 which prophesies the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, was prophesied hundreds of years before Jesus was born.

Jesus The Suffering Servant "Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him. He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth. By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered That He was cut off out of the land of the living For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due? His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth. But the Lord was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, And the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand. As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors." (**Isaiah 53 NASB**)

The age of the book of Isaiah is proven by science and historians to be hundreds of years old before the birth of Jesus and it prophesied of His coming and suffering. Jesus was a real man who was crucified, proven by historians with many eyewitness accounts. We as Christians believe he is the Savior and the Son of God (and also God) (**Jhn 1**) sent to die for our sins, as the bible prophesied in amazing accuracy before he actually came. The bible will make more sense and come alive in your heart when you have repented of your sin and put your Trust in Jesus through Faith, then God will fill you with the Holy Spirit and you will be Born Again.



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