

Sin carries an awful consequence for all humanity, death and its ultimate end, the Lake of Fire. **Jesus loves us so much He paid for our sin!** Listen to this verse. *“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”* (Rom.5:8). I love hearing this verse! This is Good News for us!

**Here is another important part of the Good News.** Paul tells us that, *“Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”* 1Cor.15:3-4.

Why is this important? It is important in light of Jesus’ promise of Eternal Life. The resurrection **proved** He could give it. He **died**. He was **buried**. For 3 days. Do you know what happens to a human body in 3 days of death? Corruption! **He rose again** from the dead! **He beat death** and its corruption! Luke tells us in Acts 1 that Jesus then showed Himself alive for 40 days presenting infallible proofs that He was alive. Oh, He can deliver on His promise!

Here’s the tricky part. Just because the Lord Jesus died for everyone’s sins and paid the penalty of our sin, does not mean everyone gets to go to heaven! What? Yep! That’s right! He died, was buried, and rose again, but that does not mean you are

saved! Are you with me? Are you scratching your head?

Let’s look a verse again. Rom 6:23 *“For the wages of sin is death; but the **gift of God** is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”* Did you see it? There is a **profound** truth about eternal life there! It is a **GIFT!**

Just because someone has a gift for you does not mean you possess it. You have to **receive it** for it to be yours! **You cannot work for it, buy it, or join a church for it.** All you can do is gratefully **receive it.**

The Apostle Paul put it like this. *“Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also **ye have received**, and wherein ye stand; **by which also ye are saved...**”* (1Cor.15:1-2). **Did you get that?** To obtain the gift of eternal life from Gods Son Jesus, you have to receive it! You need to believe the Gospel, the good news preached to you.

**What will you do with Jesus! And what will you do with His free gift?**

Me? I choose to **believe it!** I acknowledge my sin! I **accept His gift** of Eternal Life! I believe the Gospel. I have decided to live for Him who died for me. **Won’t you?**



## **What Will You Do With Jesus?**

This may be the most important question you have ever been asked! Not only that, your answer to this question could be the most consequential of your life!

If your curiosity has piqued, do not put this paper down. Doing so could be viewed as your answer to the question.

The outcome of your answer will be so monumental as to bring about extremely long-term benefits and/or penalties. So, stay with me. Understand how the answer to the above question will have a staggering effect on your life and destiny.

When it comes to Jesus, I realize you may not know much about Him other than He was born in a manger, Christmas is His birthday, and that we see a likeness of Him hanging on a cross. You may have heard He died for our sins, but never understood that. I want you to understand completely before you answer the Question. **Jesus was a real person.** Ancient historians, like Flavius Josephus, and the Bible, have recorded his life and deeds.

Some would have you believe the Bible cannot be trusted. Such a one does not speak with Godly Wisdom. You can **trust God's Word!** Most of what we know about Jesus comes from the Bible.

**Jesus claimed to be the son of God** (Lk.10:22 Jn.10:36). Perhaps you were taught that Jesus was merely a good man or a prophet like Ezekiel or Elijah. Yes, He was a prophet, but much greater. He was the Son of God! **Please consider this:** God the Father Himself claimed Jesus as His Son (Mk.11:1). The angels said he was God's Son (Lk.1:35). Satan's devils called Jesus God's Son (Mt.8:29), and many people who walked with Jesus and witnessed His life called Him the Son of God. People like Peter, John, Nathaniel, Martha, the Roman Centurion who watched him die on Calvary, and the Ethiopian Eunuch. Then we have the Apostle Paul who received an un-prophesied visit and revelation from the risen Christ, in Acts 9, Paul preached that **Christ was the Son of God.** Jesus had abilities no mere human could have. History and the Bible testify that He could heal the sick with just a touch. He could make the blind see and the lame walk. He could command nature and quiet the raging sea. He could raise the dead back to life. He could multiply a young boy's lunch and feed thousands. He could change water into wine.

Witnessing all this a Jewish priest came to Jesus and said, "*we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for **no man** can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.*" The priest, Nicodemus, only got it half-right. **Jesus** was not just "*with God*". **He was God!**

**Wait, you should know more.** The Bible says in Ephesians 3: 9 that Jesus Christ "*created all things.*" Col. 1:16 says, "*For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth...*" Ps. 33:6 says, "*By the word of the LORD were the heavens made...*", and in the Gospel of John, it says, "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.***" It continues, "*All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made.*" It then says, "*And **the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...***" So we understand, before His incarnation, before He was made flesh, **Jesus was Creator God!** Have you ever seen that before? My mind fills with wonder when I think about that.

If you are like me, your mind is wondering **why he would do that**, become flesh? Obviously, it was **not for power.** He was already God! The short **answer is Love.** The most famous verse in the Bible tells us why, "*For God **so loved the world** that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever***

*believeth in him should not perish, but have **everlasting life.***" Jesus spoke many times about eternal life. Eternal life is mentioned 26 times in the N.T. and everlasting Life is used 10 times. The reason your answer to this question is so important is that **we are dealing with eternity here.** You have a never dying soul and it is going to spend eternity **in one of two places** depending on your answer to this question!

**The reason** the Lord **Jesus became flesh** is so he could die. He could not die as Creator God. This may seem like a strange thing to say. Let me explain: **Sin is the problem.** When Adam sinned, he plunged all of humanity into sin. Rom 5:12 says, "*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that **all have sinned:***" Sin separates us from God and His Blessings. In Scripture, that is one of the first lessons taught. Adam's sin got him kicked out of God's garden. Not only that, **the Bible says we earn death by our sin**, "*the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord*" (Rom.6:23). We understand that this speaks to both a physical and spiritual death from Jesus' story of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16. This death finds its terrifying end in a place called the Lake of Fire! You should really read this story in Lk.16. **It is not a parable. It is a true story told by Jesus.**