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1- Jesus Came to Reconcile us with God

1 - INTRODUCTION

In order for you to have faith you need to know what Jesus came to do on earth!

It is not enough to just **BELIEVE** that Jesus exists, that he is alive etc.

We have to know what He came to do on earth!

90% of the Christians don't know everything about what Jesus came to do on earth.

In fact, if the whole world knew what Jesus came to do, most people would convert on the spot.

2 - You are valuable to God

Jesus came to the earth, because you are valuable and

precious to God.

You are the most expensive thing that God has.

Many people imagine a God who is great, very distant, untouchable, far, far away.

But I will tell you something: **God is the most EXTRAORDINARY person there is.**

Although He is the God Almighty,

He wants to touch your life

He wants to speak to you

He wants to help you

He wants to be your best friend

He wants you to be His best friend

He wants you to be **CONFIDENT**

He wants to **LOVE YOU**

He wants to touch you

And it was because of this that Jesus Christ (the second person of God) came to the earth..

This person incarnated, in a body which is the same as yours and mine, so that we could:

Understand God

Touch God

Physically hear God

And so that God could also understand us!

Did you know that Jesus came to earth so that He could understand us better?

So that he could go to heaven and tell the father about what we feel.

God is not like us! God needed the second person of God to tell him about what we feel when we are distressed; what we feel when we are insecure.

This is what Jesus is doing right now! Hallelujah!

God does not see you with faults!

He does not see you as you are now! Do you know that:

When God looks at an alcoholic, he doesn't see him the way he is today.

God does not see a prostitute the way she is today.

God does not see a burglar the way he is today.

God sees people the way they will become one day, after God has changed them and made them wonderful, precious people with dignity.

God chooses

People who have failed

People who have been abandoned by society

People who are invalids

People who might never have done anything wor-

thwhile

People with no value...

God picks them and

Gives them DIGNITY

Fills them with LOVE

Fills them with POWER

Turns them into new people

Makes them sons of God

You are so valuable, that you cost Jesus the ultimate price.

God does not see you as the person you are today, but instead he sees you as having great POTENTIAL.

You are like a diamond. You need to be worked on; God is going to start shaping you like a goldsmith would, until you become a beautiful polished piece.

Here is an illustration that has helped me to understand this:

God is like a sculptor who grabs a rock of granite, which is only a shapeless and ugly block.

He then begins to mold it with a chisel and a hammer in order to sculpt the image of what He Himself sees. That block of granite is you and me.

Day, after day as you surrender to God, he begins to sculpt a new and improved "you."

Before this you and I had no shape, we were ugly and full of flaws and sins. We were set in our own ways.

He then started to sculpt a perfect person:

A LOVING,
CARING,
SUCCESSFUL,
And HEALTHY person,
With ETERNAL life.

You are the most VALUABLE thing that God has!

God loves us in such way that the 2nd person of God became flesh just like us and came to this world to suffer what we would have suffered one day if it weren't for Him.

You and I should have been the ones to die and to go to hell. Instead, Jesus became you and I so that he could die on the cross for us out of His own free will.

He was DISRESPECTED!
They called Him NAMES!

I want you to imagine Jesus on the CROSS. God became a person and went to that CROSS!

Matthew 27:35-42

35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

36 And sitting down they watched him there;
37 And set up over his head his accusation written,
THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.
38 Then were there two thieves crucified with him,
one on the right hand, and another on the left.
39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging
their heads,
40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple,
and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be
the Son of God, come down from the cross.
41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking him,
with the scribes and elders, said,
42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he
be the King of Israel, let him now come down from
the cross, and we will believe him.

We could say that :

the priests of today,

The pastors and the evangelists of today,

Those ones who do not want to believe in the word
of God but who want to carry on making fun of
God, instead.

Those who have abandoned God!

were making fun of God!

Mateus 27:43-46

43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he
will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

44 The thieves also, which were crucified with him,
cast the same in his teeth.

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness
over all the land unto the ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Some people might not understand ,
what a TERRIBLE thing happened at that moment.

**Do you know why Jesus screamed such words?
Do you know why Jesus said:**

“God, why hast thou forsaken me”

Because in that precise moment, Jesus was taking upon himself all of our sins.

Jesus was made a SINNER, he was SEPERATED from God.

Jesus had never known separation from God. He had never known

Fear

Illness

Anxiety, to be afraid of tomorrow

**But all of a sudden all this was laid upon him!
He felt ABANDONED by God!**

*But he knew that he had to drink of that cup,
He was there BECAUSE OF YOU!
He was there to be your SUBSTITUTE!*

HOW DO I KNOW THAT GOD LOVES US?

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT GOD LOVES YOU?

Because God went on the cross in your place, he took your place on that cross!

God didn't pay for your salvation with silver or gold, but with His own blood! The BLOOD of GOD! Hallelujah!

3 - HOW EVERYTHING BEGAN

Genesis 1:1-4, 24-25

1 When God began creating[a] the heavens and the earth, 2 the earth was[b] a shapeless, chaotic mass,* with the Spirit of God brooding over the dark vapors.*

3 Then God said, "Let there be light." And light appeared. 4-5 And God was pleased with it and divided the light from the darkness.

24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth every kind of animal—cattle and reptiles and wildlife of every kind." And so it was. 25 God made all sorts of wild animals and cattle and reptiles. And God was pleased with what he had done.

When God made the earth, the heavens, the stars and the planets, he made everything PERFECT. Everything was good!

Even today, after humanity has ruined all this, it's incredible how the earth continues to orbit without colliding with other planets and how everything works in harmony.

It's absolutely FANTASTIC!

Here we can see that God made Man in His IMAGE and likeness.

Genesis 1:26-28

26 Then God said, "Let us make a man[i]—someone like ourselves,* to be the master of all life upon the earth and in the skies and in the seas."

27 So God made man like his Maker.

Like God did God make man;

Man and maid did he make them.

28 And God blessed them and told them, "Multiply and fill the earth and subdue it; you are masters of the fish and birds and all the animals.

After God made the heavens, the stars, the planets, the earth etc., God made something that was different from the rest of all the living organisms He had made:

God made Man in His own image and likeness! No other living creature was made in His image and likeness!

Do you want to know what God looks like? I'm going to tell you how to find this out: *Look at Jesus!*

Jesus said: *"Whoever sees me, sees the Father!"*

God isn't a VAGUE, INDISTINCT force.

No! God is a PERSON! He has a BODY just like yours, but He's not made of flesh and blood. Our flesh is the

materialization of what God is.

Why were we made in God's image and likeness?

So that God could have COMPANIONS,
So that God could have FRIENDS..

Do you know that the angels don't have free will?
They are like SOLDIERS, they only do what God tells them to, nothing more, nothing less.

But God created a new race. He created a race that could have fellowship with Him, that could be His personal friend and that has His CREATIVE power which includes the ability to invent good things.

God made Man for this reason and He gave Man the authority to reign over everything here on earth.

BUT a terrible thing happened:

Satan, a fallen angel, who battled against God and took a third of the angels with Him in order to make a rebellion, was banned from Heaven once he was defeated. He was defeated because no one wins against God!

Then when the devil saw God making a creature in His own image and likeness, he became FURIOUS. So he began thinking of a strategy to destroy God and to destroy humanity.

So what did he do?

He brought doubt to Adam and Eve's minds:
"Did God really say, that?"

That is what the devil speaks to people's minds today:
"Is it really true that Jesus still heals today?"
"Is it really true that my God will supply all of my needs?"

God gave an order to Adam and Eve:

Genesis 2:15-17

15 The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden as its gardener, to tend and care for it.

16-17 But the Lord God gave the man this warning: "You may eat any fruit in the garden except fruit from the Tree of Conscience—for its fruit will open your eyes to make you aware of right and wrong, good and bad. If you eat its fruit, you will be doomed to die.

God didn't say:

That they could not eat of the apple tree,
That they could not have sex,
Or many other things that people invent.

What God said was:

That they could not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

I might not understand why this was so but I have the ability to understand that my head is so small compared

to God's.

God gave those instructions and the devil was able to deceive Eve and Adam into disobeying God.

This very disobedience was what brought DEATH to the entire planet!

It also turned Adam and Eve into satan's SLAVES. As a result, the children of Adam and Eve automatically became SLAVES of Satan as well.

And that is what we are!

Adam and Eve were satan's slaves and so when they had children, they too were born into slavery.

And their children, and their children's children, and their children's children, and their children's children, and their children's children... all the way up to the present time, when all of us are born as satan's SLAVES.

Some people say:

"Oh pastor I'm not satan's slave! I'll believe in whatever I want to, and what not..."

I want to see what people will believe in when they die!

All the curses that are on earth came because of that

terrible day.

The earth became infested with DEMONS and with CURSES!

Man went from being IMMORTAL to being MORTAL and he came to know death.

Man wasn't supposed to die!

Genesis 3:17-19

17 And to Adam, God said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate the fruit when I told you not to, I have placed a curse upon the soil. All your life you will struggle to extract a living from it.

18 It will grow thorns and thistles for you, and you shall eat its grasses.

19 All your life you will sweat to master it, until your dying day. Then you will return to the ground from which you came. For you were made from the ground, and to the ground you will return;

Every kind of curse came into the earth after this TERRIBLE day. The cause of all evil comes from satan.

Jesus said:

"The devil comes to kill, to steal and to destroy and I CAME to GIVE you life with ABUNDANCE"

Let's read some verses in the Bible which describe the CURSES that came upon the earth from that moment until the present time.

Deuteronomy 28:15

God was speaking to His people and He was saying:

That He had blessings reserved for those who obey Him and that curses would come upon those who are disobedient.

For you to understand what we are about to read, you have to understand the following:

This world is full of curses,

Curses rain upon people everywhere!

But Christians have Jesus in their lives. They have an “UMBRELLA” that PROTECTS them from these curses which rain upon people!

That’s why God warned His people by saying:

“Look, if you obey me and do what I say, you will be under my protection.

But if you do not obey me you will remain under these curses and there is nothing I can do about it.”

This is also true today!

God can’t send illness, problems etc., He hasn’t got any of that in Heaven. He cannot send what He doesn’t have.

But what happens is that if you leave God’s protection, if you get out from under His “umbrella”

**You will be outside of His PROTECTION
You will be under the CURSE!**

Deuteronomy 28:22-24, 38-39, 43-45

22 He will send tuberculosis, fever, infections, plague, and war. He will blight your crops, covering them with mildew. All these devastations shall pursue you until you perish.

23 “The heavens above you will be as unyielding as bronze, and the earth beneath will be as iron.

24 The land will become as dry as dust for lack of rain, and dust storms shall destroy you.

38 “You will sow much but reap little, for the locusts will eat your crops.

39 You will plant vineyards and care for them, but you won’t eat the grapes or drink the wine, for worms will destroy the vines.

43 Foreigners living among you shall become richer and richer while you become poorer and poorer.

44 They shall lend to you, not you to them! They shall be the head and you shall be the tail!

45 “All these curses shall pursue and overtake you until you are destroyed—all because you refuse to listen to the Lord your God...

Look at what is written – all these CURSES will come upon those people and will PRESECUTE after them!

Deuteronomy 28:47-48

47 You will become slaves to your enemies because of your failure to praise God for all that he has given you. The Lord will send your enemies against you, and you will be hungry, thirsty, naked, and in want of everything. A yoke of iron shall be placed around

your neck until you are destroyed.

These are the curses which entered this land because of the TERRIBLE thing which Adam and Eve did.

4 - WHAT JESUS COME TO DO ON EARTH

But God had mercy on us and He LOVED US so much that He sent His son to SAVE us.

John 3:16-17

16 For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son[c] so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

17 God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it.

a) FREE US FROM SLAVERY

How can you be sure that God loves you?

He gave us the 2nd person of God to come to the earth.

To set us FREE from all these curses.

To set us FREE from satan's slavery.

To set us FREE from the curses which rain upon this earth.

To allow us to have fellowship with God once again.

To bring us back to the house of God!

I want to give you the following illustration:

In the time of SLAVERY in the United States, the Afrikan were slaves. When their children were

born, they were slaves as well.

These children could grow up and say:
“I don’t believe in slavery!”

But they were SLAVES .

If their skin colour was BLACK, the law stated that they had no other option but to be SLAVES!

In the same way, when someone is born into this world, whether they believe it or not, they are satan’s SLAVES!

The devil even laughs at those who don’t believe in this because he is able to manipulate them without them even noticing it. He can also bring every type of curse upon them.

Only Jesus has the POWER to set us FREE from SLAVERY!

Jesus came to set us FREE from satan’s darkness!

Do you know where the devil takes someone who doesn’t have Jesus, someone who is still his slave?

He takes them to HELL!

Hell is a PRISON and that’s where the devil takes people. But Jesus came to set us FREE from that!

b) RECONCILE US WITH GOD

He also came to RECONCILE US with God!

He came to FORGIVE US;

He came to cleanse us of all of our past sins

Jesus came to give us ETERNAL LIFE with God.

Jesus came to FORGIVE the flaws that we have now in this present time as well, so that we might be able to receive the ANSWER to our prayers!

c) PROVIDE FOR ALL OUR NEEDS

Jesus came to PROVIDE for all our NEEDS today!

Jesus came to help us when STORMS come our way.

d) HEAL THE SICK

Jesus came to HEAL and to restore the people who are mentally ill;

Jesus came to HEAL every type of infirmity and disease;

Jesus came to HEAL the blind;

Jesus came to HEAL the deaf, those who are paralyzed, the lepers, those who have cancer etc. He came to heal every type of infirmity!

5 - JESUS CAME TO RECONCILE US WITH GOD***Romans 5:8,10***

8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

10 And since, when we were his enemies, we were brought back to God by the death of his Son, what blessings he must have for us now that we are his

friends and he is living within us.

Jesus came to reconcile us with God.

The word RECONCILE means: To make peace with!

Do you know that when many people think about God, they only think about coming to Him in order to ask Him for divine healing, for finances or for anything that they might need at the time.

Now I'm going to explain to you why some people have trouble in receiving the things that God has for them:

The reason why some people have trouble in receiving the things that God has for them is that they have never MADE PEACE with God.

Or because deep down they know that God hasn't made peace with them and so they don't feel comfortable about asking Him for things.

Or perhaps they don't ask God for things because they think that God won't ANSWER them.

When you know

that God has "made peace" with you,

that God is no longer angry with you,

Then it is easy for you to believe that God will answer your prayers.

The Bible clearly states that:

"God proves His love to us..."

One of the things that proves to us that God loves us is that He allowed Jesus to die for us.

And even though we were his enemies, we were RECONCILED with God by the death of His Son

God isn't angry with us anymore! He has made PEACE with us!

All of our sins were given to Jesus!

When He looks at you,

He no longer sees you,

He sees the BLOOD of Jesus.

He sees JESUS, on the CROSS, PAYING the price for you!

Isaiah 53:5

5 But he was wounded and bruised for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace; he was lashed—and we were healed.

When Jesus was on the cross and on his way to the CROSS:

They hit Him,

They whipped Him,

They placed a crown of thorns on His head so as to mock Him...

Do you know why Jesus SUFFERED all of this?

He suffered all of this so that God could give us PEACE.

We should have suffered the punishment for the sins that we have committed but God made peace with us!
God isn't angry with us any longer!

Colossians 1:21-22

21 This includes you who were once so far away from God. You were his enemies and hated him and were separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions, yet now he has brought you back as his friends.

22 He has done this through the death on the cross of his own human body, and now as a result Christ has brought you into the very presence of God, and you are standing there before him with nothing left against you—nothing left that he could even chide you for,

Do you know why many Christians think that they are sinners?

Because they don't KNOW what the WORD of God says!

We were God's enemies,
He was angry with us!

But even so, God spends his life helping and saving people from certain situations, even though they don't believe in Him.

What Jesus did for us is so important because if God hadn't made peace with us, we would not have been able to experience redemption

We wouldn't be able to experience SALVATION.
God wouldn't be able to HELP us.
God wouldn't be able to answer our prayers!
We would experience living hell CONTINUOUSLY!

But God made peace with us. God put the punishment that we should have suffered upon Jesus. We no longer need to experience SUFFERING!

Today we can approach God with CONFIDENCE,

He is going to ANSWER us,
He is going to HELP,
He is going to HEAL us.
He is going to DELIVER us in the storm.
He is going to provide for all of our needs.
He is going to bring peace to our hearts.

6 - JESUS CAME TO REDEEM US FROM THE SINS IN THE PAST

Jesus also came to forgive us and to REDEEM us from the SINS that we committed in the PAST.

1 Corinthians 15:56

56 For sin—the sting that causes death—will all be gone; and the law, which reveals our sins, will no longer be our judge

Sin is anything that is bad in the eyes of God

It doesn't only include our attitudes
It doesn't only include our exterior actions such
as our words. It also includes the intentions of our
heart!

Sin is something which the devil **INVENTED** and brought with him to planet earth. Sin was invented so as to **DESTROY** humanity.

The Sting of death is the SIN!

Sin can be compared to a bee that stings us with its stinger and injects poison into our blood stream which then inflicts pain upon us.

Sin is a "STINGER"

And when it stings someone it brings poison.
When sin comes into someone's life,
When someone sins, they become **POISONED** by
that sin and this poison leads to death.

Even doctors testify to this.

Do you know that not forgiving others causes illnesses in your bones?

Why? Because not forgiving others brings the **POISON** of **SIN**.

Not forgiving others, we are harbouring **RESENTMENT** in our hearts:

"That person did something terrible to me, they are going

to pay!”

We have to FORGIVE !

Another exemple is: **WORRYING**

People who don't know God, spend their lives WORRYING about things:

About tomorrow

About this

About that

Why? Because they pay no attention to GOD!

They either don't want to TRUST in God, or they don't know God.

So worry POISONS them!

Do you know what worry brings?

ULCERS

Nervous disorders

Tumors

Can you see why the Bible says that sin is the STINGER which brings death?

Death isn't only physical, It is death in your health!

Sin is a DESTRUCTIVE force

Sin is a TERRIBLE thing

Sin brings DISEASE

Sin makes you feel bad inside

The final thing which death brings is PHYSICAL death.

Have you noticed that normally, people who live a life of sin die earlier than others? Did you know that originally, Man wasn't supposed to die?

But SIN steals people's health away from them!

What I'm going to say now is very important:

Some people want to place their trust in doctors and in medicine. I Thank God for those who are doctors, in fact I believe that God created medicine for the good of humanity.

The Bible says that:

“Everything that is good comes from the father of light.”

So naturally we're not going to say that doctors come from the devil!

BUT God has a BETTER WAY.

Many people want to place their TRUST in doctors, in MEDICINE.

They think that the more hospitals we have,
The more advanced that medicine is,

The HEALTHIER we're going to be.

This theory is WRONG and we can see this by its fruits:

Medicine has never been as advanced as it is today but people are dying at a very early age, earlier than in the days of old. If the solution to this problem were medicine, people would live LONGER lives.

But the SOLUTION isn't Medicine!

Medicine is there to RELIEVE us;
But medicine is not the solution!

The solution is Jesus Christ!

Do you know why the solution is Jesus Christ?

Because it is the BLOOD of Jesus which has the power to destroy the POWER of SIN.

SIN brings death to people.

And there is nothing that can bring the force of sin to a halt **EXCEPT FOR JESUS CHRIST!**

The force of medicine is great but it only deals with the physical aspect.

When in fact the origin of the problem is SPIRITUAL

And there is no medicine which can heal a person's spirit.

A person's spirit is like a cell which spreads POISON to the body and DESTROYS it.

This means that the only solution is in Christ and in the blood of Jesus.

7 - THE BLOOD OF CHRIST HAS POWER

1 Peter 1:18-19

18 God paid a ransom to save you from the impossible road to heaven which your fathers tried to take, and the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver as you very well know.

19 But he paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God...

We were REDEEMED with the precious blood of Christ! This means that:

We were TAKEN away from the hole that we were in and we were once again restored to the place where Adam was in the beginning when he was right with God; We can now enjoy good health and prosperity in every area of our lives.

The blood of Jesus Paid the ransom to free us from the power of sin!

Sin is a DESTRUCTIVE force! But when we apply the blood of Jesus to it, it brings life and restoration!

The root of all evil is SPIRITUAL.

The root of all evil is sin, which is a terrible force!

When we talk about salvation, many people are completely mistaken about what it means, they think that:

“Oh I’m a good person, I think that when I die I’m going to heaven because I’ve never done any harm to anyone.”

A lady said this to me once:

“Oh I think that I am saved, why wouldn’t I be? I don’t owe anyone anything and I always pay my bills.”

But I’m going to tell you something:

No one can be saved because of their good DEEDS.

You cannot save yourself.

You cannot redeem yourself.

You cannot save yourself from the power of sin.

Only Jesus can do this!

Some people however think that they can save themselves:

“Oh pastor, I’m a good person, I’ve never harmed anyone, I even go to church... I’m sure that I must be saved. Now my neighbour is another case altogether, he’s a scoundrel. Do you want to know what he did to me!”

Romans 3:10, 11-13

10 As the Scriptures say,

“No one is good—no one in all the world is innocent.”[c]

11 No one has ever really followed God’s paths or even truly wanted to.

12 Every one has turned away; all have gone wrong. No one anywhere has kept on doing what is right;

not one.

13 Their talk is foul and filthy like the stench from an open grave.[d] Their tongues are loaded with lies. Everything they say has in it the sting and poison of deadly snakes ...

The Bible is talking about all of us here! No one is left out!

We all did things that are bad in God's eyes.

Sometimes we are so distant from God that we think that the things that we do are trivial and that there is no harm in them.

But in God's eyes there is harm in many of the things we do.

Romans 3:23-25

23 Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious ideal; 24 yet now God declares us "not guilty" of offending him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in his kindness freely takes away our sins.

25 For God sent Christ Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to end all God's anger against us. He used Christ's blood and our faith as the means of saving us from his wrath.[g] In this way he was being entirely fair, even though he did not punish those who sinned in former times. For he was looking forward to the time when Christ would come and take away those sins.

This clearly states that REDEMPTION only exists in Christ and by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 Because of his kindness, you have been saved through trusting Christ. And even trusting is not of yourselves;[b] it too is a gift from God.

9 Salvation is not a reward for the good we have done, so none of us can take any credit for it.;

This means that it is for free – you cannot work in order to gain your salvation, nor do you have to.

There is nothing you can do in order to buy your SALVATION!

Do you know why?

Because salvation CLEANSSES and REMOVES the power of sin. There is nothing on earth which can remove this power because this power is SPIRITUAL!

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Now let's read this verse again:

1 Peter 1: 18-19

18 God paid a ransom to save you from the impossible road to heaven which your fathers tried to take, and the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver as you very well know. 19 But he paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God...

There are people who call themselves Men of God but they preach a completely CROOKED version of the Gospel.

They tell people to pay for services which will save their souls once they are dead. They are LYING to the people. They are teaching them LIES.

Only the blood of Jesus has the power to set us free!

The Bible is very clear when it talks about this in this verse. That is why certain so called “Ministers of God,” want to keep the Bible from us!

The Blood of Jesus was shed on the cross of Calvary for you and for me. The blood of Jesus will set us free from the stinger of sin. It sets us free from this terrible force.

Sin is the POISON which kills and destroys people. But Glory to God because the Blood of Jesus cleanses us from that sin!

THE BLOOD of Jesus is the only thing which can remove the stinger of sin.

Apocalypse 22: 13-14

13 I am the A and the Z, the Beginning and the End, the First and Last.

14 Blessed forever are all who are washing their robes, to have the right to enter in through the gates of the city and to eat the fruit from the Tree of Life..

Blessed are those who wash their robes in the blood of

the lamb.

Jesus came to CLEANSE US, to take away our SINS. If someone is not cleansed from their sins, they cannot enter the Kingdom of God. Only those who are HOLY can go to HEAVEN.

Do you know what the Bible says?

It says that when we give our lives to Jesus:
We are CLEANSED of our sins,
We are SANCTIFIED from our sins,
We are called SAINTS.

Colossians 1:21-22

21 This includes you who were once so far away from God. You were his enemies and hated him and were separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions, yet now he has brought you back as his friends.

22 He has done this through the death on the cross of his own human body, and now as a result Christ has brought you into the very presence of God, and you are standing there before him with nothing left against you—nothing left that he could even chide you for,

Many people say that the PURGATORY is a place where people go to be purged. The Bible doesn't say that!

The Bible says that to be Holy we have to be WASHED of our SINS by the BLOOD of Jesus!

It doesn't mean that we're never going to sin again, no one is perfect

Many people think that a person is called a SAINT because he/she never SINS but the Bible doesn't say that.

Revelation 22:14-15

14 Blessed forever are all who are washing their robes, to have the right to enter in through the gates of the city and to eat the fruit from the Tree of Life, *(In other Bibles it says: those who go to a witch doctor, those who consult the spirits, those who are involved in Spiritism, those who consult the dead, etc)* Outside the city are those who have strayed away from God, and the sorcerers and the immoral and murderers and idolaters...*(This is talking about people who bow down to STATUES).*

"Oh but I think there is no harm in doing that!"
But keep your thoughts in your pocket!

Revelation 22:15

15 ...and all who love to lie, and do so.

Jesus came to do many wonderful things:

**Jesus came to bring us PEACE,
He came to restore our relationship with Him.**

What for?

So that He can be with us,
So that He can love us,
So that He can answer our prayers,
So that He can help us.

We also saw that Jesus came to REDEEM US, to bring remission:

To completely TAKE AWAY our sins so that the sting of death cannot bring death upon us any longer.

So that it cannot bring death to us whilst here on earth and by this I mean:

Illness.

Problems, etc.

He came to take away eternal DEATH!

Jesus warns us when he says:

Revelation 22:14

14 Blessed are those who have washed their robes with the blood of the lamb...

This talks about the day when we received Jesus in our lives. It talks about the fact that Jesus shed His blood for us on the Cross and took our sins away. He WASHED us clean of our sins.

Only this way will we be able to ENTER through the gates of the city of God,

We will have ACCESS to eternal life,

We will live ETERNALLY with God.

Later on I'm going to talk a little bit more about eternal life and where we're going to!

2- Bring Eternal Life

1 – JESUS CAME TO BRING ETERNAL LIFE

When Adam and Eve were created, God made everything perfect. But a catastrophe happened!

Adam and Eve sinned and became SEPARATED from God

Because of this, the earth became cursed with disease, poverty, problems, war and much more. All these things are the result of these curses that entered the earth.

All this was the result of the devil being here.

The demons that walk freely are the causes of all these things.

But Jesus came to FREE us ,

Jesus came to bring us out of Satan's YOKE and out of his SLAVERY. Jesus came to bring us out of all these curses and to give us the BLESSINGS that God has for us. He came to give us ETERNAL life with God. He did this so that we might see him and know that he is present in our lives. He also did this so that we might one day live in a place where there is no more pain, where there are no more problems and where there is no more disease.

Do you know how God calls diseases? He calls them death.

Diseases are from the Kingdom of darkness. They can be considered to be a gradual death that comes in instalments.

Poverty is death; suffering is death and they both come from the kingdom of darkness. This is what Satan has to offer people.

The devil INVENTED sin and SIN brings DEATH

I am not only talking about physical death but about the type of death which REMOVES joy from a person's life and which removes LIFE from them.

But glory to God, Jesus came to give us ETERNAL LIFE.
Jesus died and went to the depths of hell and there
He conquered death,
He conquered the kingdom of darkness

He took the keys of hell from the devil.
Jesus was talking to John in a vision in which he appeared and He said:

Revelation 1:17-18

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead.
And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me,
Fear not; I am the first and the last:

18 I am he that lived, and was dead; and, behold, I
am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys
of hell and of death.

Jesus has the keys of death and the keys to hell. Do you know why?

He WON

He BEAT the devil

He has the KEYS to give us ETERNAL LIFE!

ETERNAL LIFE is the most wonderful thing that exists.

No one can ever understand the true meaning of what it is to have eternal life with God until they go up to heaven.

It is going to be the most wonderful thing that exists!

There will be absolutely no feeling of pain ,

No worries,

No disease

There will be NOTHING !

There won't be any of those feelings that people are already used to having,

Worrying about paying bills.
Not knowing what tomorrow brings.
All of this will disappear!

There are people who have died and gone to heaven and have said that there are no words to describe that place.

Did you know that in heaven it is just like it is here on earth however only good things are reserved for us!

Jesus came to BUY us BACK

To get us out of this waste land, to get us out of this decadent world and to take us to where He is.

Jesus came and shall return again to fetch us. Today He is preparing a place and He shall come to get us to be with him FOREVER.

2 – WHAT HAPPENS AFTER PHYSICAL DEATH

Now I shall explain some issues that I believe are important in order for you to understand life after death.

Adam and Eve's sin brought about various types of death
The first was **SPIRITUAL DEATH**

Spiritual death means

SEPARATION between man and God and
it involves being under all the curses that are upon

the earth.

It also brought PHYSICAL DEATH upon Man

This is where the body also dies.

When we talk about death a lot of people only think about physical death.

However another type of death exists:

Which is the **SPIRITUAL DEATH** and this includes **ETERNAL SEPARATION** from God.

The death which the world refers to more often is that in which a person becomes separated from their body.

The body in which we live in is only a corpse which contains flesh.

For example when you look at a car on the go, you will know that someone is driving it.

The windows might be tinted and you may not see who is inside but the person that's in the car exists.

The car on its own has no life unless someone is driving it.

The real you is the person who is inside of you, the spirit that is within you. That is what controls your body.

When someone dies they leave their body and they go

to either one of two places:

Heaven

Hell, there is no other alternative.

Purgatory is a PURE INVENTION.

SALVATION can only be obtained here on earth.

Only those who GIVE their lives to JESUS CHRIST can be saved.

Let's take a look at what Jesus taught us in the story of Lazarus. The first impression that you get is that God is against the rich and that He favours the poor; however the story has nothing to do with that.

Luke 16:19-20

19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores.

On other occasions Jesus explained that it is normally difficult for rich people to enter the Kingdom of God

It is difficult for them to enter the kingdom of God

Not because of their wealth,

But because these people place more trust in their riches than in God.

They forget that one day when they die they will leave

behind all the wealth that they have and they will have TO ANSWER to God.

Luke 16:22-26

22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom...

(Abraham's bosom is what we call PARADISE or HEAVEN)...the rich man also died, and was buried.

23 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime received thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us that would come from thence.

As Jesus teaches us these things he shows us that the THEORY of the PURGATORY is not true.

The purgatory is something INVENTED by men, saying that when a person dies they go to a place where they are purified.

Jesus teaches us that

One man went to Heaven and the other one went

to Hell.

There is an abyss between Heaven and Hell and no one can cross from one side to the other.

Luke 16:27-31

27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:
28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.
29 Abraham saith unto him, they have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.
30 And he said, nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.
31 And he said unto him, if they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Firstly let me explain this story:

The man who had never paid attention to God died and went to Hell.

And when he saw that it was too late for him, he asked:

“Abraham send someone, oh God resurrect someone to go and talk to my family so that they do not come here to this place.”

Do you know what Abraham responded?

“They have Moses and the prophets.”

Do you know what this tells us?

Moses speaks about the Bible, because Moses wrote the word of God on tablets and the prophets were all preachers.

Many people today do not want to hear God's VOICE because they HAVE NO TIME.

If they do not want to hear God's voice then they will always find an excuse not to serve him.

Even if He was to resurrect for a second time!

The lesson that I want you to learn is that:

When someone dies they either go to the bosom of Abraham or they go to Hades.

**It DOESN'T depend on God,
it DEPENDS on EACH PERSON.**

All those who during their life on earth,

Give their lives to Jesus

Remain faithful to Him and served Him,

One day when they die, leave their body, and God's angels will come to fetch them and take them to heaven.

But if people here on earth

Do not pay attention to God,

Do not give up their evil ways,

Do not accept Jesus as their Lord and saviour, shall go to hell .

This is because they have rejected the only chance they had to be saved.

The only person who could take away their sins and cleansed them was Jesus and they REJECTED him!

One day when they go to court, on judgement day, FINAL JUDGEMENT, they will have nothing, no one to DEFEND them.

Jesus does not only defend us he also cleanses ALL of our SINS

When God comes to judge us on judgement day
He will go and collect our book and glory to God, that the errors that we have committed will be ERASED because of the BLOOD that Jesus shed for us on the cross.

When you see a dead person,
You see a body because that person is not there.
If people knew about this, every time they went to funerals they would think:

“when is it my turn and where will I end up?”

And this question that you should ask yourself .

That is what truly matters.

Once you are dead, either go to Heaven or to Hell,

Luke 16:26

26...between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us that would come from thence.

3 – CONDITIONS for RECEIVING ETERNAL LIFE

In revelations Jesus talked about this, not me!

It is the doctrine of Jesus Christ- it is Jesus speaking.

Revelations 22:11-14

11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he who is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city...

This means that those who give their lives to Jesus, are CLEANSED from their sins because of the SACRIFICE that Jesus made on the cross.

Revelations 22:14

14...may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

And in our case -We are cleansed

Not because of our works,
Not with money to buy prayer of salvation

But by the BLOOD of the lamb .***Revelation 22:15***

15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and who-remongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie...

Do you know who idolaters are?

They are people who IDOLISE IMAGES.

The first of the 10 commandments says:***Exodus 20:4-5***

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.

Do you know what happened in the old days?

The priests who would do these things were killed. They **KILLED** these people. That is what's written in the Bible.

However those who call themselves men of God preach all sorts of garbage, they even **HIDE** the Bible.

II Chronicles 7:14

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

God promised that if His people who call upon His name which is our case,

humble themselves before Him, and pray and seek His face and if all the nations turn from their evil ways

Then God shall HEAR and heal our land.

Do you know what people need?

A change of HEART,
REPENTANCE,
To turn to the ways of Jesus.

But glory to God, for I have faith and in my spirit I see that day after day, week after week we are getting closer to the day when we will see:

That when one of us goes to any city, the spirit of God will fill that city in such a way that the people who are there, will cry and repent before God.

a) BEING SAVED

What are the conditions for us to live the wonderful life that God has prepared for us?

There is a PRICE to PAY that does not involve money, BUT first we must be SAVED.

We have read *Revelation 22:14*

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes...

Jesus is called the LAMB, the lamb that God sent. In

the past, offerings would be made with a lamb in the following way:

“Oh God accept the death of this lamb in replacement of my death, I know that I am a sinner. This lamb is innocent and it has done no harm at all.”
And God would accept !

**God is not interested in SACRIFICES,
God is interested in a RIGHTEOUSNESS heart.**

God created a new sacrifice,
The sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Jesus was the only lamb which was able to make a sacrifice which is valid forevermore. He died once for everyone, to CLEANSE all of our sins!

All those who CONVERTED to Jesus, this is ,
those who didn't only believe in what Jesus did,
But also gave their lives to Him
And received Jesus as their Lord and saviour.
To these ETERNAL LIFE was given.

No one can be saved by their own merit, they have to make Jesus their Lord and saviour.

Lord means that it He who starts to GOVERN our life.

No one can enter a country,
Unless they submit to the authorities of that country.

This is why passports exist. You must go to the embassy and ask for permission to get into a country.

In order for you to enter the Kingdom of God

You must submit to the king of the kingdom, of the country. That authority is JESUS.

b) PERSEVERE UNTIL THE END

The second condition for us to receive ETERNAL LIFE
Is for us to PERSEVERE until the end.

Matthew 24:13

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

SALVATION consists of the following:

Firstly a person who has never given their life to Jesus to takes the first step and gives their life to Jesus.

Secondly that person must understand that it's not about giving their life to Jesus and then going on to doing the same things.

No! From then on they must start following Jesus and serving Him, they must WALK with Jesus.

Matthew 24:3-5

3 And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying; tell us, when

shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

In this passage Jesus is talking about the END of the WORLD. He is advising us that shortly the world will end and that we will meet Him.

Note that Jesus said:

“Take heed that no man deceive you”

How will you be able to distinguish those who are right from those who are wrong?

It's simple, Jesus said:

“From his fruits you shall know.”

If a church claims that they represent Jesus but you,

Never see anyone being born again ,

Never see anyone getting baptised in the Holy Spirit or even speaking in tongues ,

Never see anyone being healed,

Never see lives being transformed by their heart,

**They can say whatever they want
MAS pelos seus frutos nós sabemos.**

BUT from their fruits we shall know:

“Be careful take heed that no man deceive you”

In some places they do not even read the Bible and they substitute it with other books.

Jesus said that the heavens and the earth may pass but his word shall not pass not even a comma can be removed and neither can a word be added.

Matthew 24:6-8

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

When we start seeing wars happening one after the other, earth tremors, an increase in violence and famine then we shall know that this is merely the beginning of the LABOUR PAINS.

The end of the world can be compared to a woman who is about to give birth.

c) RENOUNCE this WORLD and LIFE ITSELF

There are people who gain fame by selling their souls to the devil. To this very day people are still doing this. Nowadays people still make pacts the devil. It is mad-

ness!

In order to gain FAME and MONEY for a couple of years, they miss out on the ETERNAL LIFE. .

There are people who say:

“I don’t have time to serve God right now because I have a life. I want to live my life.”

Those who do not lose their life and who love the world and their life, will not enter the kingdom of God.

The world is not the land,

It consists of a cosmos,
A WAY of LIFE.

The WRONG way that people choose to do things.
They do things just any way.

I remember a case that someone told me about:

Pastor Kenneth Hagan tells us about it in one of his books and in his messages .

A woman served God with her husband, both went to church, woman played the piano well, served God in her ministry she helped the whole church to praise God. One day the devil came to her and started saying things to her:

“You are beautiful, no one pays attention to you, everyone steps on you, everyone tells you what to do. Look how your gift is being wasted, the gift that

you have is so good!”

And she knew that it was Satan :

“Get Behind me Satan.”

After a week the devil came again:

“Look at how beautiful you are, no one appreciates your talent. It’s being wasted here. You could be playing out in the World making a lot of money and meeting new people.” and many other things.

With time she started thinking about it and paying more attention to the things that were being said to her.

Do you know happened?

She stopped serving God.

Pastor Kenneth Hagan started praying for her, because he could see the path she was following

It was the PATH of the WORLD

She was leaving the light and entering into the darkness.

She was LEAVING God’s way to follow the ways of darkness.

Love the darkness more than the light,
That’s why they are not being saved.

The pastor continued to fast and he interceded for her day and night, not just him but the other brothers of

the church.

One day God appeared to them and said:

“You shall no longer pray for her because she does not want you to. She has decided to love the World more than me. There is nothing anyone can do for her because she has decided”

Why am I telling you this?

So that you can understand that there are a series of things that go on in the world and we never know what is in people’s hearts.

It is for us to listen to this testimony so that it might help us not give ears to the devil.

It’s for us to neither live for this world and nor serve this world.

The more God gives us worldly things.

**The less we love the world,
The more God gives us worldly things.**

If you study humanity then you shall see that those who love the world more, are those who have less.

But there are people who love the world so much even after giving their lives to Jesus and as such, they LOSE everything.

Use the things of this world in order to do good,
Use the things of this world to go and gain people for
Jesus,

And ABOVE ALL love JESUS CHRIST.

There are people who follow Jesus not because of who
He is but because of the things that He provides.

Jesus said in *John 6:26*.

26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I
say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the
miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and
were filled.

There are people would follow Jesus because of the
miracles he makes but the truth is that their hearts are
not focused on Him. Jesus says that to this day there
are still people who do that.

Jesus came to give us eternal life!

**So let's be faithful until the end
So that we can have eternal life!**

d) LOVE JESUS ABOVE all THINGS

Another condition to gain eternal life is written in *Mat-
thew 10:37*.

Jesus said that one of the conditions for us :

Not to love the WORLD ,

Not to love SIN,
Not to love our FAMILIES more than we love Jesus.

Matthew 10:37

37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

One of the CONDITIONS for us to enter the kingdom of God is to put Jesus in FIRST PLACE,

Above our families,
Above our reputation
Above our jobs,
Above our husband or our wife,
Above our children.

You have to put Jesus in FIRST PLACE so that you can enter the bliss of ETERNAL life.

4 – FINAL SEPARATION between the RIGHTEOUS and UNRIGHTEOUS

I will now speak about the FINAL SEPARATION between the just and unjust.

On the day of the consummation of the century, on the day of the end of the world:

God will separate those who are HIS,
From those who are not.

The righteous shall be separated from the unrighteous.

Matthew 13:24-26, 28

24 Another parable put the forth unto them, saying, the kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man who sowed good seed in his field:

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

28 He said unto them, an enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up.

Note that there was weed among the wheat

Matthew 13:29-30

29 But he said, nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Jesus is comparing the kingdom of God with a farmer and is saying that the farmer sowed the seed but then someone sowed the weeds there.

These weeds cannot be pulled before their time; otherwise the wheat will be spoilt as well.

This separation can only be made in the final harvest.

Jesus explains this in *Matthew 13:37-43, 49-50*

37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are

the children of the wicked one;

39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear?

44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from

among the just,
50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Do you know who the RIGHTEOUS are? WE are the righteous.

**Do you know why we are the righteous?
Because we were justified of our sins by the blood of Jesus; We were CLEANSED .**

Do you know why we shall be spared in the end of the world?

Not because of our good works,
Not because we were good,
Not because you did good
Not because we think about others...
NO, this means nothing !

Because Jesus WASHED our SINS away

When someone gives their life to Jesus they are made a new creature, the old things pass away and new things are created.

O SANGUE de Jesus LAVOU-O dos seus pecados.

Colossians 1:21-22

21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath

he reconciled

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight.

I have good news for you :

All those who GIVE their lives to Jesus are made HOLY, JUST and RIGHTEOUS before God.

NOT because of their works or because of their money BUT because of the price that Jesus paid on the cross when he shed his blood. Hallelujaha.

1 Corinthians 1:2

2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints...

All those who are in Christ Jesus are called HOLY.

“How can you have the nerve to call yourself holy, pastor.”

The Bible says that I am holy and I am what God says I am, I am not what you say I am.

1 Corinthians 1:2

1...to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, b o t h

theirs and ours.

We are holy and righteous ,

Not because of our own merit

Not because of our works

But because of the BLOOD that Jesus SHED on the cross!

He sanctified us and purified us from all our bad works.

Now we are no longer sinners, we are FREE.

That is why we can enter the heaven.

5 – THE BENEFITS of ETERNAL LIFE

What did Jesus come to do on earth?

He came to give us ETERNAL LIFE!

John 14:1

1 Let not your heart be troubled...

Here Jesus is saying:

“Do not be afraid.”

John 14:1-2

1 ...ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Glory to God!

Jesus came to the earth

To give us ETERNAL LIFE

To bring DELIVERANCE

Then he went to heaven, he is in heaven.

Do you know why he is there?

He is preparing a place for us.

John 14:3

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Jesus will COME for a SECOND Time to come and fetch us. When Jesus comes he will take us and we shall be with him for eternity.

There will be no tears, no problems and no pain nothing at all.

Only GOOD things shall exist!

Jesus will come and we shall be with him forever.

Glory be to God

Soon very soon we shall see the KING.

3- Addressing our Needs

1 - JESUS CAME to Meet our NEEDS

Today we see that Jesus also came to MEET our needs, and to rescue us from the day of peril.

**Jesus is your anchor,
Jesus is your friend,
He is always by your side,
He will never leave you,
He will never forsake you.**

Turbulence may arise,
Serious problems may arise,
You may find a dead end...

But I want to tell you:

If you stop looking at the problem and look to Jesus, He will REACH out His HAND and will put you in his LAP, and will take away this mountain (problem) from you.

If there is anyone who knows this it's me, I know very well what I am saying.

Several times in my life, especially as an Apostle, when the devil brought me problems it seemed that they had no solution.

**Glory to God that I have already learnt the secret of
LOOKING UP - to Jesus!**

**And glory to God that He has really helped me.
Hallelujah! It is true, God is wonderful!**

Jesus came to MEET your needs!

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and TOMORROW:

And if He did miracles yesterday,
He will do miracles today!

If He needed to do a miracle yesterday to MEET the needs of someone, today He will do the same thing because he DOES NOT CHANGE.

You and I CHANGE - we get older and change. Today we have one opinion, tomorrow we have another one.

**But Jesus will NEVER CHANGE.
He does NOT CHANGE!**

What He was two thousand years ago
He is going to be TODAY!

a) JESUS TRANSFORMS WATER into WINE - JOHN 2

Let's see what Jesus did, and let's see what the secret is for us to have a miracle in our lives as well.

John 2:1-5

1 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,

2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

4 "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

"Do whatever he tells you."

John 2:6-8

6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet. They did so."

I can imagine what the employees were thinking: *“Gosh, now I am going to bring water to the host instead of wine? The host might fire me”*

But they did what Jesus asked them to do.

John 2:9-10

9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside

10 and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.

What is the moral of this story?

Jesus was in a party and in that period it would be considered a disgrace if the wine or food finished! Jesus’s mother was there however, maybe she was a friend of the grooms’ family.

Knowing who Jesus was, she said, “Jesus do something.”

Jesus even said: *“No, my time has not come yet to perform miracles.”*

But the lady insisted and said to the servants: *“Look,*

everything Jesus says, do it.”

And Jesus met the needs of that party.

In this case to “meet the NEEDS,” was to TRANSFORM WATER INTO WINE! In your case it might be to have a new job, or for any other brother/sister it could be something else.

Do you know what the secret is for Jesus to do a miracle in your life?

It is written here in the Bible

John 2:5

5 His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.

The secret to have a miracle for your life is To DO what Jesus SAYS.

Today we cannot see Jesus, but we have his word. It is like Jesus writing a letter to you and to me.

What the Bible says is Jesus talking, do what Jesus says, and He will make a MIRACLE in your life.

**You do as much as you can,
And He does the miracle that you cannot.**

**DO what Jesus says,
Be a PRACTITIONER of the Word of God.**

Imagine if the staff had said: *“Oh, so now I will take jugs full of water to the host?!?”*

But they did what Jesus said, therefore they received a miracle.

There are many Christians who are sincere – they love Jesus and they love the Church.

But they never remember to put into practice the teachings of God!

I know several brothers who are believers for a number of years but when they come to our church with lots of knowledge and see our brothers who became believers just six months ago, eight months or a year ago, they say:

“Apostle, how is it that they are believers only for a half dozen months and have more blessings than I? Everything goes better with them than with me and yet I know more than them?”

And I always answer them in the same way: *“It’s that our brothers learn not only to know a verse but to put the verse into PRACTICE.”*

DO Everything Jesus says.

There are so many people running after Maria. But do you know what Mary said?

“DO All that Jesus says”

The secret is in us doing what Jesus said. Christianity is doing what the Manufacturer’s Manual says

When people buy a car they follow the car’s manual, they inspect the whole car etc. when they buy a machine they will check the machine’s manual.

The Bible is the MANUAL for your LIFE, why won’t you consult the manual of life?

b) JESUS PAYS TAXES - MATTHEW 17

We are going to see a story similar to many people’s stories nowadays.

It is the story of a person who had to pay taxes, and Jesus met the needs for the person to pay their taxes.

Matthew 17:24-25,27

24 After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma temple tax came to Peter and asked, “Doesn’t your teacher pay the temple tax?”

25 “Yes, he does,” he replied.

When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. “What do you think, Simon?” he

asked. “From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes—from their own children or from others?”

27 “But so that we may not cause offense, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours.

What happened:

Peter went to the sea, released the hook, took the first fish he could find, opened the mouth of the fish, and there was the money!

The lesson to take from this is that Jesus WANTS to meet your needs

Be it health,
Be it finances,
Be it taxes,
Be it a new job,
Be whatever it is.

But when Jesus tells you to do something, DO IT!

Do you know why some people do not have miracles in their lives?

Because when Jesus tells them to do something they think: “*Oh that is ridiculous, I am going to the sea and coincidentally there will soon be a fish with money inside of it there? Oh that is so crazy!*”

But if Peter had not obeyed Jesus, he would not have had the money for taxes.

c) EXAMPLE the GENERAL NAAMAN

When the chief, the Army General of the Syrians had leprosy, someone said to him:

“General, I was told that there is a prophet, a man of God and whenever he prays, God answers him. Come sir, we will see that man and He will lay hands on you and the almighty God will heal your leprosy.”

So the General went to see the prophet.

And the General, who was the most important person of Syria’s Army, full of pomp and fanfare, arrived at the house of the prophet and one of his servants knocked on the door of Elisha.

Then the servant of Elisha went to tell him:

“Look, here is General Naaman ..”

So Elisha said to his servant :

“Look, tell the General to go to the Jordan River and to bathe seven times. On the seventh time he will be healed.”

The officer then ran to speak to the General: *“Sir, the man of God, Elisha, said for you to bathe seven times in the river and on the seventh time you will be cured of your leprosy.”*

The General was furious.

“That man didn’t even leave the house to greet me. Does he not know I’m important? Worst of all, he asked me to wash myself seven times in that dirty river. Does he not know that in Syria there are much cleaner rivers? Oh....”

And he was already leaving.**All of this comes in the Bible.**

And his officer said: “Oh General, do not be angry, he is a man of God. God uses that man. If the man had told you to do something difficult, you would do it straight away, but the man is telling you to do an easy task and you do not want to do it?!”

And with great difficulty he managed to get the General to wash himself in that dirty river.

So the general washed himself once, and washed himself a second time, and washed himself a third time – and NOTHING !

But glory to God, on the seventh time when he came out of the water, his skin was CLEAN, it was perfect.

The lesson to take from this story is:

No matter how strange Jesus’ instructions seem to be for your life – DO WHAT HE SAYS.

What do we know about the world with our narrow minds?

God is the CREATOR of everything! He is the one who knows everything!

We just have to do what JESUS SAYS!

2 - BUILD your LIFE upon the ROCK by LISTENING and PRACTICING the WORD

Luke 6:46

46 Why do you call me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

Jesus was speaking to a group of people who spent their lives saying: *“Oh Lord, Lord...”*

But they never did what Jesus said!

It's like some believers who don't belong to our ministry which say: *“You are the Lord, You are the Lord but I'm going to keep my money in my pocket.”*

Luke 6:47

47 for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and then puts them into practice, I will show you What They are like...

That means practise them.

Listening isn't enough, practice them.***Luke 6: 47-48***

47... for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like.

48 They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When the flood came, the torrent struck the house but could not shake it, because it was well built .

Just because we are believers,
Just because we now have Jesus,
Just because we now put Jesus in first place in our lives,
And we serve God,

Doesn't mean that the devil will not ATTACK. Do not think that it will be smooth sailing ahead.

I never taught you that! Much less Jesus! Sometimes that's when the devil attacks you with more ferocity.

But if you base your way of living according to the Bible, that is,

If you start PRACTICING God's Word, Not only on Sundays,

But on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays ... Then you are LIVING according to what the Bible teaches.

You are building

Your LIFE,
Your MARRIAGE,
Your HOME,
Your BUSINESS
ON THE ROCK!

A large storm might approach you but you will not be affected by it **because you are FIRM upon the rock.**

Now let's see other group of people:

Luke 6:49

49 But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.

Shortly after I arrived to Portugal there were floods in the Cascais area. The whole of central Lisbon was flooded, sidewalks were damaged, stores... A lot of money was spent to re-build that area!

And there were houses that also fell down.

I heard an engineer talking

He was from a government department, and had already warned people who were building houses on top of rivers.

But people did not take heed!

There are rivers flowing underneath that city, which can only be seen if you dig deep

There are water filaments and it is only when there are large floods which occur every 5 years, 10 years or even every 50 years, that the water comes to the surface.

And if a person has built something upon that sand, when the flood comes,

It takes everything – the houses go, the television goes, the parakeets go, the canaries go, your slippers go, EVERYTHING goes!

But the attitudes of some of these people were:

“Oh, my father lived here 5 years ago and my great-grandfather 10 years ago. I know how it is, these people do not realize any of this, and I am the one who knows besy, look at the years go by and so on...””

But they don't know anything and they refuse to believe in others who know more than they do. And when the floods of 50 years or so came, families were left homeless, they were all crying.

They did not build their lives on the rock!

They did not build their lives based on what the Lord Jesus says.

How many people do the same thing in relation

To their marriage
To their financial lives
To their health
To their businesses...

I knew family friends living in Africa. They all lived very well – they had good houses, good business, they had several cars...

I remember a dignified doctor, who was a Christian, and testified of Jesus to people.

And I remember their comments!

*“Ah how come he ended up like this (a Christian)?
A man who is a good doctor, an intelligent man, ended
up in this, this nonsense and such of the Bible*

But when the floods came, which were all those things that happened in Africa at the time, the doctor remained standing and the others were left with nothing.

Why?

The flood came and they had built their lives on the sand!

What is the secret

**For Jesus to do a miracle in your life?
For Jesus to meet your needs?**

DO ALL that Jesus says

“Oh but I do not understand how this is going to work!”

It is not for you to understand, it is for you to do it!