

hope of heaven. The only way a person can get to heaven is to follow Jesus and obey his commands. After all, he spoke the very words of God to mankind. He died upon the cross for your sins. Do you believe the words of God? Do you want to live this new life in Christ and be victorious over sin? Do you want a home in heaven for eternity? The choice is yours to make.

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John 1:1-4 1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." In **John 1:14** the Word became flesh; "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." **Matthew 1:23b** "...and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

Jesus left the splendor of heaven, was made in the likeness of men (**Phil. 2:7**), and dwelt among us upon this earth. So often we take this for granted, but let us meditate a moment upon "why" Jesus would choose to come to this earth. Jesus knows our greatest need; to be freed from the bondage of sin and reconciled to God. Jesus is the only way we, as mankind, can ever hope to be a part of God's kingdom. Jesus came to redeem us and offer us hope of eternal life with God. When sin entered into the world in the Garden of Eden (**Genesis 3**), Adam and Eve were separated from their God because of their sin. Sin had now made its entrance into the world. **Isaiah 59:2** says it best concerning how our sins

have separated us from our God. **Romans 3:23** tells us, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Each of us has separated ourselves from God by our own sins. However, God has a plan to bring mankind back to Him; through Jesus Christ. **John 3:16-17** 16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. Jesus said in **John 8:12** "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but have the light of life." Jesus was the light of the world that was in darkness and full of sin. Sin is a darkness of evil and hate. Satan does not want you to be forgiven of your sins and have your relationship with God restored. Satan, the devil, is described as a murderer and a liar in **John 8:44**. He is our adversary, walking about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. (**1 Peter 5:8**) As punishment for his rebellion against God, Satan will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (**Rev. 21:4**) Jesus came into this world

to seek and save the lost; to save those who were dying in their sins. Jesus was presented as a sacrifice of atonement for us through the shedding of His blood on the cross, so that those who have faith in Him may have eternal life. Jesus died for all of our sins and was raised to life for our justification. When we come to know Jesus and obey Him, we die to sin and no longer live in the darkness of sin. We have a choice as to whom we will yield ourselves as servants; whether it be to God or Satan. (**Rom. 6:16-23**) God has, in these last days, spoken to us by His Son. Jesus has purged our sins and is sitting at the right hand of God. (**Heb. 1:1-4**) How will I respond to Jesus' love for me? How can I be cleansed from my sinful past so I can become pure and clean? I must believe (**Jn. 20:29; Rom. 10:10**), confess Jesus as the Son of God (**Acts 8:37**), repent of my sins (**Lk. 13:5**), and be baptized for the remission of my sins (**Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16**) **Romans 6:1-11** has a lot to say on this subject. I would encourage you to pick up your Bible and spend some time with this entire chapter. **Romans 6:1-4** 1 "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live

any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." When one is baptized, his old self dies to sin and his new self lives a new life for God. When one accepts Christ as his Lord and Savior in baptism, his life will start over in a blessing and he will be victorious over sin.

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation."

John 14:6 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Jesus, through his sacrifice, has offered us the forgiveness of sins, reconciliation to the Father, and the