

## 1. God loves you and wants to be a part of your life

We get a glimpse of God's love for mankind and His desire to be a part of our lives by looking at the Garden of Eden. When God created the heavens and the earth, He created mankind (Adam and Eve) and placed them in a garden. He provided for all their needs and walked and talked with them daily.

We see in God's original plan, His heartbeat is to be in relationship with each of us and walk and talk with us daily. His greatest desire way back then was, and still is, to get to know each of us personally.

Question - If God loves us all so much and wants to be a part of our lives, why do many people not have God in their lives?

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

## 2. Man sinned and became separated from God

God gave mankind rule over all creation, but because God is a holy God and knows what is best, He gave them some rules to follow. One of them was not to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Unfortunately, Adam and Eve chose not to obey this command and because of this, sin entered the world. Because of their disobedience they were cast out of the garden paradise God had created for them. Since this time all mankind has been separated from God (Isaiah 59:2).

The Bible tells us that not only did Adam and Eve sin, but all mankind have sinned and fallen short of God's standards (Romans 3:23). We may feel that we live a good life and mostly we do. However, if we take a moment to look at God's Ten Commandments (see footnotes), we soon realise that at some time we have broken at least one of them. God says in James 2:10 that if we break one commandment we are guilty of breaking them all.

Question - If all mankind have sinned and are separated from God, is there anything that can be done to remedy this?

## 3. Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay for our sin

Yes. Many people know the Easter story - that Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday and He rose to life on Easter Sunday. This is celebrated every year in most parts of the world. But why did Jesus have to die? Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sin that separates us from God (Romans 5:8).

Because of Jesus' death on the cross, the reason for our separation has now been removed and we can now approach God and be in relationship with Him .

Question - If Jesus has died to remove our sin, is there anything we have to do?

## 4. Faith in Jesus Christ restores our relationship

Yes. Each of us must respond personally to God's plan for our salvation. God played His part by giving His Son to pay the price for our sin. Our part is to receive what Jesus has done for us.

God requires us to do three things to find salvation. They can be described as the A, B, C of salvation -

**A - Admit.** We need to admit to God that we have sinned and fallen short of His standards and to ask for His forgiveness.

**B - Believe.** We need to believe in Jesus Christ, that He is the Son of God and that He died on the cross for our sin.

**C - Commit.** We need to commit our lives to Jesus Christ and ask Him to come into our lives and guide and lead us in all we do.

Question - Are you ready to respond to God's plan for your salvation today? Turn the page to find out how you can do this...

Responding to God is as simple as praying a short prayer that expresses your thanks for what He has done, confessing your sin and asking Jesus into your life. You can pray this prayer right now.

*Dear Lord, I thank You that You came and died on the cross for my sin. Right now I ask for Your forgiveness. Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God and I ask You to be a part of my life. Please be my Lord and Saviour. Please guide me and lead me in all I do and help me to live for You. Amen.*

The Bible tells us that if we have confessed our sin, and believed in Jesus Christ and what He has done for us, then we have eternal life (1 John 5:13). That means we can know we have a place in heaven waiting for us!

### **What to do now?**

If you prayed this prayer and receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour we would love to hear from you. You can contact us via our website at [www.passionaustralia.org](http://www.passionaustralia.org). On our website we also have lots of free material that will help you on your journey of faith and life in Christ. We have a Free Discipleship Program that you can download and work your way through at your own pace.

### **Footnotes (Quoted from NIV Bible)**

Isaiah 59:2 - But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

Romans 3:23 - For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

James 2:10 - For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

Romans 5:8 - But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 5:13 - I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Ten Commandments - Thou shall have no other gods before me, Thou shall not make any graven image, Thou shall not take the name of the Lord in vain, Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy, Honour thy Father and Mother, Thou shall not kill, Thou shall not commit adultery, Thou shall not steal, Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbour, Thou shall not covet.

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## **Four things God needs you to know**

Have you ever wondered what God would want to say to mankind if He had the chance? Imagine if God spoke to everyone on earth at one time. What would He say? What message would He stress the most? What would His major theme be?

One of God's major themes throughout the Bible is His great love for mankind and His plan for their salvation. God's plan for our salvation can be broken down into four main parts...