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So many kind-hearted honest, sincere religious church goers, when they come to the end of life's journey, will one day awaken to realise that they have missed out on heaven, because they had never been born again. Confused they substituted church membership, confirmation, baptism and communion – **FOR THE NEW BIRTH.**

Jesus said to Nicodemus who was a ruler and teacher in Israel, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the Kingdom of God unless he is born again, you should not be surprised at my saying, 'you must be born again.'" – [John 3:3, 7]

Peter, told Simon, who was baptised by Philip and seemed to be interested in God's working, "you have no part or share in this ministry because your heart is not right before God. Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps He will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin." [Acts 8:21-23]

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Many religious people, who believe they can enter heaven because of their profession, have yet to truly experience the new birth. But these regular Sunday Church attenders, who try to keep the commandments, by giving money for the Lord's cause, being kind to friends and neighbours, helping the poor, orphans, widows, and the needy, will not necessary get a passport to heaven!

**Jesus said, "*Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evil doers!' [Matthew 7:22, 23]***

There is only one way by which we can never enter heaven, and that is **by the way of the new birth.**

“...the man who does enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and as robber.” [John 10:1]

The Bible tells us that we are born in sin, that we are sinful from the time our mother conceived us. [Psalm 51:5] that by nature we are dead in trespasses and sins, Ephesians 2:1, that “there is no one righteous, not even one...”

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'For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God'. [Romans 3:10, 23] and that 'without the new birth we are without God, without Christ, and without hope.' [Ephesians 2:12]

The old nature, that we have inherited through the fall of our first parents, Adam and Eve, cannot be changed by improving ourselves, by turning over a new leaf or by being religious.

Jesus said, "...that flesh gives birth to flesh, but the spirit gives birth to spirit...you must be born again." [John 3:6, 7].

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Only God can work this miracle in our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit. For it is His mission to convict us of sin and to cause us to repent and to definitely take Christ as our Saviour.

As we do this, we do not only receive the assurance of forgiveness and cleansing but an impartation of a whole new divine order of creative nature begun with Christ and we can say in confidence with Paul, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away, behold all things and become new." [2 Corinthians 5:17]

This is the new birth; and this is a new covenant, a new perspective, a new body, a new Church. All of Creation is to be born again. And so must you! If you have not already done so.

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**We do not grow into salvation, but we pass from death unto life. There is a definite time when we are born again.**

It is just as real as when a man is rescued from drowning or from a burning house.

**We cannot save ourselves, nor can anyone impart eternal life on us, save our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

There is nothing we can substitute for the new birth. This is an entirely new order of all Creation under Christ's authority. It requires a new way of thinking and looking at all people and at all of Creation.

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We can depend on our religious training, saying our prayers regularly and all that, the reading of the Bible and being Orthodox in our faith [and that is all to be appreciated], yet we cannot be saved unless we definitely take Christ as our Lord, and Saviour.

Religion and good work without a definite experience of salvation, will not give us an entrance into the Kingdom of God.

***“For it is by Grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourself it is the gift of God.” [Ephesians 2:8] .... “Not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy.” [Titus 3:5]***

Heaven's paradise gate will open only to such who have given their life to Jesus and who have been washed from their sins through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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For all others, **no matter how religious, honest, or sincere or how many good works they have done - they will not find favour with God,** for

***'all our self-righteousness is as filthy rags in His sight [Isaiah 64: 6]'***

If you have not been born again, I want to encourage you not to delay, but come to Jesus.

You don't need to be religious to come to Jesus.

God loves anyone who will come to Him regardless of their background, ethnicity, colour or religion.

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## **You may be asking what if I'm...**

- **A stripper?**
- **Heavily tattooed?**
- **A sex performer?**
- **A prostitute?**
- **A Muslim?**
- **A Buddhist?**
- **A murderer?**
- **A drug dealer?**
- **A drug addict?**
- **An alcoholic?**
- **Depressed?**
- **An adulterer?**
- **A wrestler?**
- **A boxer?**
- **A pimp?**
- **Homeless?**

***Yes, God loves you and will accept  
you***

***as His child - if you come to Him!***

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Again, I say to you that we're not saved by being good people, religious, honest or sincere, it is by Grace that we are saved, through faith, and this is not from yourself it is the gift of God.

**See Ephesians 2:8!**

If you would like to give your life to Jesus, and be born again, so that if you die tomorrow you will return to live God in Paradise, in Heaven for eternity, then simply repeat these words; it's called the **Salvation Prayer**.

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## SALVATION PRAYER

**SAY:**

***“Lord Jesus, forgive me of my sins. I accept you as my Lord and Saviour.***

***I surrender my life to you now. I am yours. Come into my life and change me forever.***

***Thank you Lord Jesus.***

***Amen.”***

If you have just said the Salvation Prayer;

**'Congratulations!'**

**You are now a born again Christian.**

**You are set free.**

**You're a new Creation.**

**Understand that when we receive salvation,**

**God puts His Precious Spirit in us and we  
become special people of God;**

**Precious in His eyes.**

**[Isaiah 43:4]**

**And now because of our newly received life,  
our life is transformed and will never be the  
same again!**

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When people look at you, they will begin to recognize that God has made changes in you!

### The Next Steps

- **Get a Bible** for yourself and spend time in learning about God.
- **Pray and ask the Holy Spirit** to help you and teach you how to read and understand the Word of God and how to communicate your thoughts to God, through Christ, in prayer.
- **Try to find a good, Bible-based local Church** that will help you to keep growing in your new commitment to live your life for Christ.
- **Get in touch with us to share the good news!** We'd love to hear from you and know that you've made a decision to become a Born-Again Christian. We'd also like to send you one of our free packs for New Christians.

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