

## THE GIFT OF GOD

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### Patience!

While we wait, we are told to ***“Be confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will complete it to perfection.”***  
*(Philippians 1:6)*

It may seem like a long time since Jesus promised to return, but, ***“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some consider delay, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”*** (2 Peter 3:9)

The very reason you have been given this pamphlet is because someone loves you and wants you to have the greatest gift of all - eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

But far more than anyone else,  
***“...God our Savior, would have all people to be saved, and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For ... He gave Himself a ransom for all.”***  
(1 Timothy 2:4-6)



**A new  
creation  
in Christ  
Jesus!**

~ Gal 6:15 ~

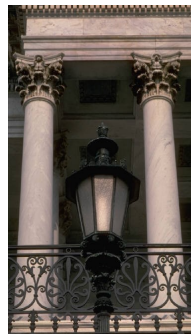


**Jesus is  
JHVH**

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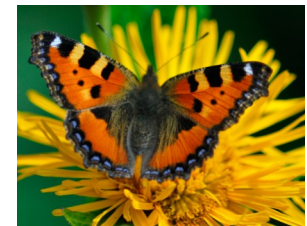


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THEREFORE,  
IF ANY ONE IS IN  
CHRIST, HE IS  
**A**  
**NEW**  
**CREATION!**

OLD THINGS HAVE  
PASSED AWAY,  
BEHOLD! ALL  
THINGS HAVE  
BECOME NEW!

~ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 ~  
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**Set your mind on things above, not on things of the earth -**  
~ Colossians 3:2 ~

Salvation is a gift from God. It cannot be bought with money, earned by good works, or bestowed by a certain church, ritual or religious person. ***“It is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”*** (Eph. 2:8,9)

What does God want to save you from? Sin and its consequences. Sin is lawlessness - doing what you know is wrong. Its consequences are death and hell.

This is the reason we all die. For ***“sin entered the world, and death through sin: and so death passed upon all people, for all have sinned.”*** (Romans 5:12)

God loves you so much, that His Son, Jesus, came to buy your ransom from death and hell. Your price? His own blood. Life for life. Through His death on the cross, He was ***“canceling the list of charges that were against us ... and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.”*** (Colossians 2:14)

His resurrection is proof that the transaction that bought you out of death was “paid in full.”

### Receiving the Gift:

So how do you receive the gift of eternal life? By receiving Christ! There are two prerequisites: ***“repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.”*** (Acts 20:21)

Repentance is genuine sorrow toward God for the way we have treated Him by our life of sin.

Faith is putting your total confidence in *who* Jesus is (God, the Son), and what He has done to save you at the cross. ***“For there is no other name under Heaven, given among mankind, by which we must be saved.”*** (Acts 4:12)

### New Life!

The moment you receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (Owner of your life), God forgives every sin you have ever done, and sends His Holy Spirit into your life to begin an amazing ***“metamorphosis.”***



**Be transformed by the renewing of your mind -**  
~ Romans 12:2 ~

From a creature once bound to an earthly perspective, you are now being prepared for “things above.”

First, you will notice that you have a new hunger for God’s Word, the Bible. It is your spiritual food. Nothing else will

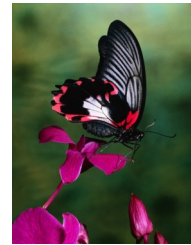
satisfy your heart as you get to know Jesus Christ through its pages.

Next, just as the caterpillar sheds his skin many times as he matures, you will gladly “put off” old ways of life that hinder your growth as a Christian. You will find that some things you enjoyed before, just don’t “fit” anymore. You have outgrown them.

Every time you learn more about Jesus through the Bible, it is like a mirror that reflects His radiance back on you, causing you to be ***“metamorphosized into the same image from glory to glory (from each glorious look to the next), by the Spirit of the Lord.”*** (2 Corinthians 3:18)

While the life of transformation is wonderful, it is also difficult. God does not promise you easy street, but He does guarantee that not one of His promises shall fail. You will find Him, ***“a very present help in times of trouble.”***

One day soon Jesus Christ will return to take us home to Heaven and our metamorphosis will be complete. He will ***“change our lowly body, that it may be fashioned like His glorious body, according to the working of His power ...”***



**Behold, I make all things new!**  
~ Revelation 21:5 ~

***Philippians 3:21.***