

*The Hope of
Christmas*



It's the most wonderful time of the year!"

It's a season full of parties, decorations, and gift giving. But for many, Christmas comes and goes and we're not any more hopeful than we were before. For some, it is a painful reminder of broken relationships, lost loved ones, or financial hardships, any of which make the season difficult. The problem is, many completely miss the real meaning of Christmas.

It's the story of Jesus coming to earth in order to give us hope and joy both now and forever.

In fact, the angels proclaimed to the shepherds, "I bring you good news." What exactly is this good news? It's the reality that we can have the hope of heaven both now and forever.

Do you know for sure that you are going to be with God in Heaven some day?

If God were to ask you, "Why should I let you into heaven?" what would you say?

If you are not sure then this booklet has the best news you could ever hear.



You can have the hope of heaven
this Christmas!

*The Bible says there are 5 THINGS
you need to know...*

HEAVEN

Heaven is a free gift.

It's not something you work for or deserve.

The Bible says, “... the gift of God is
eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 6:23

The Bible says, “For it is by grace you have been
saved, through faith – and this is not from
yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works,
so that no one can boast.”

Ephesians 2:8, 9

What keeps us from getting this gift?





SIN

We are sinners and cannot save ourselves.

The Bible says, **“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”**

Romans 3:23

The Bible also says, **“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”**

Matthew 5:48

With such a high standard, no one can save themselves.

*There must be a different way
- God's way!*



GOD

God is both loving and just.

On the one hand, the Bible says,

“God is love.”

1 John 4:8b

But on the other hand, the Bible also says, **“He does not leave the guilty unpunished.”**

Exodus 34:7b

Do you see the problem?



JESUS

God solved this problem by sending
His Son, Jesus.

Jesus is both fully God and fully man.

He lived a perfect life. He died on the cross to pay
for our sins, rose from the dead, and is now offering
us the free gift of eternal life.

The Bible says, **“For God so loved the world that He
gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes
in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”**

John 3:16

How do we receive this gift?



FAITH

We receive the gift of heaven by faith.

Saving faith is not only knowing about God but trusting in Jesus Christ alone for our eternal life.

This means trusting in what He has done rather than in what we have done.


The Bible says, **“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.”**

Acts 16:31

Does this make sense to you?

Would you like to ask Jesus to forgive your sins and to give you the gift of heaven?

This means to trust in Jesus, turn from your sin, and follow Him.



We experience the blessing of this life both now
and forever in a relationship with God.

*If this is what you want, you can pray
this prayer right now:*

*“Dear Jesus, forgive my sin, and come into my life as
my Lord and Savior. Thank you for giving me the hope
of heaven both now and forever. Amen.”*

Jesus says, “...**the one who believes
has everlasting life.**”

John 6:47b

NOW, do you know for sure that you will be with God
in Heaven some day? If God asked you, “Why should I
let you into Heaven”, what would you say, NOW?

***WELCOME TO THE
FAMILY OF GOD!***

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