

separation from our One True Friend is because of our sins (disobedience to God). The heavy burden inside us is because of our distressing separation from the Holy God because we are all sinners:

- *Your iniquities (lawlessness) have separated between you and your God; your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear.* (Isaiah 59:2)
- *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.* (Romans 3:23)
- *The wages of sin (the consequences) is death.* (Romans 6:23)

We are separated from God because we have sinned against the Most Holy, Supreme, God, The Creator of the Universe. **ALL of us** have rejected God's loving instructions found in the Bible. We have all gone our own way! God's wrath is against the hard-hearted, sinful ways of mankind, and He will reward or punish everyone for what they have done. (see Rom 2:5-6)

However, the LORD God Almighty is merciful, loving, and compassionate! He made The Way for reconciliation to re-establish relationship with Him! God sent His Son to die on the cross, taking the punishment for our sins so we could be forgiven and be restored to God! This is why Jesus said, "***No one comes unto the Father (God), but by Me.***"

Our reconciliation to God and the **only** Way to Heaven, is **in** Jesus Christ! Anyone who believes in Jesus, receives Him, follows Him, will receive God's Gift: ***Everlasting LIFE through Jesus Christ our Lord***" (Romans 6:23)

- But you must **personally** talk to God, telling Him you need Him! God loves you. He opens **The Door** to His Kingdom for YOU! You must come to Him, call to Him, ask Him to forgive

you, cleanse you of your sin with the **only** provision for cleansing of sin: the precious blood of Jesus Christ: "***the blood of Jesus Christ God's Son cleanses us from all sin.***"

- *By His own blood (Christ Jesus) entered in once into the Holy Place (Heaven), having obtained Eternal Redemption for us.* (1Jo 1:7&Heb 9:12)

God sent Jesus to die for us! He was the **perfect, sinless sacrifice** on our behalf! By His death, He fulfilled the payment due for our sins. He rose from the dead, and now is at God's Right Hand.

Jesus Christ came to seek and to save anyone who longs to know God and know the Way to Heaven! We are all hurting souls who are separated from Him because of sin. We have all done things that violated our conscience and violated God's righteous laws! But Jesus offered Himself as the payment for all our sins.

We can't save ourselves by anything we do! We might be a 'nice' person, but that will never cleanse us from our sin or satisfy our thirsty soul. We must all come to Jesus and be **'born of God'**!

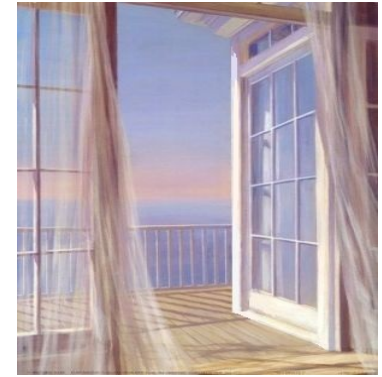
God is calling **you**! By His Holy Spirit, He is right beside you saying: "Come!" He rejoices whenever a soul turns to Him, receiving Jesus as their Savior!!

**The Way to Heaven is open!** Talk to God! He loves those who trust Him and is near to honest seekers! Say a prayer. Here's a prayer that may be helpful:

**"Dear God:** I know I'm a sinner. I believe Jesus died in my place. I ask You to save me, cleanse me from my sins by the blood of Jesus. Please forgive me for my sins. I want to be with You. Please come into my life. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me turn away from sin. Bring me into Your Kingdom. Make me Your child. Amen."

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## ***Do You Know The Way to Heaven?***

As a child, I heard a song about Heaven: "**Heaven is a wonderful place!**" 🎵 My thought was, If Heaven is so wonderful, why can't we go there? Heaven seemed to be mysterious! My teachers did not know how to go there. I wanted to find the Way to Heaven! No one seemed to know how.

As I grew older, I learned that Heaven is a place of joy and peace! This made me determined to find **The Way to Heaven**. I learned that Heaven is a place outside of time. It's in the Eternal Realm, where the Supreme God lives. No wonder Heaven is mysterious!

Somehow, people know about Heaven. It must be possible to go there. But alas! I could find no one who knew the Way to Heaven. I searched diligently, even trying some so-called 'maps' to Heaven. But those maps were faulty, very depressing, and counterfeit. The destinations of these false 'ways' were certainly **not** places of joy or peace!

**But, finally** - after my weary, troubling searchings, I met Sam. He knew The actual Way to Heaven! I was amazed! Sam knew The Way! Of course, I began asking lots of questions. He began

telling me how I could know The Way to Heaven! Now, I want to share with you what I learned, and how you too can know The Way to Heaven!

First, Sam told me that the Supreme, Creator God, gave to all people a book that explains **The Way to Heaven**. That book is the Holy Bible! I had heard of the Bible, but had not read it. Over several hours, Sam showed me Bible verses that explained and revealed God's true Way to Heaven.

Wow! We found over 600 times the word Heaven(s) is mentioned in the Bible. God definitely wants us to know about Heaven! The Most-High LORD God of the Bible, created everything! And Heaven is where His Throne is, as the Prophet Isaiah revealed:

• *Thus says the LORD God, The Heaven is My Throne. The Earth is My Footstool! (Isaiah 66:1)*

Sam pointed out Bible verses that helped me understand many things; things I had questioned; things that had troubled me. Many things began to make sense! One verse explained the deep emptiness I felt inside me. It was this little phrase: **God Has Put Eternity Into Man's Heart** (*Ecclesiastes 3:11*).

If God inhabits Eternity then somehow, everyone is linked to the LORD God because God has put an Eternal substance into every heart. In every human heart there is a deep-rooted yearning for the Eternal Creator, the LORD God. We can never escape what is deep inside us, because we are created that way!

Sam showed me verses about a Man who went up to Heaven, Jesus Christ:

• *This Jesus, who is taken up from you into Heaven, will come in the same way*

*as you have seen Him go into Heaven. (Acts 1:11)*

• *After speaking to them, the Lord Jesus was taken up into Heaven, and He sat on the Right Hand of God. (Mark 16:19)*

I began to understand why Jesus is so special! He is in Heaven now, praying for us: **Christ, who Died, and is Risen Again, is now at the Right Hand of God and intercedes (prays) for us.** (*Romans 8:34*) What A Comfort This IS!!

But how do I go to where He is? Sam said Jesus is preparing a place for His people – a place for me (and anyone else) to be where He is, as He told us!

• *In My Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know. (John 14:2-4)*

I was very glad to know that Jesus wants me to be with Him! But my question is the same as Thomas, the disciple: How can I know The Way to Heaven? Christ's answer is profound!

• *Jesus said, "I am The Way, The Truth, The Life: no man comes to the Father (God), but by Me." (John 14:6)*

Finally I found the answer!! If anyone wants to know **The Way to Heaven**, we must go to Christ Jesus, just as He said: **COME to Me, all you that labor and are heavy laden. I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you. Learn of Me; for I am meek, lowly in heart. You shall find rest for your souls.** (*Matthew 11:28-29*)!

Oh what joy! Now I understood! Jesus Christ is the Lover of Souls! He is the Great and Mighty One who loves us richly, and wants to guide us into The Way to Heaven. The loving Heavenly

God sent His Son, Jesus "**So that the world might be saved through Him**" (*John 3:17*).

When we turn our heart to God, and believe His Word [the Bible], and pray to receive His Son Jesus the Christ, then we begin to understand the loving heart that God has for each one of us! The Creator God loves us so much that He gave His Son to save and rescue us from eternal misery:

• *God so loved the world (loves you and me), that He gave His only begotten (precious and beloved) Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have Ever-Lasting Life. (John 3:16)*

• *Jesus said, "This is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one who sees (looks to) the Son, and believes on Him, may have Ever-Lasting Life: and I will raise him up at the last day. Truly, I say to you, he that believes on Me has Ever-Lasting Life." (John 6:40,47)*

Jesus Christ wants to shine His Light into your life by His Holy Spirit, and fill you with His love, and give you peace-of-heart! He is the only One who answers the deepest longing of your soul, and sets you free from dark confusion and doubts.

The LORD God made The Way for ALL and any '**whoever**' by sending His Son! Anyone who comes to Jesus can find peace and know The Way to Heaven:

• *Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World: he that follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but will have the Light of Life. I am come (as) a Light into the World, that whoever believes on Me should not stay in darkness." (John 8:12 & 12:46)*

But why is it that many do not know Him? Why does it seem like we are separated from Him?? Dear Reader, the