Jesus died and arose from the dead and is now in Heaven at the right hand of Father God, interceding for His own beloved people!

Now, through Jesus' sacrifice, we can be re-united to God! God's Son, Jesus Christ, is the only pathway to salvation and reconciliation with God! We can't make a way to God on our own efforts. But we can turn our heart to the LORD God, asking Him to forgive us, guide and comfort us.

God loves you! He wants you to *Turn Around!* - Come to Him! He has provided The Entrance for you into His Kingdom!

Ask God to forgive you and cleanse you of your sin with the <u>only</u> provision given for removal of sin — the precious blood of Jesus Christ:

- But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1John 1:7)
- By His own blood (Christ Jesus) entered in once into the holy place, having obtained Eternal Redemption for us. (Hebrews 9:12)

A life of our own efforts and plans will never answer the deepest longing of our soul. Our own efforts, our own good deeds will not be able to save us!

God created us with a deep, unwavering desire to know Him and love Him. The pathway to true contentment and hope comes only through God's beloved Son

• Jesus said: COME to Me, all you that labor and are heavy laden... You shall find rest for your souls. (Matthew 11:28-29)!

Every one of us must *personally* talk to God in the name of His Son. We must go to God through Jesus Christ to be 'born of God'!

God has many promises of hope and well-being for the needy, the depressed, hurting souls. **God is calling you!** 

The Lord Jesus stands at the door of your heart by His Holy Spirit. He calls: "Come to Me, My beautiful one!" By His Holy Spirit, He is right beside you calling: "Turn Around! Come to Me."

God rejoices when one of His lost ones comes to Him. He **wants** to reconcile and save sinners - save 'whosoever'!

The Way is open. He LOVES all who trust Him! He is near to all who call on Him in true sincerity!

**Talk to God today!** Say a prayer and tell Him out loud that you need Him. Here's a prayer that may be helpful:

Dear God: I know I am a sinner. I believe Your Son died in my place and then arose from the dead. I ask You to save me and cleanse me from my sins by the blood of Jesus. I ask You to forgive me for my sins. I want to turn around and follow Your Ways.

I ask You to come into my life and fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me turn away from sin. Help me follow You. Bring me into Your Kingdom. Make me Your child. Amen.

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## Only Turn Around

She was minding her own business, oblivious to her surroundings. She was crying, weeping over her loss - the loss of her beloved. Losing Him was so unexpected. She wanted desperately to find Him! All she could do now was weep, sobbing. She was hurt and alone!

Her heart ached for her beloved. She had never known such a love as His! She knew she did not deserve such love. His love for her was the most wonderful thing she had ever known! But now, He was gone.

Why was He gone? Oh how she missed Him! What happened? Where is He? Her thoughts continued to agonize over not being able to find Him. As she wept, she groaned to herself, "Where is He?"

She didn't know **Someone** was right behind her. He spoke to her, but she didn't notice. She groaned again, "Where is He?" Then - she heard a soft voice. She heard **Someone** calling her name. It sounded familiar. Could it be?!?

Quickly, she turned around and saw Him! Oh the joy that flooded her soul! There, standing before her, was her Beloved! He was just as glad as she was!

It thrilled Him to be re-united with her, His Beloved!

He spoke to her, "Arise My love, My beautiful one! Come." She rushed into His arms. He told her He had been standing there behind her, watching her. He was so glad she finally **Turned Around!!** What joy they shared!

**Sometimes, all it takes to find great joy is to simply** *Turn Around!* You too have a Beloved One — **Someone** who is standing right behind you, loving you, watching, hoping you will simply Turn Around and see Him!

Do you know who you would see if you Turned Around? It would be **the Lover of your soul** — Master of the Universe, Jesus Christ, the LORD God's Son! He is the Great, the Mighty One who loves you richly and wants to guide you into the True and Everlasting Way!

- Jesus said, This is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one who sees the Son, and believes on Him, may have Everlasting Life: and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:40)
- Jesus said, He that believes on Me has Everlasting Life! (John 6:47)

When you turn and look to God's Son, Jesus the Christ, you will begin to know the great **LOVE** God has for you. *God loves you so much* that He gave His most prized possession to redeem (rescue) you from eternal misery:

• God so loved the world (loves you and me), that He gave His only begotten (Precious & Beloved) Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life. (John 3:16)

Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, wants to shine His Light into your life, and fill you with His love — and give you understanding and hope! He is the only One who can answer the deepest longing of your soul, and can set you free from loneliness and confusion.

If you look in the Bible, in the Gospel of John, you will see that God made <u>The Way</u> for any 'whosoever.' **Anyone** who comes to Jesus can have a meaningful and fulfilling life.

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

**But why** do we not know Him? Why does it seem like we are far from Him, separated from Him? The separation from the our **One True Friend** is due to our sins (our disobedience to God). The deep, empty feeling inside us is because each one of us is separated from our Creator, the God of Heaven and Earth.

- But your iniquities (rebellion) 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. (Rom 3:23)
- For the wages (the payment) of sin is death. (Romans 6:23)

We are separated from Him because we have sinned against the LORD God, Creator and King of the Universe! All of us have violated His commands.

God's wrath is against the hard-hearted, sinful ways of mankind. (Romans 2:5)

Each one of us have rejected God's loving instructions found in the Bible and have gone our own way. Our sins have separated us from our Maker — and the payment for our sin is death.

But God made <u>THE WAY</u> for reuniting with Him! Those who turn to His Son will find Him!

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

Our salvation, The Way to re-uniting to God, is found *only* in Jesus Christ!!

Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ, following in His Ways, will receive <u>the Gift of God</u>: • the Gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

All who turn to God in <u>sincerity</u>, calling out to Him in the name of His Son, will be reconciled to Him! But **we must** *personally* acknowledge to God that we need Him, that our sinful ways have separated us from Him.

In the Bible, God tells us that He sent Jesus to this earth, *to die in our place*, to take the punishment due to our sins.

Jesus Christ came to seek, to save the hurting, the defeated and lost. He offered Himself as **the perfect, sinless sacrifice**.

Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was according to God's plan from the beginning of the world. It was the complete, required price for each one of us for the cleansing of our iniquities (our violating God's commands).