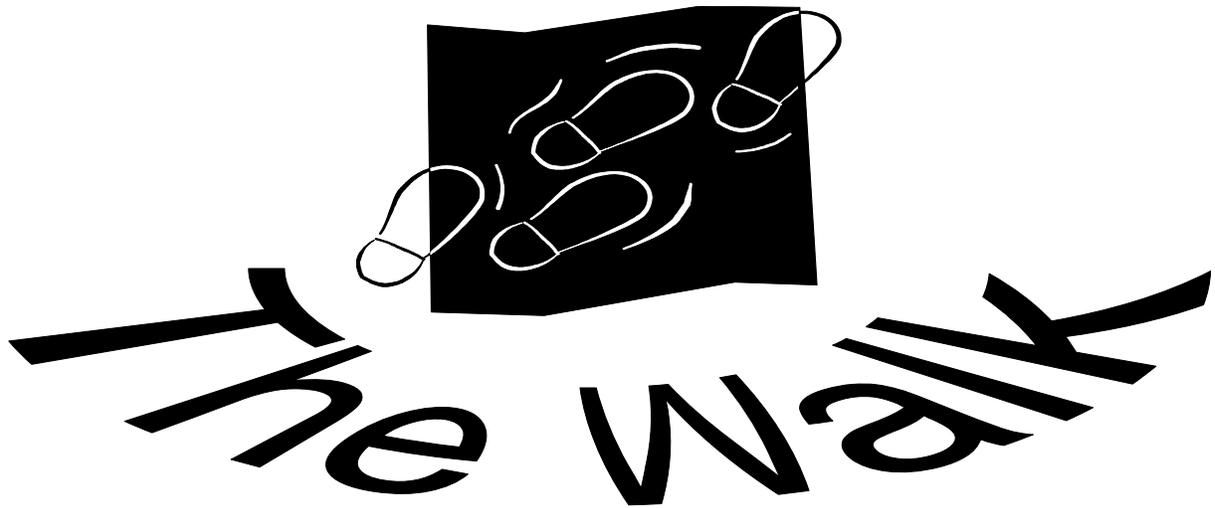


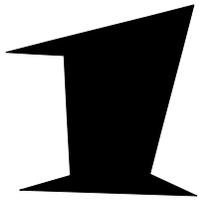


A short booklet to help you learn about
walking with Jesus Christ!



John 14:6 says, *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."* That means that Jesus is the ONLY way to get to heaven. This booklet is designed to help you see how to start your walk down the road towards Christ. All the main verses are from the book of Romans so you don't have to turn a zillion pages trying to find all the different verses. However, there are some COOL VERSES TO HELP that are also listed if you feel like digging deep!

WALK
IN THE LIGHT
OF THE LORD
ISAIAH 2:5



SALVATION IS FOR EVERYONE!!!

Romans 1:16: *I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of EVERYONE who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.*

God wants everyone to find a personal relationship with Him, no matter how good or bad they have been! God sent his Son Jesus to the earth for everyone! God loves every one of us and gets all pumped when anyone decides to walk with Him. Isn't it awesome to know that the all-powerful God who created the universe loves each and every one of us. He even loves us enough to give us a free will. That means we are free to choose to live our lives however we want. God wants us to be a Christian because we love Him, not because He forces us too. Pretty sweet, huh!?



Other cool Bible verses to help:

- ☺ Ephesians 1:5
- ☺ Ezekiel 18:21-23
- ☺ 1 John 4:7-10
- ☺ John 3:16

AWESOME!

2

MAN HAS A PROBLEM!!!

Romans 3:23: For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God!

That's right. Kind of a bummer, huh? Every single person on the face of the earth is a sinner. You, your friends, your parents, Michael Jordan, even preachers have all sinned. Nobody in the history of this world (except Jesus, but He had a slight advantage!) has ever escaped the trap of sin. Our sins cause us to lose our relationship with God. They create a huge valley that separates us from God.



Imagine standing on one side of the Grand Canyon, and God is on the other side. There is no way that you could jump to get across to Him, no matter how hard you try or how long you train! You would need help. That's how sin works. It separates us from God because God is perfect and we aren't! We all need help to get back to Him.

That kinda' stinks, but don't get all bent out of shape. It gets better, and it's important to know that everyone is on the same page. We are all sinners.

Other cool Bible verses to help:

- ☺ Romans 7:15-20
- ☺ Romans 5:12
- ☺ Galatians 5:16-17
- ☺ James 1:14
- ☺ James 4:17

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SIN HAS A PENALTY!!!

Romans 6:23a: *For the wages of sin is death . . .*

Woah! I know you're thinking that these last two truths haven't been all that cool, but just hang in there and check this out! Wages are something that you earn. When you get a job, you get paid after you work for a certain amount of time. When you get that paycheck, those are your wages.



That's exactly how it works with our lives in God's eyes. When we turn our backs on God by sinning, we earn death as a punishment! That sounds like a pretty stiff penalty, but stop and think about how you feel when somebody gossips about you, steals from you, lies about you, and turns their back on you when you thought they were your friend. Now think about how many times people do that to God!

Remember that everyone has a free choice. Nobody has to sin, they choose to. God gives us that choice! We all have the right to choose God or sin, and we already know that everyone has chosen sin! We all earn the right of death, and this is more than just physical death. This death is the separation of us from God forever! We all need help from somewhere else because there is nothing that we can do to earn back that relationship or take away our sins.

Other cool Bible verses to help:

- ☺ Isaiah 59:2
- ☺ Psalms 37:28
- ☺ Micah 3:4

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GOD HAS A GIFT FOR US – ETERNAL LIFE!!!
Romans 6:23b: . . . but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

YES!! Now we're talking. Can you believe that after all we do to God, He still wants to give us a gift!? Can God be any cooler? Do you remember a Christmas when you hadn't been a good boy or girl? Maybe you were thinking, "Man, I'm sure the only thing that I'm getting this year is a lump of coal or a rock or something!" But then on Christmas morning, I'll bet there were some presents waiting for you, even though you didn't deserve them! That's because somebody loved you enough to forget about all those things that you did wrong.

That's exactly what God is willing to do! Even though we turn our backs on Him over and over again (sin), He loves us so much that He is still willing to forgive us and forget about our sins if we **repent** (apologize and try to stop sinning).

We sure don't deserve this gift, and we can't earn it. But God tells us in the Bible what we need to do to get this gift! What an awesome God!

Other cool Bible verses to help:

- ☺ Acts 2:38
- ☺ Acts 17:30-31
- ☺ 2 Corinthians 7:9-10
- ☺ 1 John 1:9
- ☺ Psalm 103:11-12



5

THE GOOD NEWS = JESUS DIED FOR US!!!

Romans 5:8: But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us

Okay, picture this with me. Think of your best friend in the whole world. This is the buddy that you do everything with - play sports, share food, talk about your deepest secrets, share clothes, shop . . . EVERYTHING!

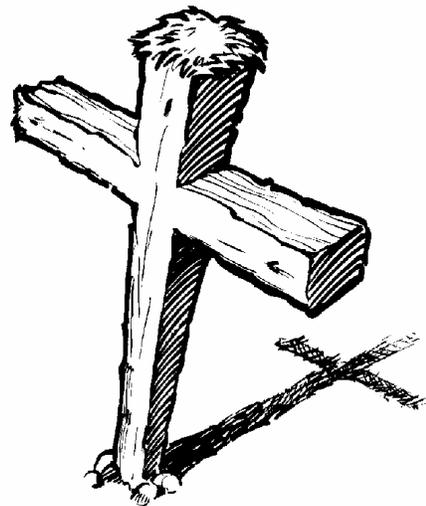


Now imagine finding out that friend is a total fake. He or she is only pretending to be your friend, and is really stealing from and gossiping about you behind your back. All right, now you are probably mega-ticked off and are never going to talk to or do anything with that so-called friend again, right!?

With this in mind, read **Romans 5:8** one more time. Jesus knew that the people He created were going to reject Him, torture Him, and eventually kill Him, but He loves us so much that He **STILL** came and sacrificed His life for us on the cross, making eternity with God a possibility instead of a dream. Can you believe that!!!! What an incredible God we have!

Other cool Bible verses to help:

- ☺ John 3:16-17
- ☺ John 1:1, 10-14
- ☺ Ephesians 2:8
- ☺ Luke 11:13



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WHAT WE MUST DO TO RECEIVE THIS GIFT!!!

Romans 10:9-10: *That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

Faith. You've probably heard that word before. That is exactly what these verses are describing. Faith is a two-step process. It's not easy, but it is rewarding. In fact, faith is the only way in the entire world to please God (**Hebrews 11:6**).

**"HAVE
FAITH
IN GOD"**
MARK 11:22

The first step to having faith is believing. I know it's tough to believe in something or someone that you can't see, but consider these questions. Do you believe in the wind? Do you believe in oxygen? Do you believe in your own brain? You never really do see any of those things, but I hope you believe in them because they are real. You can't really see the wind, but you can see the results of the wind. The same goes for God. You are able to see tons of things that prove God's real (nature, changed lives, etc.) if you just look around.

The second step to faith is action. That's what Romans 10:9 is talking about when it says "confess with your mouth." When we do that, we are taking action for what we believe in. Do you ever sit in chairs? That's an example of the difference between belief and faith. Belief is just saying that the chair won't collapse . . . faith is sitting down in the chair to prove it!

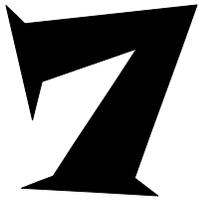
Other cool Bible verses to help:

☺ Hebrews 11:1, 6

☺ 1 Timothy 6:12

☺ Matthew 10:32





WHERE WE MEET GOD – BAPTISM!

Romans 6:4: We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

AHHHHHHHHH! The swimming pool or bath tub! That's what a lot of people think the baptistery (that thing filled with water in the front of the church) is. However, getting baptized is extremely special, and it doesn't have to happen in any special pool.

Think about what happens when a person dies. Usually, they are completely buried, never to rise again. That's kind of what happens when a person is baptized. It is a very humble thing. We put ourselves in someone else's hands, and they are in total control. Then, we are completely buried in water. We are told that we enter into "death" just like Christ did, and then as we rise up out of the waters of baptism, we too get a new life just like Jesus when He came back from the dead. We also get some pretty cool gifts on top of eternal life with God in heaven. We get our sins forgiven for the first time and we get God living in us (the Holy Spirit) to help us in our new lives as Christians. However, according to the Bible, these two things don't take place until baptism. That's why baptism is so important, and so incredible! Does God rock or what!?



Other cool Bible verses to help:

☺ Acts 2:38

☺ Mark 16:16

☺ John 3:5

☺ Colossians 2:12

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YOUR NEW ATTITUDE!

Romans 12:1-2: *Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — His good, pleasing and perfect will.*



Think about your first job (or what you hope to be your first job!). When you start, you want to do what? A GREAT JOB! That's right, of course. You don't want to start off doing a junk-cruddy job. You'll get fired.

That's exactly what God wants. It's kind of one of those easy to understand but hard to follow type of deals. God wants us to obey Him 100%. That's it. 'Nuff said. Story over.

Now, doing that is tough! Satan is very smart and totally bummed about your new decision, so he is going to try and tempt you to fall back into your old sinful ways. When we "sacrifice" ourselves to God, we give ourselves over to Him and do what He wants us to do, PERIOD!

It's definitely tough being a Christian, but always remember that God doesn't require you to always be successful, but He just wants you to be available.

Other cool Bible verses to help:

- ☺ Philippians 4:6-9
- ☺ 1 Timothy 6:11-16
- ☺ Galatians 5:22





CONGRATULATIONS

Yeah, that's right, CONGRATULATIONS! For what? For studying about the most important decision you will ever make. When you give your life to Christ, God and all of the angels in heaven get totally stoked! The Bible says that they have a huge party (Luke 15:7 & 10) every time one person turns from the world and decides to live for Jesus Christ. You, yes YOU, just started your walk with Jesus Christ. Don't give up, and keep up the awesome work!

Walk
YOUR
Talk

