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In the 27 books of the New Testament, there are 234 references to hell. If your life was like a 27-mile long road and there were 234 roads signs warning you that the way you were going would take you straight to hell, would you continue on that road? Those signs are telling you to STOP! Turn around! You are going the wrong direction, away from God!!

We Have All Sinned Against God

Romans 3:23 - All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

I John 1:8 - If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

You and I may compare ourselves to another person who does really bad things and think that we are not all that bad. We are all born in sin, under the wrath and condemnation of God, and separated from Him because we have sinned against Him. You and I have broken God's Ten Commandments. We have lied, stolen, taken God's name in vain, disobeyed our parents, lusted with our eyes, hated others, served other "gods", not loved and worshiped God. You must turn from sin.

"But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God." (Romans 2:5) You are in trouble!

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God is Holy And Must Punish Sin

The God who we have all sinned against is holy, that is, He is separate from us, not like us, He is without any sin. He is Holy (Revelation 4:8), His ways are holy (Psalm 77:13), His name is holy (Psalm 145:21). Because God is holy, He will punish all sin. Isaiah 13:11 says, "I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity." "The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).

You Need Forgiveness From God

Because God is holy and you have sinned against Him, He cannot just sweep your sins under the rug and forget them. Either you must pay the penalty for your crimes against God in hell for all of eternity, or someone who has never sinned must pay your penalty for you so that you may be forgiven by God and be reconciled to God.

Jesus Christ is that Person! He came because of His great love for sinners like you! He is God who came to this earth and became man (John 1:1,14; Hebrews 2:14,17). He came to give Himself as a payment for our sins (Mark 10:45). Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." I Timothy 1:15 says "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners." He is the only way to God (John 14:6; Acts 4:12).

Salvation is Free, By God's Grace

You cannot earn God's salvation. It is by God's grace, His favor which you cannot earn. His forgiveness and salvation is a "free gift" to those who by His grace see their sin, turn from their sin and put their trust (faith) in Jesus Christ alone to save them from the wrath of God. "By grace you have saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8).

God has shown His great love for sinners by sending Jesus Christ to die in our place (Romans 5:8). You will soon die and face God for your judgment (Hebrews 9:27). If you die in your sins, you will be judged as guilty and sentenced to an eternity in God's hell.

You must now ask God to forgive you of your sins as you trust in Jesus Christ, that He died on the cross to take away your sins and to purchase your full salvation . Ask God to forgive you, give you eternal life, and cause you to love and follow Jesus Christ for the rest of your life. Get involved in a solid local church and tell others about Jesus Christ the Lord!
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