

GOD'S PLAN FOR US

God has a plan for each soul, it is written in the Bible. (1) Everything God does is perfect, as was the creation of Adam and Eve for His fellowship. (2) Adam was created with a spirit, soul, and body. His spirit gave him access to God. His soul is the real unseen person, with a free will, intelligence, emotions, etc. The spirit and soul are called the immaterial part; covered with a body (3) made from the dust of the earth. They had a perfect environment in the garden, but did (4) disobey God by eating of the forbidden tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Death was the result. Death means "separation". Their spirit died instantly, they were separated from God. They were aware of their condition and tried to cover their sin by (5) sewing fig leaves together. God rejected this works project and killed a lamb for a sin offering. This was a type of the (6) Lord Jesus Christ to come to shed His blood for our sins. They were again restored to fellowship with God, but because of His work of using an animal as a sacrifice and not their work using fig leaves. Their body died many years later (separation of body from immaterial part-soul and spirit).

(7) We are all the offspring of Adam, born with a dead spirit, with no access or fellowship with God. We are then informed we must be "born-again". (8) We have a soul and body only, it is the spirit that must be made alive. We are born-again or saved when we hear the gospel message and believe (9) it personally. The gospel is (10) Christ died for your sins, he was buried, and the third day he arose. All man's sins are paid for; past, present, and future. All there is for us to do is accept the paid debt. The only (11) damning sin that sends people to hell is rejection of Christ as their personal and only Saviour. When we accept his work on the cross, in our behalf, we become his child, born into his family, spiritually regenerated, called a Christian. Formally we were only his creation, born into man's family, equipped for hell. So we have the bad news of our first birth, but the good news of the gospel of Christ is available to everyone. All will not listen, believe or accept this plan recorded in the Bible, thus they will have no one to blame when they go to hell.

When we hear, believe and accept the work of Christ on the cross, we can then know we have eternal life in heaven because of the promises in the Bible. (12) It is such good news, that we want to tell others. In fact, that is the only method God uses, and we have both the duty and privilege of (13) telling others. Some won't listen, others do, it is their decision, and the decision is an automatic "no" until it becomes "yes". There is no (14) decision after death, as there is a great gulf between heaven and hell. Nothing man can do in the form of (15) works will be accepted by God. Christ did it all, he said "it is finished", on the cross, and he meant the work of paying for the sins of all mankind. If there were something man could do to pay for sin, why did Christ bother to take upon himself flesh, and die for the likes of us? If he paid for all sins on the cross, what sins remain to be paid for by man in baptism, reformation programs, church membership, etc. If man could pay for his own sins, Christ died a very horrible death for nothing.

So this is God's plan, but the (16) natural man does not understand; (that is the soul and body part). Until one is "born-again" spiritually, and has the Holy Spirit dwelling inside him, he has no power to understand the Bible. After being saved, we can spend the rest of our life reading and obeying God, sharing this wonderful message with others. We do have opposition from the devil, our flesh and the world, but we are on the winning team and accept any trials, knowing that Christ will ever be with us and strengthen us. We continue to pray that our loved ones will meet the Lord as their own personal Saviour and not as their judge, who must condemn them to hell forever and ever.

VERSES FROM THE BIBLE REGARDING
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1. Genesis 1:31 - God saw everything He made was good.
2. 1 Thes. 5:23 - We have a spirit, soul and body.
Hebrews 4:12 - Our soul is separate from spirit.
3. Genesis 2:7 - Body made from dust, God breathed life into our body.
Genesis 3:19 - Body goes back to dust in death.
Ecclesiastes 12:7 - Spirit goes back to God in death.
Ephesians 3:16 - The inner man (immortal) is spirit and soul.
2 Corinthians 4:16 - We have an inner man and outer man.
4. Genesis 2:17 - Don't eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil or you will die.
5. Genesis 3:7 - Sewed fig leaves.
Genesis 3:21 - God killed animal for both blood and skin.
6. 1 Peter 2:21 - Christ bore our sins in his body on the tree.
1 Peter 1:18-19 - We were redeemed (paid for) not with silver nor gold, but with the precious blood of Christ.
Hebrews 10:10 - Saved by offering of body of Christ once for all.
7. Romans 5:12 - By one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death because of sin, so all have sinned.
Romans 5:8 - But God commended his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
8. John 3:3 - Except a man be born-again, he cannot see the kingdom of heaven.
John 3:5 - Except a man be born of water, (not H2O, but Word of God) Eph. 5:26 and the spirit (Holy Spirit) he cannot see kingdom of God.
2 Corinthians 5:21 - For God made him (Christ) to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we may be made the righteousness of God in him. WHAT A TRADE!
Christ from righteous to sin, we from sin to righteous.
9. Romans 1:16 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it (gospel message) is power of God unto salvation.
John 1:12 - To as many as receive him (Christ), to them gives he the power (authority) to be called the sons of God.
Galatians 3:26 We are the children of God by faith in Christ. (What He did on the cross for us.
Romans 10:17 - Faith cometh by hearing (or reading) Word of God.
10. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 - The gospel is Christ died for our sins, he was buried, and rose again.
11. John 3:18 - He that believeth on him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned because of not believing.
12. John 3:16 - For God so loved the world (you) that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever (you) believeth on Him shall never perish, but have everlasting life.
John 6:37 - Him that cometh to me, I shall in no way cast out.
1st John 5:13 - These things have I written that believe on the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.
13. Acts 1:8 - We are to be witnesses to others.
14. Hebrews 9:27 - It is appointed unto man to die, then the judgement.
Luke 16:19-31 - Great gulf between heaven and hell.
15. Romans 4:5 - To him that worketh not, but believe on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.
Ephesians 2:8-9 - For by grace are you saved, through faith, it is a gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast.
16. 1 Corinthians 2:14 - The natural man cannot understand the things of God, but are foolishness to him.
Philippians 2:9-11 - Every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- Psa. 57:2 I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me."
- Psa. 139:23,24 "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."
- Romans 4:20,21 "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."
- Romans 5
- I Cor. 1:4-10 "I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in everything ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also conform you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."
- II Cor. 9:8 "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work"
- Eph. 3:20,21 "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."
- Phil. 1:3-6 "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For you fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ"
- I Thess. 5:24 "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."
- II Thess. 3:5 "And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ"
- II Tim. 1:7,12 "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."
"For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."
- Heb. 12:15 "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled"