



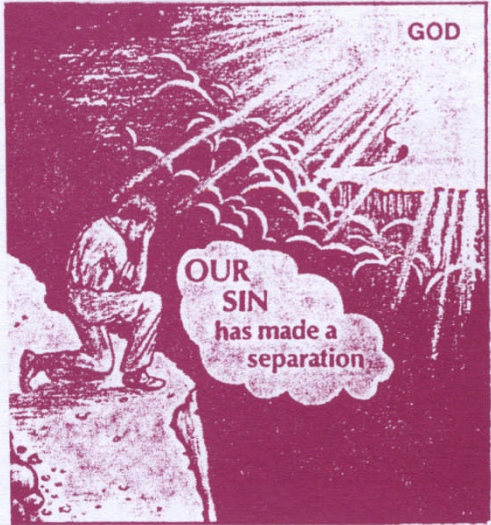
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# Do you feel far from God?

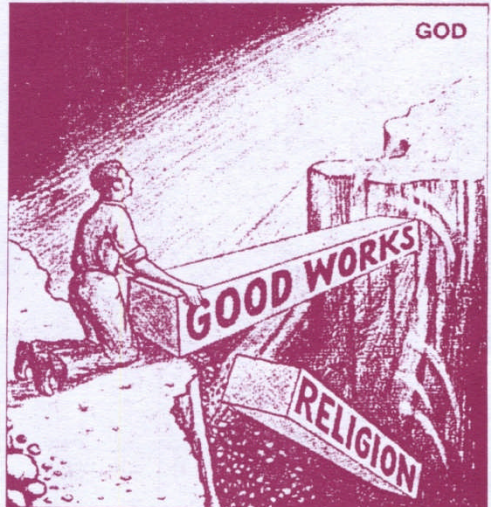
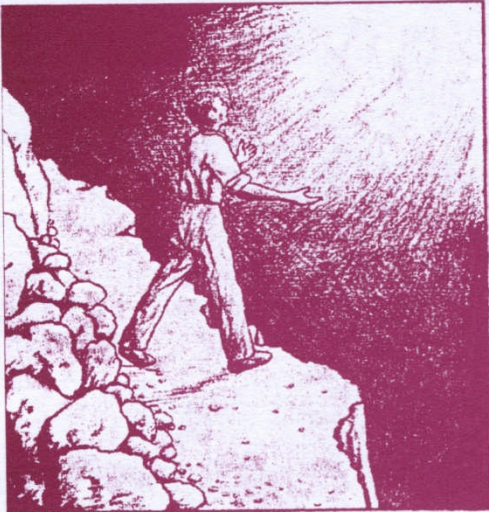
Have you been searching for God and yet not found Him? Many people feel they are standing alone in the dark, on the edge of eternity, with no certainty about God or eternity. Many people do not know God. They have no peace with Him. They feel separated from Him.

People try many ways to find God. Some try religion. They go to witchdoctors to get charms that will keep them safe, but they cannot give us peace with God. Some try going to church, hoping that attending church and putting money in the collection will somehow make peace with God and bring them closer to Him. Our church membership or religious acts cannot bring the peace and forgiveness of God. We deceive ourselves if we put our trust in our religious deeds. Some try good works. They think that if they do good deeds they will come closer to God and get peace about death and the day of Judgement.

What causes our separation from God? The Bible says, "*Your sins have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you*" (Isaiah 59:2). The great gap between us and God is not one of distance. It

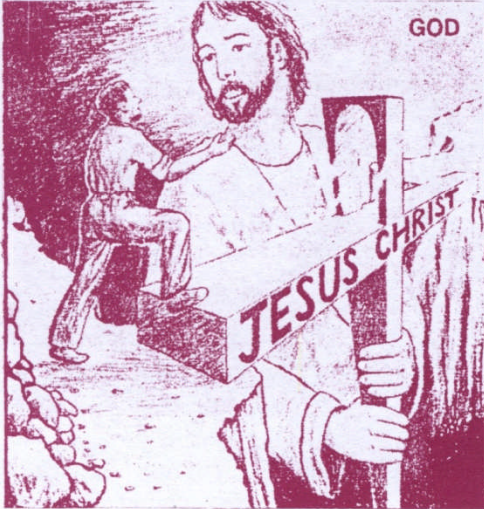


is not one of knowledge, as if we can come nearer by learning. It is not one of a lack of religion, or charms or witchcraft. Our sin separates us from God. To know God we must deal with our sin. All of us have tried to stop sinning some time in our lives. We have tried to change our behaviour in the hope that by being better, we would be acceptable to God.



We cannot change ourselves nor save ourselves. We need a Saviour, one who can save us and change us. We need someone who can make a way for us back to God, back into his favour and blessing and forgiveness.

Wonderful News! There IS a way to God. Jesus said: *"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to God except through me"* (John 14:6)



Jesus actually suffered the judgement of God against us, so that we may know the forgiveness and peace of God. The Bible says: *"Jesus bore our sin in His own body on the cross of Calvary, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness"* (1 Peter 2:24).

Jesus made the way, in fact He BECAME the way when He removed the judgement of God that was against us. Now we can know peace and forgiveness from God by receiving Jesus as our Saviour. We can come to God because of Jesus.

Jesus is the way back to God for every person who will receive Him as the only bridge across the gulf of sin.

**How you can receive Jesus**

The BIBLE says: *"Believe in the Lord Jesus and you shall be saved"* (Acts 16:31). *"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"* (Romans 10:9). *"In Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ (shed for our sin). For He Himself is our peace ... through Him we have access to the Father"* (Ephesians 2:13,14,18).

**The steps to take are:**

1. Believe in Jesus Christ as the only way that God has provided by which you can be saved, and repent of your sins.
2. Confess your faith in Christ. That means speak it out, let it be known.
3. Fix your mind on the verses above that give you certainty that you are right with God through your FAITH IN JESUS as shown in the Bible. Pray this prayer from your heart: *"Lord Jesus, I believe that you are the only way by which I can know God your Father. I confess you as my Lord and Saviour, and receive you as my basis for peace and forgiveness from God. I confess that I am a sinner in need of your salvation. Thank you for dealing with my sin; for the Bible says in 1 Peter 2:24 and 25, you bore my sin in your own body on the cross of Calvary, so that I might die to sin and live for righteousness; by your stripes I have been healed. For I was like a sheep going astray, but now I have returned to you, the Shepherd and Overseer of my soul."* Amen.

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