



# EVANGELISM

## LED BY THE

## HOLY SPIRIT

“HE WHO WIN SOULS IS WISE”



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*“He who wins souls is wise”(Proverbs 11:30)*

*JESUS SAID, “I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME” (John 14:6)*

## **EXAMPLE OF SINNERS PRAYER**

**Father God,**

**Today I confess that I have sinned against you but today I want to turn from my sin to live for You. I believe that Your Son Jesus Christ died for my sins and arose from the dead triumphantly on the third day. Today I open up my heart and I invite Jesus Christ to come into my heart and life to be my Lord and Saviour and best friend from this day on. Fill me with your Holy Spirit I ask in Jesus Name. Amen**

## 1) INTRODUCTION

The church today is in the middle of a real spiritual battle as the enemy tries to dilute the power of the church and discourage and prevent Christians from sharing the love of Jesus Christ with others. Whilst many people love going to church and fellowshiping with others, they often find it hard to share their faith with others.

This manual has been designed to equip all Christians in the area of personal evangelism, in a practical and relevant way, so that everyone has the ability to lead someone into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Whilst not everyone has the gift of evangelism as their main ministry gift, we are all called to be a witness to our faith. (2 Corinthians 5:18-20) God does however on many occasions, anoint every single Christian with the ability to lead a person to Christ.

There is no greater joy than in leading someone to the Lord, and it is hoped that many people will be encouraged to lead others to the Lord as a result of reading this manual. All that God needs is for people to be available to serve Him and to walk out by faith. The Holy Spirit will always give us the words and wisdom to lead others into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. Fear prevents many people from sharing their faith, however I can testify to the fact that God will never leave nor forsake you as you share your faith with others, as it is His desire that no one perish. As a believer we can do all things through Christ Who strengthens us. It is only as we step out by faith to witness to others, that we will see the power of God working fully through our lives.

This manual also contains a number of short gospel messages, which can be preached in the streets and at school or other outreaches. These gospel messages address common questions, which are often raised by non-believers, as well as the need for everyone to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour.

The bible says that he who wins souls is wise. It is my own heart's desire that this manual will inspire many people to become soul winners, and to experience the joy of leading people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

## **2) MOTIVATIONAL TEACHINGS IN THE WORLD**

The world has in recent years been experiencing great stresses and uncertainties which have been unprecedented. In a time when families are breaking down, morality is on the decline, and financial and social problems are escalating, non-believers and even some uncommitted Christians have turned to different sources to find a meaning for their lives.

New age, witchcraft, and Satanism are now all growing in popularity, as people seek to find a spiritual component to their lives. This upsurge in their popularity has been chiefly brought about by the complacency of many churches and their fear and resistance to change.

The time is now when the church must stand up and be counted, and where it must again become relevant to the community. There has never been a better time for the gospel to be preached, and a greater opportunity to win souls for the Kingdom of God. In a climate where sin is abounding in society, God's grace is being poured out more and more, with the result that many people are now giving their broken lives over to Jesus Christ.

There has also been an increase in healings, signs and wonders in recent days, as was predicted by the prophet Joel. The harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few. God is now roaming the earth seeking all those people who have a heart for Him, and who will be a part of His end time plans.

Many people of the world have greater work and social and convictions than many Christians, and have a greater passion in expressing their beliefs. Communism for example spread from the efforts of 10 men sharing a common vision with passion. Many successful business people also have better work values and convictions than many believers.

The following list of attitudes and beliefs were found in a book written by a now Christian author that I read, which outlined the attitudes and character traits necessary for people to be men and women of destiny.

AS CHRISTIANS, WE SHOULD ALL STRIVE TO BE MEN AND WOMEN OF DESTINY, NO MATTER WHAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO DO IN LIFE.

Be clear about what you value in life

When they zig, you zag (Do not be conformed to this world)

Get a mentor

Become a specialist, not a generalist

Get out of the office early and work at home more often

Write thank you notes daily

Don't lie

Give small gifts often

Don't watch TV for more than one hour per week

Spend half an hour each day thinking (Start the day with God)

Guard your mind

Never underestimate the power of a smile

Constantly give

Have a spiritual life

Aim to be the best in the world at what you do

Take ten risks a year

Exercise daily

Don't spend too much time alone (Have fellowship)

Associate with the kind of people you want to become

Address personal problems early

Get rid of addictions. (TV, gossiping, jealousy, selfishness)

Be part of the 3% who write down life goals.

Have no more than three major goals a year

**KNOW THE AWESOME POWER OF PERSISTENCE**

The apostle Paul said: *“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith”* (2 Timothy 4:7)

### 3) WHY EVANGELISM (SCRIPTURAL BASIS)

Jesus said: *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”* (Matt. 28:19)

*“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me”* (John 14:6)

*“Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God”* (Luke 12:8)

*“The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest”*  
(Luke 10:2)

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me. Because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives...To preach the acceptable year of the Lord”* (Luke 4:18)

The book of proverbs also comments on the importance of sharing our faith:

*“Deliver those who are drawn toward death, and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, “Surely we did not know this,” does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?”* (Prov. 24:11-12)

*“.. And he who wins souls is wise”* (Prov. 11:30)

*“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace...”* (Rom. 10:15a)

*“Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.”* (2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

I believe that prophetic evangelism and signs and wonders will become more prominent in these last days.

*“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: ...And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved”* (Acts 2:17-21)

#### **4) WHY EVANGELISM ( HEAVEN OR HELL )**

It is a common saying that there are only two things guaranteed in life, death and taxes. There are two possible destinations for our soul when we experience our physical death, since the real us, our spirit, lives on for eternity. All people can experience either one or two possible deaths, depending on their response to the gospel message. The first death is our physical death, however, for some people, they will also experience a second death, which is their spiritual death. It is only the second death that should be feared. For Christians, their physical death only means being with Jesus Christ in heaven. This is a glorious hope that all Christians have.

Jesus said: “Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus. It was because of God’s great love for mankind that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. It is God’s wish that no one should perish, but that all people should come to repentance. However, entry to heaven can only be achieved in one way.

Jesus said: “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God. For a person who decides not to accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, awaits the second death, which is eternal separation from God’s love. (Hell) Whilst heaven is a place, which provides Christians with a great hope for the future, Hell is a place of eternal torment, and where the worms will never die.

The book of Luke describes the eternal destinies of two men. The first man was Lazarus, who was a beggar full of sores, whilst the second man was a rich man who lacked for nothing, and who lived mainly for him self. Whilst in torment in Hades, the rich man lifted up his eyes to see the beggar in the bosom of Abraham.

The rich man cried out to Abraham to have mercy on him, and if he could send Lazarus over to dip the tip of his finger into some water and to cool his tongue, for he was being tormented in the flames of hell.

The plight of the rich man can be clearly contrasted to the eternal destiny of the criminal who called upon Jesus when he was hanging on the cross next to Him. Jesus said to the repentant criminal: “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

## 5) KEYS TO LEADING A FULFILLED CHRISTIAN LIFE

- i) Godliness with contentment is great gain.
- ii) Intimacy with God
- iii) Be a real person. Don't live in some spiritual orbit.  
(The apostle Paul became all things to all men, that he might by all means save some)
- iv) Desire to grow in Godly Character.

a) Servant hood (Matthew 20:26-28)

b) Humility (Proverbs 29:23)

c) Compassion (John 11:32-44)

d) Righteousness (Sharp Conscience)

“But to the Son He says: “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of **righteousness** is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved **righteousness** and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You” (Heb 1:8-9)

e) Obedience (Better than sacrifice)  
(1 Samuel 15:22-23)

f) Optimism (Hope) (Romans 15:13)

g) Liberality (Draws God's abundance)  
(Proverbs 11:24-25)

h) Diligence (2 Timothy 2:15)

i) Endurance (Galatians 6:9)

j) Loyalty (Proverbs 17:17)

- v) Great leaders have a sense of destiny (The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord) (Psalm 37:23)

A sense of destiny produces:

- a) Drive, zeal and passion of heart
  - b) Determination, discipline and courage
  - c) The ability to do great things for God in His strength
  - d) A realisation that you are part of a corporate body
- vi) The motivation of our hearts must be right:

- a) Why are we doing something?
- b) What are any leadership motives?
- c) Beware of the Judas Spirit.  
(Elisha's servant lied to gain wealth)  
2 Kings 5:20-27

- d) Do not be a lover of recognition
- e) Do not be a lover of self-advancement
- f) Do not be a lover of influence
- g) Seek to be a part of body ministry

vii) THE JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH

## **6) FOUR KEYS TO EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM**

### **a) INTIMACY WITH GOD (Fall in love with Jesus)**

- Praise and worship God frequently
  
- Have regular quiet times and seasons of rest with the Lord (Recharge yourself)
  
- Meditate on the Word of God (Allow Scriptures to become a reality in your lives)
  
- Allow God to be a part of all of your day, seven days a week.
  
- Talk to and be real with God
  
- Pray and seek God's advice on all major decisions, as well as everyday issues

- Enjoy fellowship with other Christians who are on fire for God
- Every day seek to experience the manifest presence of God
- Read books on the character and nature of Jesus
- Study the emotive aspects of the four gospels and the epistles
- Really try to understand fully what Jesus has done for us

**WE MUST FIRST EXPERIENCE INTIMACY WITH GOD OURSELVES, BEFORE WE CAN GET REALLY EXCITED ABOUT SHARING OUR FAITH WITH OTHERS.**

## **b) UNDERSTAND HUMANITY**

- Without a vision people perish
- All people are created with a need to worship God (Man has to worship something)
- Every person experiences a deep sense of loneliness without Christ
- All mechanisms to cope with the non existence of a relationship with God eventually fail
- Coping mechanisms include: Alcohol, drugs, busyness, work, accumulating assets, gambling, investing lives in raising kids, sexual affairs, football worship, collecting trophies, etc
- Until people find a relationship with Jesus, they will always be seeking some spiritual experience, excitement or thrill in life to overcome the void in their lives.

- The spirit of the world has destroyed human relationships through self-centredness (sin)
- There is NO certainty in life today. No job, friendship or marriage can be guaranteed
- All human inspired activities will always leave us dry and empty (Works of the flesh)
- Most people would like to think that they were remembered for something that they did
- As Christians, we can leave a mark not only on this world, but for eternity
- 63% of Australians said that they prayed at some time (Social Science Survey)

- Only 10-13% of Australians however, had been to a church (Social Science Survey)
- People are now seeking a spiritual reality and are open to Christianity
- The post modernists are non-rationalistic.
- Rationality is pretty well dead and buried. (We only have to look at today's violence)
- Many people are now seeking emotional experiences drugs and sex

**WE MUST FULLY APPRECIATE THAT EVERY UNSAVED PERSON HAS A DEEP DOWN NEED TO KNOW JESUS, IF WE ARE TO EVANGELISE EFFECTIVLY**

**c) KNOW THE BIBLE (ESPECIALLY RELATING TO:)**

- God's love for all mankind and His wish that no one perishes
- God's love for you, and that He loves you with tender mercies
- The gospel message: (These Scriptures should be memorised: John 3:16, John 14:6, John 1:12, Rev. 3:20, Rom. 10:9, Rom. 6:23, Rom. 6:23, Ephes. 2:8-9, Acts 2:21)
- God's provision and protection for His own people
- The hope we have in Christ
- How God has a plan for each and every one of us. (Psalm 37:23)
- The power that we have as believers to perform healings, signs and wonders. (John 14:12-14, Mark 16:17-18 and Mark 11:24)

**WE MUST BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL TO CHANGE LIVES AND THAT WE HAVE THE POWER TO SET PEOPLE FREE IN THE NAME OF JESUS**

#### **d) HAVE LOVE AND COMPASSION FOR PEOPLE**

- We must firstly love our brothers and sisters in the Lord (John 17:20-21) Unity within the Church will cause the world to believe
- The friendship factor (Pride isolates us) John 15:12-17
- We must be an example of the gospel we preach
- Faith without works is dead
- Jesus had great compassion for people
- We must love people to the Lord (For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son)
- Always look for ways to serve the lost (Jesus was an example being the servant king)

**PEOPLE MUST EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF CHRIST AS WE SHARE THE GOSPEL. WE MUST BE WHAT WE PREACH.**

## 7) THE SIMPLE GOSPEL MESSAGE

- Many people would like to believe that when we die we go automatically to heaven
- This is not the case, and people will go to one of two places when they die, either Heaven or Hell.
- The Bible makes it clear that there is only one way to get to heaven. “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (**Acts 4:12**) Jesus also said, “I am the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father (in Heaven) except through Me. (**John 14:6**)
- All of us do bad things or have wrong or hateful thoughts from time to time. No one has ever loved God all the time and loved their neighbour perfectly. Jesus said even to lust after another person’s wife was to commit adultery. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (God’s standard of Holiness) (**Romans 3:23**)
- The good thing is that we don’t have to be perfect to go to heaven.
- “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” (**2 Corin. 5:21**) **“He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”** (John 3:36)
- God loves us so much that He sent His own Son Jesus to die for you and me, so that we can enter heaven when we die. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (**John 3:16**)
- **Jesus said to those who loved and believed in Him,** “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. (**John 14:1-3**)
- **God is however a Holy and just God and requires that all of us turn from our sins and give our lives to His Son Jesus, if we are to enter His eternal kingdom.**

- Jesus said to the Galileans, “unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” Jesus also said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. **(John 3:3)** and that “unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. **(John 3:5a)**
- As you can imagine, a righteous God would not like people killing each other in wars, assaulting one another, or even deceiving and using one another. All of us at times have lied or had wrong attitudes to others.
- God is Holy and loving, and whilst hating the sin in our lives, He actually loves us incredibly. We all deserve to go to hell, because all of us sin and fall short of the glory of God.
- God however, wants all of us to go to heaven, and for this reason He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die for you and me. When Jesus hung on the cross, He took all of our filthy attitudes, hateful thoughts, addictions, hurts and wrong actions upon Himself, as a sacrifice for us. **(ROMANS 5:6-9)**
- “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” **(Romans 6:23)**
- To get to heaven we only have to receive what Jesus did for us, by acknowledging that we are not perfect, and then turn to Jesus to ask Him to be our Lord and Saviour.
- Like any gift however, we must first receive God’s gift of salvation. “But as many as received Him (Jesus), to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.” **(John 1:12)**
- When we acknowledge and confess the mistakes that we have made, and choose to turn from our sinful and wrong ways and ask Jesus to be our Lord and Saviour, God’s Holy Spirit connects with our own spirit and we are born again.
- All of a sudden you are truly alive (born again of the Spirit of God), and you have the inner peace that comes from being in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- When you are born again, God completely forgives you of all of your past mistakes and sins, and all that He sees in you is the righteousness of Jesus.

- Most people think of religion as being all about rules and regulations, however, being a Christian is totally different, as you actually have a close and intimate relationship with God, in which you find the inner peace that we all seek.
- When people don't know God, they try all types of things to fill the deep down emptiness in their life, some destructive like drugs or gambling, or others in a more socially accepted way such as overworking
- All of us were made to worship God, however man right from the beginning of time decided to rebel against God and do his own thing. Like many of our ancestors, so many of us can continue to run from the peace of God, struggling in our own strength.
- Jesus said, "Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." **(Matthew: 11:28)** Jesus also said, "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" **(Matthew 16:26).**
- Jesus said, "behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door (of their heart) I will come in and dine with him and he with Me."
- Jesus did all the hard work by hanging on the cross. Jesus bled and died for our sins, but death could not hold Him down. Three days later He arose from the dead triumphantly with the keys to death and hell. However, to receive the gift of eternal life you must receive Jesus as your Lord and Saviour.
- The bible says "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."  
**(Romans 10:9)**
- The following prayer will ensure that you have a place in heaven, as you call upon the name of the Lord Jesus. If you say this prayer with all your heart, you will experience the inner peace that comes from having a relationship with Jesus.

**Dear God, I know that I have run from you for many years, but today I turn to You and I ask that you forgive me of all my wrong doings and sins in the past. I believe that Jesus died and shed His sinless Blood for my sins and that He arose again from the dead three days later. I now invite Jesus Christ to come into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour from this moment on. Amen**

## 8) HOW TO BRING SOMEONE INTO THE KINGDOM

- ALWAYS BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
- Seek divine appointments. Each morning it is good to let God know that you are available to be used by Him. God is a Gentleman. Divine appointments come about through prayer and having an intimate relationship with God)
- Follow God's directions when evangelising. Be where God wants you.
- All divine appointments will generally be with people who have common interests or a background similar to yourself. (True Holy Spirit led evangelism is energizing and not tiring)
- Many divine appointments come at times, which are not always the most suitable. We must however be obedient to God at these times, because it is usually at these times, that the greatest witnessing experiences happen.
- Always go by God's gentle first initial prompting. This first gentle voice is always God's voice directing us to someone to share the gospel. The second voice is always the enemy trying to suggest that the first voice was not God's voice, and the third voice is our own thoughts confirming the second thought. Always act on the first gentle prompting.

- When approaching someone to share the gospel, as a result of a gentle prompting, always ask God for an ice breaking first line. These may be lines such as “Have you got the time please.” followed by "Thanks, how has your day been?" Or you may open with something like this. “Hasn’t it been cold today” “I trust you have been having a good day today” Or you may say to a person “How old is your baby” God will usually provide you with a first line to break the ice with.
  
- “For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say” (Luke 12:12) Jesus told His disciples not to worry about what they should say when they were brought before the synagogues, magistrates and authorities, as the Holy Spirit would teach them what to say in that very hour.
  
- Always listen for the Holy Spirit to give you the next question to ask the person.
  
- All questions should eventually lead the person to opening up their life to you, and the need in their life for a relationship with Jesus. You may reach this point in one minute, or it may take 20 minutes. Do not rush your time with the person at this crucial stage. At this stage it is good to look for common interests or to share common experiences with the person. The Holy Spirit helps us greatly in finding a common denominator with others.

- Never introduce Jesus into the talk until it becomes natural to do so. The turn around point ALWAYS comes naturally.
  
- Introduce the benefits of having a relationship with Jesus when a person has become aware of their deep down need for this relationship.
  
- Sometimes we are only meant to sow a seed, at other times, to be a living example of the gospel, however on many occasions, (especially given the spiritual hunger of so many people today) we should be able to lead a person into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
  
- If there is no resistance and the Holy Spirit is giving the prompt to bring them into the Kingdom of God, at this point it is critical that you lead the person into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. They might never be this open and responsive to the gospel again. EXPECT DISTRACTIONS AND POSSIBLE FEARS AT THIS TIME. Fight for their soul at this stage.
  
- Be gentle as you invite the person to give their heart to the Lord. The following is a suggested way. “It looks like you have given up trying to cope in your own strength. How about we hand all of your life’s struggles over to Jesus and let Him take over your struggles. The following is the greatest prayer you will ever say. Let’s pray together. Just repeat the following prayer with all your heart, and you will feel the greatest peace you have ever experienced. However it must be said from your heart:

- The following prayer is an example of a prayer which could be used to bring a person into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ:
- **“Dear God, I know that I have lived a life apart from you, living for myself, but today I turn to You and I ask you to forgive me of all the wrong things I have done in the past. I repent of all my past sins and I now invite Jesus Christ to come into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour from this moment on. I believe that He died for my sins and rose again so that I now have eternal life.”**
- **THERE IS POWER IN THE USE OF SCRIPTURE.**  
Before I lead most people into the sinners’ prayer, I will share Rev. 3:20 with them. During the course of sharing about Jesus I will share as many scriptures, such as John 3:16, as the Holy Spirit leads me to.
- **I MUST AGAIN STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING ALL DISTRACTIONS WHILST TAKING A PERSON THROUGH THE SINNERS PRAYER. AT THIS POINT THE PRAYER MUST BE COMPLETED**
- Sometimes I get people before praying the sinners prayer, to imagine there being a zip over their heart, and to get them imagining that they are unzipping the door to their heart.
- On some occasions it is necessary to bind other spirits, before a person is able to open their heart up to Jesus. I normally at this point tell the person that I will first say a prayer that will enable them to yield their life over to Jesus.

- The following short prayer is most crucial when someone has had either a religious past, (and you can sense a religious spirit coming against you) or if someone has dabbled in either witchcraft or the occult:
  
- **“Dear God, thank you for this man’s desire to want to know you personally. I now bind every spirit in this man which is not of You in Jesus name, with chains unbreakable, so that this person can now receive You Jesus as his Lord and Saviour.”**
  
- At this point, I would then ask the person to pray with me a prayer of salvation.

## **9) THERE IS NO SINGLE FORMULA FOR WINNING SOULS**

Always be directed by the Holy Spirit. Below are some of the ways that God has used to bring people into the Kingdom of God:

- a) Worship Tapes. “Amazing Grace” followed by “Lord I give you my heart”
- b) Get well card with Amazing Grace on the front and a sinners prayer inside
- c) Mum playing amazing grace whilst I shared the gospel with someone
- d) Prayed for a lady who had been on crutches for 6 months. She was totally healed and came next day around to see me to find out about Jesus before giving her life to Him
- e) Uncle came to Lord by reading Why Jesus tract, before saying the sinners prayer
- f) People in old peoples home read sinners prayer after singing “Amazing Grace”
- g) ALWAYS BE DIRECTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WHEN EVANGELISING OR WITNESSING**

**10) WHY 90% OF CHRISTIANS NEVER LEAD ANYONE TO THE LORD**

**a) LACK OF TEACHING IN THE CHURCH BY EVANGELISTS TO STIR PEOPLE TO WITNESS (Ephesians 4:11-12)**

**b) FEAR OF MAN (Luke 12:4)**

**c) MORE WORRIED ABOUT MAN'S APPROVAL, THAN GOD'S APPROVAL (Matt. 10:32-33)**

**d) CAUGHT UP WITH THINGS OF THE WORLD**

Status, Looks, Image (James 4:4)

Compromise values: TV, videos, films, magazines

Worldly Possessions (Matt. 16:26)

Ambition (Work, Sport)

**NO SENSE OF ETERNAL PRIORITIES**

***Jesus said, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."***

**(Matt. 6:19-21)**

**e) HAVE LOST CONTACT / RELEVANCE WITH UNSAVED WORLD**

Christianize

No unchurched friends

All social activities are in the church

Us Verses Them Mentality

***The Apostle Paul said, “For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more. And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law: to those who are without law, as without law, ...that I might win those who are without law; to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.” (1 Cor. 9:19-22)***

**f) DISCOURAGED BY PAST FAILURES  
(Phil. 3:12-14)**

**g) A FAILURE TO COMPREHEND THAT HELL  
WILL BE A REALITY FOR MANY OF OUR  
FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS**

**h) LACK OF LOVE FOR HUMANITY**

**i) A RELUCTANCE TO COUNT THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP**

***The Apostle Paul said, “Are they ministers of Christ? I speak as a fool. I am more: in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness .... If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity.” (2 Cor. 11:23-30)***

## **11) CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS**

### **a) RESPONSES TO LIFE'S DIFFICULT QUESTIONS. (IDEAL TO BE USED WHEN STREET PREACHING)**

**Comment: I am a Catholic already.**

**Response:** I used to call myself an Anglican, but when my life fell to pieces during my mid twenties, the fact that I never knew God personally, I didn't know whom to turn to. It was after three years of feeling suicidal and disillusioned with life that I found the joy of having a real and personal relationship with Jesus. All of a sudden God became real in my life, and my life has never been the same again.

All that you have to do to have a real and personal relationship with God is to turn to Him today and ask Him to forgive you of all of your sins, and then invite Jesus Christ to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on. Jesus did all the hard work and the sinless blood that He shed on the cross cleanses us of all of our sins when we call upon His name to be saved. Right now Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart wishing to enter into your life to be your best friend and Saviour. All you have to do is humble yourself and ask Him to come into your heart and life to be your own personal Lord and Saviour from this moment on.

**Comment: I am already a very religious person.**

**Response:** I used to be religious as well, but the fact that I did not have a personal relationship with Jesus, I began searching for other things in my life to give me meaning. Religion is all about rules and traditions, however Christianity is all about having a real and personal relationship with God. After my life began to fall apart, as I sought other things in life to give me meaning, I finally found what I had been searching for, a personal relationship with God. When I asked Jesus Christ to come into my life to be my Lord and Saviour at the age of 29, I finally found the deep down peace I had been searching for.

Today you too, can find this inner peace by asking Jesus Christ to be your own personal Lord and Saviour from this day on. Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay the penalty for all of our sins, and three days later He arose from the dead with the keys to death and hell, so that all those who call upon His name can be saved and have eternal life. None of us can have a relationship with God without making Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, because our sin separates us from a Holy and righteous God. It was because God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son Jesus Christ to die

for our sins, so that all those who believe in Him and trust Him to be their Lord and Saviour can be saved and have eternal life. The bible says that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus.

Like any gift however, you must first receive it before it is yours, and right now Jesus Christ is knocking at the door of your heart asking if He can come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour. Today you too can enter into a real and vibrant personal relationship with God by humbling yourself before God. All you have to do is ask Him to forgive you of all of your sins, and invite Jesus Christ into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.

**Comment: I was baptised as a baby, so I am already a Christian.**

**Response:** A lot of people have been baptised as a child, just like I was, however, I had to make a choice when I was older whether or not I wanted to be a Christian. When we decide to live in our own strength, and choose to ignore God's plan for our lives, we can never experience the peace of God that comes from being a Christian. It was only after my life had become a mess that I gave control of my life over to Jesus Christ and asked Him to come into my life to be my Lord and Saviour. I finally experienced that peace I had been searching for the day I invited Jesus Christ into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour.

**Comment: All the wars are over Religion.**

**Response:** Unfortunately Religion has been used as an excuse for people starting wars, however there is a big difference between Religion and Christianity. Religion is all about rules and traditions, however Christianity is all about having a personal relationship with a loving God. When someone becomes a Christian, they change on the inside and become more interested in reconciling differences than in starting conflicts. The wars around the world would cease if these Religious people surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ.

**Question: What about all the Hindus and Buddhists. They Believe in God too. Are you saying that your Religion is the only one that is right. Surely they will all go to Heaven too.**

**Response:** Many people pray to a God that they do not know personally, or follow a code of Religious behaviour, which outlines how people should live in society. The Ten Commandments give us good rules for how we should live, however, none of us can keep these high standards of conduct up all the time, and we all fall short of God's

own perfect standard of love and goodness. For this reason no one can enter into a personal relationship with God based on his or her own goodness. The Bible says that we all sin and fall short of the Glory of God. God however loves us so much that He sent His own Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins.

Jesus did all the hard work, and all that we have to do is humble ourselves and accept Jesus into our hearts to be our Lord and Saviour. By doing so, we no longer have to face God on the basis of our own goodness, but we can rely on Jesus giving us a free entrance into heaven when we die. Jesus said, “ I am the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Me.” Having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is therefore the only basis by which any person can ever enter into heaven when they die.

Jesus said “behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door of their heart, I will come into him and dine with him and he with Me.” Right now Jesus Christ is longing to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour. All you have to do is confess your sins and open your heart up to Him today and invite Him into your heart and life today, to be your Lord and Saviour from this moment on.

**Question: All that churches do is take peoples money**

**Response:** A lot of people believe that Churches are only concerned with taking peoples money, however the Bible promises that when we give one tenth of our income or profits to God, we will be blessed. I can only agree with this promise, as I have experienced the greatest financial blessings when I have tithed to God by giving my money to a local Church. The bible also promises that what you sow you reap, and many successful business people have also often been generous givers. The bible also says that there is more joy in giving than receiving. I have always found that God is true to His promises, and that the times that I have given generously and cheerfully to Him, have also been the times when I have not only received the greatest financial blessings, but also experienced the greatest joy.

**Comments: I am not a bad person. I am sure that I will go to Heaven when I die. I believe that all people are basically good and that all will go to Heaven. I don't believe that anybody is really bad and that all people will go to Heaven.**

**Response:** We all have our own standards of what is right and wrong, however God's standards are pure love and absolute perfection in how we should relate to one another. God hates all our sins, such as our hatred and anger towards others and our

unforgiving attitudes, however He loves us. God will one day however judge us for every wrong attitude, action and deed that we have ever thought or done. Everything will come into the light, even those things that we did in secret. The Bible says that the wages of sin is death, but that the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus.

The Bible also says that we have all sinned and fall short of the Glory of God. Jesus has however made a way for us to escape the judgment of God and receive forgiveness for all of our past, present and future sins. When Jesus died on the cross, He became a sacrifice for our sins and paid the penalty for all of our wrongdoings. We must however humble ourselves by acknowledging our sinful nature, and ask Jesus Christ to be our Lord and Saviour. God resists the proud but He gives His saving grace to the humble. Right now you can humble yourself and receive the gift of eternal life by repenting of all of your sins and asking Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.

**Comment: I don't believe that there is any evil in the world.**

**Response:** A lot of people believe that there is no evil in the world, however, one look at the news would have to confirm that there are a lot of things which happen today which are indeed evil. The bible actual talks a lot about the battle between good and evil, and contrasts the love of God to the hatred and evil actions of the devil.

Whilst many people may not even believe in their being a devil, at the same time they experience many evil, depressing and sometimes suicidal thoughts. These thoughts are further fed by many of the films, books, video games and billboards that we are exposed to, as well as the Internet now.

People have a natural fascination to evil and immoral things, and the bible says that there is a way that seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death. Every person will experience thoughts that are evil, and which go against their conscience. It is when people act on these evil or suicidal thoughts that they commence a path that can lead to their ultimate destruction. Whilst God loves us all, the devil is only concerned about destroying each and every life, and keeping people away from the love of God.

**Comment: I don't believe that anyone is evil, but that people are just a product of their upbringing.**

**Response:** Our friends and surroundings influence us all as we grow up. It is often said that we become like those people we associate with. The world is full of many different values and distractions, which can take our lives away from those values, which will bring us most happiness. There is a constant pull in this world to sexual

immorality, greed and self-seeking. These subtle forces are clearly evident in the films we watch, in the way the media is used to promote sexual image and self-centeredness as those things most important in our life. Many of the computer games now emphasize violence and the promotion of evil characters in games such as dungeons and dragons.

Behind all these avenues of entertainment and advertising is an evil influence, which is only concerned with breaking up meaningful relationships and friendships, and promoting the development of one's own self interest. God created man and woman to be in fellowship with one another and to be in a personal relationship with Him. All influences which draw us into a life of immorality and self-seeking, eventually lead us to an ever-increasing inner loneliness, and ultimately, down a path which leads to our destruction. The more we allow ourselves to become influenced by these evil influences, the further we go away from God's ideal plan for our lives.

It is a fact that many people become so caught up in seeking what they want in life that they end up becoming evil in what they do in order to satisfy their own desires. This can be clearly seen when people become so caught up in making money that they would kill people to do it, sell drugs which will harm thousands of lives, or sell child pornographic material to make money. Once a person allows the evil influences of the world to become a part of their life, they indeed become evil not only in their thoughts, but also in their actions.

**Comment: I don't believe that there is any such thing as a devil.**

**Response:** The bible says that the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy. Many people do not believe that there is a devil despite experiencing much hardship and heartaches throughout their lives. The bible also refers to the devil as being the father of all lies, often blaming God for the destruction he helps to bring upon the lives of many people.

An army has no greater advantage than when the opposition is not even aware of their presence. This was clearly evident in the Second World War when America never suspected that Japan would fly over to their country and destroy much of their navy in Pearl Harbour.

So too, many lives, friendships and marriages have been destroyed as a result of the devil going around whispering lies into the heads of many people that they had no future, or that an affair was the answer to their life's problems, or that being a successful businessman was the answer to being happy, irrespective of how many people they had to walk over to achieve this success. The devil has only one purpose and that is to isolate people and to keep them from having a relationship with God.

The bible says that there is a way that seems right to man but in the end it leads to death. Every person who chooses to reject God, and to live apart from His plan for his or her life, will ultimately be separated from God for eternity. It is the devils only desire to keep as many people as possible from having a relationship with God, so that they will spend eternity in hell rather than with God in heaven.

We can only get into a right relationship with God whilst we are alive here on earth, by coming into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

For this reason the devil will keep as many people as he can in a destructive life of sin and pleasure until the day they die, often encouraging many people to take their own lives as he whispers in their ears that they have no hope or future in life. For many others he will encourage them to lead a life of immorality and self-seeking until the day they die, with the sole aim of preventing them from experiencing the love of God through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The bible says to enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

The devil is always lurking in the background seeking to guide people down this wide path leading to destruction by enticing them into a life of immorality, self-seeking or despair leading to suicide. It is God's desire however that people enter the narrow path which leads to life, and it is in between the many thoughts which are planted on our mind by the devil, that God speaks to us about His love for us and that He has plans to prosper us and not to harm us.

Right now Jesus is knocking on the door of your heart, longing for you to ask Him into your life to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on. Jesus Christ came to earth to die for your sins so that you may have life and life abundantly, and right now Jesus is longing for you to receive His free gift of salvation. All you have to do is ask God to forgive you of all of your sins and invite Jesus Christ into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour. Today you can receive the gift of eternal life and enter into God's perfect plan for your life as you ask Jesus Christ into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour from this moment on.

**Question: If God is so loving, why does he allow wars and evil to take place in this World.**

**Response:** The bible says that good and bad things happen to all people, however for all those that have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, death to our mortal body only means being with Jesus in heaven. There is an ongoing battle between good and evil, which exists as we live our lives here on this earth. God has given man a free

will, and for this reason we have the ability to make our own decisions in life. As we go through life, two forces, the presence of evil and the love of God influence us. God longs to come into fellowship with each and every one of us, and help us to lead a life of meaning and fulfillment, whilst the enemy of your soul, seeks to kill and destroy your life.

It is when people choose to live for themselves, rather than for God, and they allow themselves to be controlled by the spirit of this world, that we see wars and evil taking place all around us. Whilst God is sovereign and in control of all things, He will not enforce His will on our life, and for this reason many people choose to live a life apart from God, with the result that their lives are eventually controlled by the spirit of this world.

The way of this world is one of self-seeking and worship of self, with the result that people will do whatever it takes to gratify their own desires. These desires and passions are fuelled by what we hear and see on the media, the advertising billboards that we are exposed to, the violence that we are exposed to in films and computer games, and the immoral choices that we are given in this world.

Once a person's life becomes controlled by his desire to seek his own self-fulfillment at all cost, the evil desires of the heart begin to take over. It is for this reason that we have seen so many wars break out in this world, as people draw away from God and seek their own desires. The bible says that the human heart is wicked beyond all measure, and for this reason it is only when the human heart is constrained by the love of Jesus, that people are capable of living with others in a loving and compassionate manner.

It is God's desire that all people be in a relationship with Him, however He will never enforce His will on our lives. As has been seen in Northern America, once God is taken out of the schools there is an increase in crime and violence as the evil desires of the human heart take over. This can be no more vividly seen than in the tragic shooting of a six year old student by another six year old student who came to school with a hand gun after having had an argument with that student the previous day.

It is only when a person invites Jesus Christ into their heart to be their Lord and Saviour that their heart will be filled with the pure unconditional love of God. Whilst giving people a free will, God will ultimately judge all people for the life that they have lived, with the result that if a person chooses not to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, they will ultimately be punished for all their sins and be cast into hell as a result of their decision to live for themselves rather than for God in their life here on earth. Today God is longing to come into a personal relationship with you, and Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart asking if He can come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.

**Question: If God loves us, why would He allow people to go to Hell?**

**Response:** It is God's wish that no one perish and go to hell. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. So not only is it God's desire that no one go to hell, but He has also provided the way by which every person can go to heaven when they die, rather than spending eternity in hell. Jesus did all the hard work by dieing on the cross for our sins, and all that we have to do to inherit eternal life is to humble ourselves and receive the gift of eternal life by trusting Jesus to be our Lord and Saviour. God resists the proud but He gives grace to the humble. It is not God's desire to see anyone in hell, however everyone is left with the choice of whether or not they want to live for God and inherit eternal life, or to turn away from God and reject Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, and spend eternity in hell.

**Comment: Everyone should be entitled to believe what, they want to. You have no right to force your Religious beliefs on to others.**

**Response:** I am also a firm believer that people should be allowed to develop their own abilities and creative talents, as well as developing their own spiritual life. I am also a firm believer that if you can save someone's life, you should endeavour to do so. If I saw a person about to eat a deadly toadstool, believing it to be a mushroom, I would be quick to warn them of the mistake they were making.

As a Christian, the fact that God has put a love in my heart for all people, I am also very keen to know that all of my friends and family will spend eternity with me. I don't like talking about religion either, however I am always excited about sharing what it means to have a real and fulfilling relationship with a God who loves you so much that He sent His only Son Jesus Christ to die for you.

When you know that Jesus is the way the truth and the life, and that no one will spend eternity in Heaven without receiving Him as their Lord and Saviour, if you truly love someone, you would want to share this good news with them. The fact that I love you as a person, and I would hate to think that one day I will never see you again, I can't help but hope that you too, will one day experience the peace and joy that comes from getting to know God personally. See being a Christian is about having a real and a personal relationship with Jesus, who is your best friend.

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever, and His promises for you 2000 years ago are still the same today, so that you too can be in a relationship with Him forever. Today you can ask God to forgive you of all of your sins, and ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour, so that you too can experience the peace of God and have an assurance that the moment you die, you will immediately be in the

presence of God in Heaven to spend eternity. Jesus said, behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door of their heart, I will come in and dine with Him and He with Me. Right now you can open your heart up to the love of Jesus and invite Him into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.

**Question: Why do I need to become a Christian to get to Heaven?**

**Response:** Being a Christian means that you have been restored into a right relationship with God. As humans we generally have a tendency to want to live for ourselves, and our life is full of many bad and unforgiving attitudes towards others. The bible says that we all sin and fall short of the glory of God, and that the wages of sin is death, but that the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus.

However God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son Jesus Christ that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. When we compare our own life to a God who is Holy and only knows what it is like to love someone unconditionally, we fall well short of His standard of love. Even though God hates our sin, He loves us so much that He sent His own Son Jesus Christ to die as a sacrifice for our sins.

There are only two ways to get to heaven. The first way is to be perfect and sinless like Jesus. The second way is to humble ourselves and acknowledge our sinful state and ask Jesus Christ to be our Lord and Saviour. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Me." We must therefore give our heart and life to Jesus and become a Christian if we want to get to Heaven. Right now you too can open up your heart to Jesus and invite Him into your life to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.

**Question: If Christians are meant to be so good, how come so many children are molested by priests.**

**Response:** The bible say's that we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. When we look at the news, we can clearly see how violent and angry the world is now becoming. In America, there has been a significant increase in violence since they banned prayers from being allowed in schools. When the love of God is barred from a school, community or nation, there is a corresponding increase in strife and violence. The bible talks about a tree being known by the fruit it bears. A true Christian who loves God will lead a life where people will see a difference in them, and they will display character traits such as humility and respect for others.

Even those people who are priests and ministers in churches must have a real and close personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Christianity is all about having a real and close loving relationship with a God, who guides our steps and directs our path through life. As God is a God of love, we begin to become more like Him when we walk in a close personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Anyone who gets sidetracked from this close walk with God will begin to adopt the values of this world, which are self-seeking in nature. Anyone who begins to stray from this close relationship with God will be able to do things, which are harmful to others, and this can be clearly seen on the news each night.

In this world we have an enemy of our souls who is only concerned with destroying the lives of others and breaking up friendships and marriages, by encouraging people to live for themselves. Like every person, a priest is also subject to the pressures exerted by the enemy of our souls, and like every other person in life, has to walk close to God to walk in victory. In fact the pressures on these priests is actually greater, because the enemy of our souls, the devil, is only concerned with keeping as many people as possible out of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

To bring a priest to the point of doing something wrong morally is one of the devils major strategies to stop people from loving God. The world will only become a better and more caring place when more and more people begin to have a close and personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. It is only then that people will be able to live in harmony with each other, and that we will see more good news on TV.

Only having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ gives a person the ability to be a better father or mother, workmate, husband or wife. Only through having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, can we enter into a personal relationship with God, and have our names recorded in the Lambs Book of Life, so that when we die, our spirit and soul will dwell in Heaven for evermore.

Today you too can invite Jesus Christ into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on, so that you too will be able to live a life of victory and peace as you allow God to direct your path through life.

**Comment: I would need some sort of proof that God exists before  
I would become a Christian.**

**Response:** When we look at nature, the way everything is made so perfectly, it would be hard to imagine that there is not a God. The bible actually says that all of creation testifies to the existence of God, as does the conscience of men. As we grow up we all have moral choices to make. All the films, books and computer games that we are

exposed to today, as well as the ever increasing immorality displayed on the advertising bill boards and adult services that are now available, all create a barrier between us and God. God is loving and Holy, and though He loves us, He can't look upon the sin in our life.

For this reason as we grow up, our awareness of God becomes less and less, as we get caught up in seeking the things that this world believes is important, and these include things such as status, wealth and pleasure. The bible says that unless we have a childlike faith we cannot enter the Kingdom of God. Unfortunately as we grow up life scars us, as people hurt and let us down as we journey through life.

As a result our hearts harden and many people become embittered and full of hatred. However in most cases, people blame God for what has happened in their lives, rather than thinking about what their choices have done to bring about their own hardships and suffering. Other people get so caught up with being successful in this world that they exclude God from their lives as they grow up.

Most kids are aware of God, as their hearts have not yet been hardened by the deceitfulness of life. Anyone looking at a baby can see a real innocence and presence of God in their eyes. Jesus said the Kingdom of God is made up of such as these little children. However as we grow up our hearts become more and more separated from God as we choose to follow the things that this world offers. Following a car accident, one three year old was found under the seat of the car. When asked why he was hiding under the seat, the child said God told me to.

The most tragic thing in life is when a person's heart becomes so hardened, that it can no longer hear the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit as Jesus knocks at the door of their heart. When this happens, it is a conversion to eternal death, which is a future in hell forever, when that person dies.

Jesus said seek and you will find, and if you today begin to seek God, He will make Himself known to you, and if you ask Jesus Christ into your heart by faith to be your Lord and Saviour, you will experience the peace of God coming into your heart. Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Him.

Jesus also said behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him and he with Me. Today you can turn back to God and repent of all your sins, and ask by faith Jesus Christ into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour. When you do this, Jesus will respond and send the Holy Spirit to come into your heart so that your spirit will again be connected to God, so that you will have eternal life.

Without faith you cannot please God, but to those who ask Him, He gives good things. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, and today you can receive this gift of eternal life and come into a real and living relationship with God by asking Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life by faith, to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.

**Comment: I believe in reincarnation, and that this life is only a testing ground for our next life.**

**Response:** The bible says that it is appointed for man to die once, but after this judgment. When we live our lives, we are always one breath away from our eternal destination. There are two paths to life, one is wide and leads to destruction and the other is narrow and leads to life but few find it.

We are all spiritual beings and the real you lives behind your eyes, and one day when your physical body dies, your spirit and soul will end up either in heaven or hell. We only have one life in which we can get into a right and personal relationship with God. All of us have a deep down inbuilt desire to worship God.

However as a result of the sin in our lives, a barrier exists which prevents us from experiencing a personal relationship with God. It is only when we repent of our sins and trust Jesus Christ to be our Lord and Saviour that this barrier of sin is broken down and we can fellowship with God again.

It is God's wish that we all get to know Him, and that none perish, however we all must, during the course of our one and only life here on Earth turn to Jesus Christ to save us from our sins. God has provided through the death and resurrection of His Son the means by which we can spend eternity in Heaven but the choice is ours.

The bible says, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God." We all have a choice whilst we live here on earth, whether we will except the gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus, or whether we will choose to take the wide road to hell and destruction, and live a life separated from God whilst we are here on earth. Today you too can turn to God and repent of all of your sins and invite Jesus Christ into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.

**Comment: I can't take this about us being spiritual. When we die, we just die.**

**Response:** The bible says that it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment. When a person dies, you know the person is dead because his life, which is his spirit and soul, has left his body to go to one of two places. Just the same when

you are in an empty house you know that it is empty, because there is an absence of life. On the other hand, even though a person may be asleep in another room, you can still sense their presence in the house, as their spirit is present in the house.

Deep down in every human heart there is a desire to be in fellowship with God. Because of our sinful nature, there is only one way that we can get into a personal relationship with God, and that is through having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Until a person enters into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, his spirit is separated from God, and there is an inner loneliness that will always be there until the person comes into a personal relationship with God. When a person comes into a personal relationship with God, his spirit is born again and it is reconnected to the Spirit of God so that they are once again in a relationship with God.

People try many different things to try and overcome that inner loneliness, which comes from being separated from God, some throw their lives into a relationship, or a career, or are in constant pursuit of pleasure. Unfortunately many others throw themselves into a destructive life style of immorality, gambling or drug and alcohol abuse to help try and overcome this inner emptiness. Having tried many of these methods to overcome this inner loneliness before I became a Christian, I can truly tell you that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, as only He can fill that empty void within each and every one of us.

The bible says that there are two paths that we can take in life, a broad path that leads to destruction, a path that we can take through life as we plan and live in our own strength. The second path is a narrow path that leads to life and few find it. This is the path that God has for our lives, and we can only follow this path when we come into a relationship with God, by making Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

The first path leading a life separated from God ultimately leads to an eternity in a place the Bible calls Hell. It is God's desire however that no one perish, and that all spend eternity in Heaven with Him, and for this reason He sent His beloved Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for our sins and wrong actions and thoughts, so that by trusting in Jesus to be our Lord and Saviour, we can all follow the second path which leads to life.

When we turn to God and ask Him to forgive us of our sins, and we open our hearts up and invite Jesus Christ to come into our heart and life to be our Lord and Saviour, we are totally forgiven of all of our sins, both past, present and future, and God only sees in us the righteousness of Jesus Christ. This gift of salvation is available to all those who humble themselves and admit their sinful nature, and turn to live for God by asking Jesus Christ to be their Lord and Saviour.

As we die to our own desires and allow Jesus to guide and direct our lives, we begin to take the path that leads to life and life abundantly. God has only plans to prosper us and not to harm us, and He knows what will give each and every one of us the greatest fulfillment. We are all spiritual beings who deep down long to be in fellowship with God, and when we repent of our sins and ask Jesus Christ to come into our heart and life to be our Lord and Saviour, God sends His Holy Spirit into our lives to connect with our own spirit, so that we can have the inner peace that only comes from being in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Comment: I believe in a God already. I pray to Him from time to time when I am in trouble.**

**Response:** Many people believe that there is a God somewhere out there, and when their lives are in trouble they cry out for help. It is one thing to know about a person, but it is another thing to know a person. None of us can get into God's presence unless we have a real and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Without this personal relationship with Jesus Christ our prayers are to a God that we do not know.

Deep down in every human heart is an inbuilt desire to have fellowship with God, and to be in relationship with Him. However the human heart is wicked beyond all measure, and the bible says that there is no one who seeks after God, and that there is none righteous, no not one, and that we all seek to live in our own strength. For this reason it is only when life is falling apart that most people cry out to God for help.

It is God's desire that all people be in a relationship with Him forever and ever, and for this reason He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins and wrong attitudes and actions. God wants the best for our life and He knows that when we allow Him to take over our lives, we will find true meaning in our lives as we fulfill our God given destiny for our lives. It is God's desire for each and every one of us that we have life and life abundantly, and this can only be achieved when we make Jesus Christ the Lord and Saviour of our life. Only Jesus Christ has paid the penalty for our sins, and it is only through having a personal relationship with Him that we can have immediate access into the presence of God whenever we want to.

One day we will all die, however our spirit will live on forever and ever, either with God, or separated from God in a place the bible calls hell. However, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Jesus said that He was the way, the truth and the life, and that no one could come to the Father except through Him. It is only whilst you are living that you can get to know someone, and the same is with Jesus.

It is only whilst you are alive that you can invite Jesus Christ into your life to be your Lord and Saviour. When your body dies your spirit will live on forever, either in a place the bible calls hell, or in a place called Heaven. Only Jesus can let you into Heaven, and when your spirit leaves your body, Jesus will either say He knows you, or depart from Me, I never knew you. Today Jesus is longing to get to know you personally.

Jesus said behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me. Only you can open up your heart and invite Jesus Christ into your life, so that you too can have an ongoing vibrant and personal relationship with a God who loves you more than any other person ever will.

**Question: Why did God allow my mum to die from cancer?**

**Response:** The bible even says that there is a just man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his wickedness. The bible also says that those who have a relationship with God have no reason to fear death, and that the death of their body is only the transition point at which their spirit leaves to be with Jesus Christ in heaven for eternity.

All of us are also subject to nature's elements, have choices whether or not to smoke and drink, and whether or not to worry unnecessarily about things in our lives. Scientists have proved that stress kills, as it lowers the resistance in the immune system of the body. The simple fact is that when we live our lives in an ever changing and increasingly stressful environment, we are more likely to succumb to sicknesses and illnesses if we try to control our lives by ourselves.

The human heart is also wicked beyond all measure, and many people have hateful and unforgiving attitudes that eventually affect them physically as they become more and more bitter. All these attitudes relate to the fact that the human heart is independent and rebellious and that all of us have a natural inclination to want to live for ourselves apart from God. God cannot therefore be blamed for the sicknesses that we often get when we are overworked or when we fail to forgive our friends and relatives. God has however supernaturally intervened and healed many people of their sicknesses and diseases.

God is however more concerned for our souls, and that we come into a personal relationship with Him before we die. In fact it is God's desire that no one perish and that all people come into a relationship with Him. Whilst not being responsible for the sickness, many people have cried out to God during a period of sickness or weakness or as a result of God healing them supernaturally. The great thing about giving your

life to Jesus is that you know that God is in control of your life and that He will provide all of your needs according to His riches and glory. For many people surrendering control of their lives over to God has seen dramatic changes in their health and fitness.

However the most important thing in our lives is that we have a right relationship with God, which comes from turning away from living for ourselves to living for God as we invite Jesus Christ to come into our hearts and life to be our Lord and Saviour. Only Jesus Christ has paid the penalty for our sins, and only by turning to Him to be our Lord and Saviour can we come into a relationship with a Holy God who loves us all with a perfect love. Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Me.

Therefore no matter whether we are in excellent health, good health or indifferent health, having a right relationship with Jesus Christ is the most important thing for each and every one of us, as only Jesus can open the door to Heaven for us. Whilst God has healed many people in their lifetime, all those who have placed their trust in Jesus Christ will ultimately inherit new perfect bodies when they get to Heaven.

**Comment: God is in all of us anyway.**

**Response:** A lot of people have a belief or a desire to have God in them. Man was created to be in fellowship with God so it is obvious that everyone has a deep down longing to know God personally. God can be in each and every one of us, however God's Spirit only comes into our lives when we invite Him in, by accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

God is a Holy and loving God Who only knows how to love perfectly. We on the other hand do not know how to love perfectly, and most of our love is tainted to some extent with our own desire to be loved back. Often our love is selfish and conditional. The bible says that we are all sinners and that we all fall short of the glory of God.

However, God longs to be in a personal relationship with us, and it was for this reason that He sent His only begotten Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. When Jesus hung on the cross, He took every single sin, past present and future upon Himself and He died as a sacrifice for all of our sins.

At this point Jesus was separated from His Father for the first time ever, and for three days He was in Hell where He defeated the enemy of our souls and took back the keys of death and hell. Jesus conquered death and hell for us and paid the penalty for all of our sins when He died on the cross for all of mankind.

It is through His death burial and resurrection that we can now all have God in us when we ask Jesus to be our personal Lord and Saviour. All we have to do is humble ourselves and acknowledge our sinful nature, turn to live for God instead of ourselves, and invite Jesus Christ to come into our hearts to be our Lord and Saviour.

It is only then that God's Spirit enters into our hearts and connects with our own spirit and we are born again, and that we can immediately enter into a real and personal relationship with God. When we receive the Holy Spirit, we find the peace of God that everyone deep down seeks all of his or her life. Not only do we receive a peace but also love, joy, greater self-control and gentleness and a new desire to be faithful, kind and long suffering. All of us can have God in us, however God's Spirit will only come into our lives when we turn to God and repent of all of our past sins, and invite Jesus Christ to come into our heart and life to be our Lord and Saviour.

It is only then that we fill the inner void within our lives and experience the peace of God. Today you too can ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour, so that God's Holy Spirit will fill that inner void within you life so that you will experience the peace of God from this day on.

**Comment: My life is fine at the moment. I don't really need Jesus.**

**Response:** Many people have the attitude that life is fine at the moment and that they are either not ready to meet Jesus, or that they believe that they do not need Jesus. Many people believe also that they have plenty of time to get it right with God before they die. Before I became a Christian, I believed that there was something out there that would give me true fulfillment in life. Becoming a test cricketer, succeeding in business, buying houses, finding the perfect woman, all consumed my life for many years.

It did not matter what I tried to find fulfillment in life, there was always an inner emptiness and loneliness which would not go away. All my attempts to find fulfillment in life were at the expense of friends and family, and as my life headed down a path of destruction and meaningless, I had a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, who changed my life and filled up the empty vacuum which had been a part of my life for many years.

Once I became a Christian, all of a sudden everything had more meaning as God began to use me to encourage others about the peace that comes from having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. After God took over my life He began to guide me into that perfect plan for my life that He had for me from the moment I was conceived in my parents eyes. In going down this path I have experienced greater success in business and more meaningful relationships as I have allowed God to take over my

life. I can truly say that Jesus did come to give us life and life abundantly, as He has given me a new heart that enables me to love others in a way that I could never before. Every path that we choose in life will always be the second best path, as God has plans to prosper and not harm us.

There is nothing that you have to give up in life when you become a Christian that is not worth giving up. As a Christian you know how to love people in a way that enriches your soul, and you became capable of loving people in an intimate and caring way. Prior to becoming a Christian I never knew how to love people properly, and the more uncommitted relationships I had, the lonelier I became and the more I began to hate myself, with the result that I became more and more suicidal the further I began to slide down the path of immorality.

Having experienced life both with and without a personal relationship with Jesus, I can only but advise you that life only began for me the night I decided to surrender my life to Jesus. Some people realize that they are missing something in their life, however they believe that there is plenty of time to make things right with God before they die. Unfortunately many people die unexpectedly in the prime of their life. Only a few weeks' back two eighteen-year-old students crashed their car after a VCE celebration killing themselves instantly.

Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father except through Me. We can only ever get to know Jesus whilst we are alive. Once we die we will hear one of two responses at the gate to heaven, either I know you, or depart from me for I never knew you. Today Jesus is longing to get to know you, but only you can open your heart up to Him and invite Him into your life to be your Lord and Savior.

Jesus said behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into Him and dine with him and he with Me. Many people also look back at the end of their lives and wish that they had done something for the world. We can either store up treasures here on earth or establish treasures in heaven. The bible says what would it be if you gained the whole world but ended up losing your soul. All of the great empires of this world are gone however every one of us has the opportunity to store up treasures in Heaven that will last for eternity. We all only have one chance at life to use our gifts either for God and to store up eternal treasures, or to seek our own desires here on earth and accumulate possessions, which will rust and rot away eventually.

The tragic thing about life is the more we get caught up with the things of this world, the harder it is to turn to God. Michael Huchence had everything that this world would think would bring happiness, wealth, fame and many women friends, however he lacked one thing, a personal relationship with God. In an autopsy of his body, it was found that his body was full of drugs and alcohol, after he tragically took his life.

The bible clearly states that there are two paths in life, the broad path that leads to destruction, and the narrow path that leads to life, but few find it. Today you can choose the path of life and life abundantly simply by turning to God and repenting of your sins, and inviting Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour. By doing this you will enter into God's perfect plan for your life, and be assured from this day on, that even if you died tonight, you would be with God in heaven for eternity.

**Comment: I don't believe that there is any such thing as Hell.**

**Response:** A lot of people believe, or would like to think that there is no hell, however the bible is clear that there is a heaven and hell and that when we die our spirit will leave our body and go to one of these two destinations. All of us have a conscience and know what is right and what is wrong and most people as they near the end of their life begin to fear what will happen when they die. Having visited many nursing homes I can clearly see the fear in those who are not in a right relationship with God as they near death.

The bible actually gives an account of a rich man who had it all except for a personal relationship with God. When a beggar named Lazarus was laid at the gate to his place, the rich man offered him nothing. Later the rich man died and found himself in Hell, however he could see in Heaven Lazarus resting in the bosom of Abraham. The bible says that as the rich man experienced torment in Hell, he pleaded that Lazarus could dip his finger in some water and cool his tongue.

Jesus said however that there is a great gulf that exists between Heaven and Hell and no one can pass from one to the other. Many people have also testified after being clinically dead for some time that they had a visitation to hell, however God had given them a second chance to get their life into a right relationship with Him.

As I want to see you in heaven one day, and as I love you as a person, I would not be acting out of love if I did not tell you that there is enough evidence to indicate that hell truly does exist, but it is God's wish that no one perish and that all enter into a relationship with Him. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son Jesus Christ so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Me. When Jesus died on the cross, He paid the penalty for every one of our sins. The bible also says that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus. Jesus has given us all the opportunity to get into a right relationship with God, as a result of His obedience in dieing on the cross as a sacrifice

for our sins. However like any gift, you must accept it for yourself. The choice is yours whether you take the wide path that leads to destruction, which comes from a life separated from God as you lead your own life, or whether you choose the narrow path to life which comes from having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, which results in spending an eternity in heaven with a loving God when you die.

The message that leads to life is so simple that even kids can receive it. All that God requires of us is to be real and transparent before him and acknowledge that we are sinful and that we ask for Him to forgive us of our sins as we turn to serve Him. We can all get into a right relationship with God simply by inviting Jesus Christ to come into our hearts and life to be our Lord and Saviour.

As we give our hearts over to Jesus Christ we are choosing to live for God rather than for ourselves. The bible says that if we die to ourselves we will then live, and I can testify with my own life, that the more I have decided to live to serve others, the happier and more fulfilled I have been. God only has plans to prosper us and not to harm us.

There is a place called hell, however God longs to be in a relationship with each and every one of us. Everybody must however personally choose the path to life by humbling themselves and making Jesus Christ their Lord and Saviour. When we do, we have a place in Heaven, which is for eternity, and all of a sudden we have a peace and a purpose for living here on earth, which will energize us as God guides and directs us through life.

**Comment: I don't need Jesus. I have done enough to go to Heaven?**

**Response:** A lot of people believe that they are good enough to get to heaven, and for many years I believed that I was a good person compared with others. I hadn't killed or beaten up anyone, nor had I committed any armed robberies and basically I was friendly on the outside to most people. When God met me on the steps of Flinders Street Station, I gave my heart to Jesus Christ the next day at a church service. All of a sudden I became aware of how selfish I really was, and how many of my heart attitudes were so sinful and deceitful. The bible says that the heart is wicked beyond all measure and all of a sudden God's Holy Spirit was revealing just how true this was, and God began the process of changing all of my bad attitudes and actions.

If you look at a half clean shirt it is still dirty, and the same is the case with each and every one of our lives. We may have some good attitudes in life but there will invariably be people in our lives that we may find hard to love, or we may lie or deceive people, to get what we want, or we may covet things that our neighbours have. All these attitudes and actions are sins and the bible says that we all sin and fall short

of the Glory of God. The bible also says that the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus. Because of sin none of us can come into the presence of a Holy and loving God, unless we receive the gift of salvation which is free to those who humble themselves and acknowledge their sinful nature, and ask Jesus Christ to come into their lives to be their Lord and Saviour.

God says that He resists the proud but He gives grace to the humble. This is why Jesus was most accepted by the tax collectors and harlots of His day, because they knew that they were sinners and lost, whereas many of the religious figures of His time were more worried about their appearance in public, than about being real and getting their heart right with God. One religious person said to Jesus how he was glad that he was not like the sinful tax collector next to him, and how he faithfully did all the religious stuff.

The tax collector on the other hand barely able to look into the eyes of Jesus said to Him, "Have mercy on me for I am a sinner". To this Jesus said it was the tax collector and not the religious person who went home that night in right standing with God, and that he had received eternal life that day. Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the father except through Me.

One day we all die and Jesus will say one of two things, either I know you, or depart from Me, I never knew you. We can only get to know Jesus whilst we are alive, and we can only accumulate treasures in Heaven whilst we are here on earth. These treasures will last for eternity, however our treasures here on earth will eventually be eaten away by moths, or rust away.

We all need Jesus, as it is only by making Him our Lord and Saviour, that we can spend eternity with God in Heaven rather than spending eternity in a place the bible calls hell, when we die.

Living for Jesus here on earth is challenging but also the most rewarding thing that anyone can do. By making Jesus truly Lord of our lives here on earth, we will be able to set up for ourselves treasures in heaven which last forever, as we do those things that God has called us to do in this life. We do need Jesus not only to save our soul, but also to direct us along that path which will give us the greatest satisfaction in life.

**Comment: I believe already that there is a God or some sort of higher spiritual being out there.**

**Response:** So many people these days believe that there is something spiritual out there, as most people can now see how the pursuit of material possessions, pleasure and status is not the answer to a persons reason for existence. In the heart of every

human being is a desire to be in fellowship with God, our creator and maker. All of us have been made in the image of God, and we were all created to be in fellowship with God. However right from the outset man chose to rebel against God and do his own thing.

The first man and woman created by God, Adam and Eve, were made in God's likeness and image. God gave them the opportunity to eat of every good thing except from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because God knew that if they did eat fruit from this tree, and knew the difference between good and evil, the human race would begin to war against one another. The number of wars and divorces are testimony to this as people argue and fight amongst one another, each believing that they are right and that the other person is wrong.

This choice by our ancestors to rebel against God's wisdom resulted in the human race being separated from God, as they chose to listen to the voice of a serpent who enticed the first couple to disobey God's instructions not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This serpent was actually one of a large number of angels who were evicted from Heaven as they wished to take over from God in Heaven. Rebellion against God has therefore existed in man from the beginning of time, and this is why the bible says that no one seeks after God but everyone turns to his or her own ways.

However, man has always missed having a relationship with God, and deep down everyone longs to know God. It is for this reason that so many people are seeking a spiritual reality in so many ways, all of which are a substitute to having a real and personal relationship with God. Many people burn incense or pray to Krishna or read the horoscopes seeking a meaning and purpose for living, however none of these can fill the void that only the Spirit of God can fill in our lives when we invite Jesus Christ to come into our hearts to be our Lord and Saviour.

The spirit of every human is lonely until it is reconnected to God and this is the reason why so many people are lonely when they are by themselves and even in a crowd. Deep down their spirits are longing to be back in fellowship with God, because man was created to be in fellowship with God.

All of us can however have a spiritual encounter with God because two thousand years ago God sent His only begotten Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for our rebellious and sinful ways, so that all who call upon His name and humble themselves can immediately resume fellowship with God. Only Jesus has paid the penalty for our sinful and rebellious ways.

When He died on the cross He took every single sin that we will ever commit upon Himself, as He became a sacrifice for all of our sins. On the cross Jesus Christ exchanged His righteousness for our sin, and for all those who ask Jesus to be their

Lord and Saviour, they immediately have their sin exchanged for His righteousness. When Jesus prayed to His Father whether there was another way that mankind could come back into fellowship with Him, He knew that there was not. The bible says that without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins, so Jesus shed His blood on the cross for all of us so that all of our sins can be washed away when we call upon His name.

Everyone deep down longs to be in a relationship with God and today you too can experience the peace that comes from having a relationship with God. All you have to do is receive the gift of eternal life and salvation by humbling yourself and admitting your sinful nature, and asking Jesus Christ to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour, so that all of your sins will be forgiven. When you ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour you are once again back in relationship with God and He only sees the righteousness of Jesus Christ in your heart.

Right now you can repent of your sins and turn to live for God, and ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour, so that you can have that spiritual relationship with God that everyone deep down seeks.

Jesus said, behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door of their heart, I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me. Only you however, can open the door of your heart to Jesus Christ, and right now He is touching your heart just longing for you to invite Him into your life to be your Lord and Saviour from this moment on.

**Question: How can Christians say that we are all sinners?  
Surely babies are not sinful!**

**Response:** The bible says that we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. Sin is a disease of the heart that came about when man decided to disobey God and try and become like Him. Right throughout history man has endeavoured to become like God, and most people look in the mirror each day and look at the god that they would want to serve most.

When our first ancestors' decided to rebel against God, all of mankind was cut off from God. The bible has a tragic account of how after Adam and Eve had disobeyed God, they hid from God as He looked for them in the Garden of Eden. All of a sudden this couple knew what fear was. As a result of man's choice to rebel against God, all of us are separated from God's life support system and commence the process of dying the moment we are born. The bible says that none of us seek after God and that none of us are righteous, no not even one.

The ever increasing hatred towards God in our society and the ever increasing desire of man to become more knowledgeable and self sufficient, are all related to the basic fact that man is programmed for survival and self sufficiency, and living a life of independence. When the first man and woman chose to disobey God, by eating off the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they were cut off from God's life support system, and entered survival mode. Most if not all of human activity these days, is now motivated by self-gain and self-interest.

Being separated from God also resulted in sin entering into mankind as the ruler of this world began to influence mankind more and more in the ways of evil. The ruler of this world is a fallen angel called the devil, and he along with many other angels decided to rebel against God when they were in Heaven, as they decided to take over from God in Heaven. The bible says how these rebellious angels were cast down to earth where they now roam to and fro endeavouring to kill and destroy mankind.

As a result of mans independence from a loving and Holy God, and the influence of the rebellious and destructive fallen angels headed by a chief fallen angel called Satan or what many people call the devil, every one of us is daily faced with temptations and decisions which when acted upon, slowly but surely lead us towards death. Even babies are subject to these evil forces and will fight with one another or rebel against their parents if they do not get what they want. I have seen many mothers on the verge of tears, as an angry and rebellious child has demanded their mother to buy something for them.

Many families are now broken up because one or both of the parents thought that another person was more attractive or exciting than their partner, only to find out that the new person was no different, or in fact, often less compatible than their original partner. Unfortunately by this time the family has dissolved and there are now many kids whose lives have been adversely affected by their parents splitting up.

Unfortunately all of us are sinful and all of us predominantly live to gratify our own desires for love, affection, and status. Without God in our lives, all of us are more concerned with what we can get out of life, that what we can give to help others. Some people will now even rob their friends or grand parents to get a temporary high from a heroin fix, or sell drugs to 13 or 14 year olds to make money, or sleep with their neighbours wife because it feels good for a season.

The spirit of this world is all about making each and every one of us self seeking and all advertising is directed at encouraging everyone to only think about themselves, and being more concerned about a persons body image than caring for their need to be cared for and loved. Many people are now starting to feel more like they are objects rather than people, and the pursuit of material assets and status has also not proved to

be the answer to every ones deep down need to have a restored relationship with God. Michael Huchence is a perfect example of someone who had wealth, status and women, but no inner peace, and tragically he took his own life in a moment of despair rather than turning to a God who loved Him so much that He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die not only for him, but for all of mankind. When they did an autopsy on his body they found that it was riddled with drugs and alcohol, and like so many others, Michael Huchence had turned to destructive methods for coping with his inner emptiness and lack of purpose in life.

The bible says that there are two paths that we can take in life, the wide path which leads to destruction, or the narrow path which leads to life, but few find it, as most people, like Michael Huchence, get caught up in seeking every thing that this world offers, only to find that the inner emptiness and loneliness is still there.

Every human heart will always be lonely until their spirit is once again in fellowship with God. As we are all sinful and rebellious by nature, none of us can be in fellowship with a loving and Holy God, unless we receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

God longs to be in fellowship with each and every single one of us, and for this reason He sent His only begotten Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for our sins, so that all who believe in Him can have eternal life and a relationship with God. Only Jesus Christ was capable of paying the penalty for our sins, as He was sinless. On the cross Jesus Christ exchanged His righteousness for our sins, so that all those who trust Jesus as their Lord and Saviour will have all of their sins washed clean by His blood, as their sins are exchanged for His righteousness.

Even though we are all sinful, we can have our sins forgiven, and we can have the ability to live a life, which is not controlled by our sinful nature. When we ask Jesus Christ to forgive us of our sins, and we invite Him into our hearts to be our Lord and Saviour, He sends the Holy Spirit to fill the empty void within us, and when our independent spirits connect with the Holy Spirit they become born again.

All of a sudden we are reconnected to the life support system again and we are back in an intimate and personal relationship with God again. It is only when we are in a relationship with God that we will ever find true peace and happiness. Today you can humble yourself before God and confess your sins and invite Jesus Christ into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour. Right now Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart waiting for you to embrace His love and invite Him into your life. All you have to do is receive Him into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour today and you will find the peace of God that comes from being in a personal relationship with Him.

**Question: What will happen then to all those people who have not heard about Jesus. Will they all go to Hell?**

**Response:** All people deep down in their hearts know that there is a God in control of this planet, however many have decided to reject this inner knowledge as they become more and more caught up in seeking what this world believes is important in life. Body image, material assets, seeking after status or seeking fulfillment in a career, or constantly pursuing personal pleasure are all things, which take people away from having a relationship with God.

In fact many of these pursuits have also resulted in marriages and friendships breaking down as people have become more involved in trying to find happiness in being someone or having things rather than having genuine friendships with others and loving relationships with their family.

When you look at young kids you are aware that they are close to God as they have a way about them, which is very uncomplicated and natural, and when kids hear about Jesus they are very open to receiving Him into their lives. In fact Jesus even said that the Kingdom of God is made up of people such as these kids, and that you could only enter Heaven if you had a child like faith. In this Jesus meant that unless you can accept Jesus into your life like a kid believes that Santa Clause will leave presents under the Christmas tree, you will not be able to enter Heaven.

God can reveal Jesus through many ways and many people have found a relationship with Jesus Christ through reading a bible that they found in a motel room, or whilst watching a television program or like in Somalia, when three thousand people gave their hearts to Jesus when He appeared as an image in a dust storm. God is currently revealing Himself to people in many ways, and all those who have heard about Jesus Christ coming to earth to die for our sins, have no defense if they choose to reject the gift of salvation that is available to all those who believe in Him and call upon His name to be saved.

In fact many African tribesmen when asked if they had ever been told about a need to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, said that even though no one had told them about Jesus Christ, they were always aware deep down in their own spirits, that they should be in a personal relationship with God. These tribesmen also said that they knew that they were rebelling against God when they chose to live a life of cannibalism and feuding against other tribes.

There is no doubt that God is sovereign and His ways are higher than ours, and that He can reveal Jesus Christ to others in many ways. Only God knows who He has revealed Jesus too, and all that we can do is ensure that our own relationship is right with God, and this can only be the case if we humble ourselves and turn to God and ask Jesus

Christ to come into our hearts and lives to be our Lord and Saviour. When we do this, God can all of a sudden use us to help others get to know about Jesus as well. Jesus Christ has the ability to change the most down and out person into a person of great destiny, as well as being able to set people free of life controlling problems. Many of today's greatest preachers were written of as lost beyond help, but Jesus saw the potential in them and when He came into their lives He changed them into great and powerful men of God.

Rather than trying to work out who God has revealed Jesus too, we must all be concerned first and foremost with whether or not our own lives are right with God, so that we can all be a part of His purpose and plan in ensuring that everyone has a knowledge of the life changing power which comes from having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father except through Me. For this reason it is crucial that our own lives are right with God, and that we are active in sharing the need for people to give their hearts to Jesus Christ. I have found that the greatest joy about being a Christian, is indeed sharing this good news with others, and sharing how Jesus Christ can resurrect and restore even the most broken and damaged life and change it into something beautiful.

If you have never made Jesus Christ your Lord and Saviour, today you can confess and turn from your sins and open up your heart to Him and invite Him into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on. The bible says that all those who call upon the name of the Lord Jesus will be saved. Today you can come into a right relationship with God by turning to Him and repenting of all of your sins and inviting Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.

**Comments: I have done far too much wrong for God to want me. I am not good enough. Jesus could never forgive me for what I have done in the past.**

**Response:** You might think that you have done so much wrong that God could not possibly love you, but He is God, and His love is not like our love. In fact God loved you so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for you, so that every single sin that you have ever committed will be forgiven if you humble yourself and make Jesus Christ your Lord and Saviour.

When the religious people bad mouthed Jesus Christ and His disciples, as they spent time with the down and out people of society and the much disliked tax collectors, Jesus replied to them that He had not come to call the righteous but sinners to

repentance. There is nothing that you have ever done which would stop Jesus Christ from wanting to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour. Jesus has made it possible for everyone to have a place in heaven, and it is God's desire that no one be separated from Him, however we must each choose ourselves to receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. Jesus sees the potential in each and every one of us, and He has only plans to prosper you and not to harm you.

Jesus said, behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him and dine with him and he with Me. Right now Jesus is longing to come into your heart and life, so that you can have a real and intimate relationship with God and a place in Heaven for eternity when you die. Jesus Christ will never force Himself upon you, but right now He is waiting for you to invite Him into your heart and life so that you too can experience the peace, which comes from having a real and intimate relationship with God.

God never abandons us; it is always us who turn from Him. Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life, and no one can come to the Father except through Me. Only you can open your heart up to His love however, and invite Jesus Christ into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour.

**Comment: Religion is just a crutch for people who cannot cope with life?**

**Response:** Religion is all about rules, regulations and traditions and in a time of real need, will offer little help. Having a real and personal relationship with God is however, the best way to live life, as when you give your life over to Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Saviour, you become a child of God, and God begins to guide you in your life. All of a sudden the bible becomes alive as God begins to speak to you as you read it. Becoming a Christian however, brings many challenges and many people find this life full of obstacles and persecution, and many people fail to finish their God given destiny.

Having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is the most rewarding life however, and it is a life that brings rewards, which remain forever. The bible says of the futility of laying up for yourselves treasures here on earth, which will eventually be eaten by moths or rust away, but that we should rather invest our lives in laying up treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust will destroy. Having a real and personal relationship with God fills the empty vacuum, which exists in every person who does not know God.

People need a crutch in life whenever they do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Some of these crutches are destructive like alcohol, gambling, immorality or drugs, whilst some of them are more socially acceptable, but just as

destructive to families and relationships such as working excessively, the pursuit of material assets or addictions to computer games or sport. Many people worship a football team or a pop singer to compensate for the emptiness that exists deep down in their soul. Many pop singers themselves have had wealth, status and plenty of women, but no relationship with God, and as a result many have had premature deaths through suicide, drug overdoses or alcoholic poisoning.

The masks that people wear to conform to society values and expectations are also crutches that people use to cope with life. The bible says that there is a way that seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death. The bible also says that there are two paths that we can take in life, the broad path that is living in our own strength, which leads to destruction and the narrow path, which leads to life, and few find it.

Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Me. Every single person who gives their life to Jesus Christ has a God given destiny that will impact people's lives for eternity. Whilst being a challenging walk, this Christian walk provides treasures that remain for eternity.

Today you too have a choice whether you want to cope with the inner emptiness that comes from not knowing God, with crutches such as accumulating assets, acquiring status, drinking, gambling, or worshiping a football team, or choosing the path to true life and fulfillment, which comes from having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Comment: I can see how your faith helps you, and that's fine for you, but I don't need it myself.**

**Response:** The greatest illusion for most people is that they think that they can control their lives, when in reality a person's next breath is never guaranteed. Many people have died unexpectedly like many of the Kennedy family, whilst many families have had their life totally upturned with the unexpected tragic death or illness of a family member.

One family is still mourning the death of their 25-year-old daughter who was killed by someone whilst she was laying some flowers on her grandmother's gravesite. In an evil and uncertain world, there is now nothing, beyond our current breath, which can ever be guaranteed in life.

The bible tells how there are two paths in life, one living in our own strength and following our own desires and plans for our lives, which ultimately leads to death, and the other is a path living for God which leads to life and few follow it. One third of the angels in Heaven were cast down to earth because they thought that they were

more capable than the God who created them, and because they desired to take over from Him. These very angels now roam around trying to convince everyone that they don't need God to be a part of their life, and that their own abilities are all that they need to succeed in life.

The rebellious and self-centred nature of man has however many harmful side effects. When we try to be in total control of our lives, and choose to live apart from God, the pressures of life become at times insurmountable and for this reason it is little wonder why so many people are now taking their lives, or have drinking or prescribed or other drug problems, gambling or sexual addictions. When stress levels rise, many people express it with anger in the way they drive, or in how they relate to others, and so many people are now so full of inner turmoil that they are on the verge of self-destructing.

Jesus however gave us the promise that He would never leave nor forsake us, and that His promises are the same yesterday, today and forever. When we put our trust in God, we can depend on all of His promises to us, and these include that He will provide all of our need according to His riches and glory. For forty years God provided the Israelites with bread from heaven every day and their shoes never wore out during the time that they were lost in the wilderness.

In fact the whole journey from Egypt to the Promised Land should only have taken eleven days, however the Israelites kept turning away from God to other idols such as golden calves. Isn't it amazing how when the leader of the Israelites, Moses ascended a mountain to be in God's presence, how people could melt all their jewellery and rings and make a statute of a golden calf, and then bow down and worship it.

This is especially the case considering that the Israelites had just passed through the Red Sea to escape the persecution of the Egyptians, and that they had received from the residents of Egypt the favour of God as they gave the Israelites wealth and treasures as they departed to enter into the Promised Land. How quickly did God's chosen people, the Israelites, turn away from loving their God to worship a gold statute of a calf. As a result of their constant disobedience to God's perfect plan and path for their life, all but two people died in the wilderness out of the original group of Israelites who escaped Egypt to head for the Promised Land. Despite their constant rebellion, God still faithfully fed and clothed the Israelites during the 40 years that they were in the wilderness as they sought to find the Promised Land. The journey from Egypt to the Promised Land took almost forty years longer than it should have, as the Israelites continually turned their back on God and did their own thing.

Like the Israelites, all of us have an inbuilt tendency to want to be independent, and to live apart from God. In fact the bible says that none seek after God, no not even one, and that there is no one righteous, no not even one. However as life's pressures are

now increasing at such a great rate, and as people now more and more are realizing that there is more to life than material assets, pleasure and status, many are seeking comfort in alcohol, gambling, casual affairs or burying their lives into their work or raising a family. As society has become more and more busy and less personalized, loneliness and depression has become of epidemic proportions in Australia. Anti-depressants are now a huge selling prescribed drug for many materially well off people, whilst one in fifty people between the ages of 15 and 44 now take heroin.

At the moment many people are seeking a spiritual reality as they endeavour to find peace and meaning in their life. Jesus said I am the way the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father except through Me. Jesus also came to give life and life abundantly, and all those who place their trust in Him can have a personal relationship with God. It is only when people find this personal relationship with God that their spirits will finally be at rest, and that they will experience the peace that they are trying to find in so many other ways.

Right now you too can find that inner peace by handing your life over to God, so that He can guide and direct you into that perfect plan for your life. The bible says that without a vision, or a purpose for living, people perish. Many people invest their lives in a career, only to be retrenched, or in bringing up a family who eventually move away to live their own lives. Nothing in life is ever guaranteed other than death, taxes and the great love that God has for all of us. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever, and His promise two thousand years ago is for today, so that you may have a relationship with Him and peace in your heart forever. Today Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart longing to come into your life to allow you to enter into God's perfect plan for your life.

Not only do you need to know Jesus to find this perfect plan for your life, but to have a place in heaven for eternity when your body dies. When you eventually die your spirit will meet Jesus at heaven's door, and He will say one of two things, either I know you, or depart from Me, I never knew you. We can only get to know Jesus whilst we are alive here on earth, and for all of us, tomorrow may never come. Many young people have died ahead of time believing that they had forever to get their lives right with God.

Today Jesus is longing to get to know you, however only you can open your heart up to Him today. Today Jesus is offering you a free ticket to Heaven, which He paid for by being whipped 39 times with a cat of nine tails, being beaten by the Roman soldiers with sticks and by being nailed to a cross where He died for all of our sins.

When Jesus arose from the dead three days later, He had the keys of Hades and death and He had conquered death and hell for us. When we accept this free ticket to Heaven, our sins are washed away and in God's eyes we are as white as snow and all

of our sins, past, present and future are forgiven. When we accept this free ticket to heaven, our sins are exchanged for the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The great thing about what Jesus did when He died on the cross is that He made Heaven and a relationship with God available for everyone, from the street prostitute to the billionaire executive.

However no one can accept this ticket to Heaven unless they humble themselves before God and acknowledge their sinful nature and repent and turn to Him to forgive them for all of their sins by asking Jesus Christ to come into their hearts and lives to be their Lord and Saviour. Today Jesus Christ is longing to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour, so that you too can have that inner peace which comes from being in a right relationship with God again.

**Comment: All those Born again Christians are all the same.  
They are all over the top.**

**Response:** When I went to my first born again Church service, I had been suffering depression for many years. I just couldn't believe how anyone could be so happy when I felt so depressed. I did not go to another born again Church service for three long and lonely years after I got caught up in the Night Club scene. During this time I was suicidal on many occasions as my inner loneliness began to intensify.

It was early one Saturday morning after I had been out nightclubbing all Friday night, that I met God on the steps of Flinders Street Station, and He opened my eyes to reveal just how lost I was. As I sat on the Station's steps, God opened my eyes so that I could clearly see just how lost people were as many of them staggered past me in the early hours of Saturday morning.

I knew I was lost and that even though I had a well paid job, I had no real reason for living other than to pay the bills, going out on a Friday night and playing sport. For quite some years I was analyzing just what life was about, and as I saw stressed out people rushing to and from work each day, year after year, and seeing the normal depressed faces on the train each Monday, I began to search for a purpose or meaning to life.

Even though I had a daughter who I loved, a job and a reasonably close family, I struggled to find meaning to life. The bible says that without a vision people perish and that Jesus is the way the truth and the life. As God spoke to me on the steps of Flinders Street Station, to go to a Church the next day, I didn't realize that my life would change completely the next day.

When I went to a born again church the next day for only the second time in my life, I was introduced to Jesus and my life has never been the same again. The moment I invited Jesus Christ to come into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour I had true joy and peace for the first time in my life, and from that night on, my life has been guided by God in a way that I could never have believed possible. Although I would not classify myself as one of those over the top born again Christians, one thing I do know, God has a plan and purpose for my life which He is unfolding bit by bit, and I carry the peace and presence of God around with me now wherever I go.

Jesus is truly my best friend, and I know that He will never leave nor forsake me, even in those times of trouble, which we all experience from time to time. As I have placed my trust in God, I know that He will always bring a solution to every problem I will ever encounter, and I know this because He has proved Himself over the last eight years since I made Him my Lord and Saviour.

There is a song that I like and the words include, "Look what the Lord has done, He's changed my life, turned my life around." God certainly has changed my life, and whereas I had no self-confidence in the past, despite the mask of having it together that I used to wear, and whilst once having no confidence to speak in public, I can now speak in front of thousands because I know that I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me.

The bible says that there are two paths that we can take in life, the broad path that I was on for the first 29 years of my life, which leads to destruction, or the narrow path that leads to life, which I found eight years ago. Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Me.

I now have a place in heaven waiting for me when I die, but whilst I am living here on earth now, I carry around with me the peace and joy of the Lord, as He leads me through life. As a Christian every day is a new adventure as we have the ability to offer everyone a key to true fulfillment and happiness in life, a personal relationship with God.

Today you too can find this peace and joy for yourselves by humbling yourself and turning to live for God, repenting of all of your sins, and by simply inviting Jesus Christ into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour. Jesus said behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears My voice and opens the door of their heart, I will come into him and dine with him and he with Me. Only you can however, open the door of your heart and invite Jesus Christ into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour.

I can only but encourage you to do so, because I know that when you do, your life will truly begin as your spirit is born again and you come into a real and personal relationship with a God Who loves you more than any other person ever will.

**Comment: I had all that Religion rammed down my throat when I was a Kid. I don't need it anymore.**

**Response:** A lot of people have had religion rammed down their throat, including myself, and like so many others I struggled through life trying to find meaning to life. All of us have a deep down need to know God, and for this reason so many people now are seeking a spiritual reality in so many different types of ways. For many years I too sought to find meaning in life as I became more and more aware that no matter what I did in life, there was still an inner loneliness inside of me. In Sydney, one local Church ran an advertisement simply asking "Are you lonely." Ten thousand people responded to this advertisement in an area of Sydney which was very well of materially, however which was obviously very poor in spirit.

As the pace of life has increased in society, so to has the level of loneliness and stress, as relationships between family members and friends have become harder to develop and maintain. In the pursuit of greater material comforts, many people have left families and friends to accept promotions in other states or countries, whilst for many dual income families; the kids have no real or meaningful relationships with their parents.

After endeavouring to find fulfillment in many ways, I finally found the answer to life that I had been searching for. This answer came to me when I found a personal relationship with God in 1991, and when I found out about the difference between religion and Christianity. When I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ, all of a sudden I was filled with an inner peace and joy that I had never ever experienced before.

Whilst religion had told me what I could and could not do, I was powerless to stop myself from living for myself, and the more I got caught up in seeking what this world said would make me happy, the more depressed I became. When I found a personal relationship with God, all of a sudden I began to realize how lost I had been, and I how I had been blinded to the truth of what really mattered in life, intimacy with God, and intimacy with others. Jesus said that He was the way, the truth and the life, and that no one comes to the Father except through Him, and that He had come to give life and life abundantly. All of a sudden I knew what life was about, as God took over control of my life and filled the emptiness within me.

A good analogy of religion is giving a person a list of things to do for a person, but never ever getting any response or love back from that person. It is like praying to a wall or an unknown God or carved statute. Being a Christian however is like falling in love, as you have a real and exciting relationship with a God Who loves you so much that He sent His only Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for you, so that you can be in a loving relationship with Him forever.

My best friend is Jesus Christ, and I talk to Him every day, and He guides and directs my life as I seek God's direction for my life. Having this close relationship with God enables me now to love people the way I should, and each and every day is an adventure as God leads me into that plan and purpose that He has for my life. It is only by having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that we can enjoy this personal relationship with God. When Jesus died on the cross two thousand years ago, He paid the price for all of our sins, however we must turn to Him and receive His gift of forgiveness and make Him our Lord and Saviour, if we want to come into fellowship with God.

Right now Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart wanting to get to know you personally. The religious people of His time rejected the love of Jesus, and were responsible for putting Him on the cross. It was the non-religious people who embraced the love of Jesus, and chose to live for Him.

Like the non religious people of Jesus' day, you too can fill that inner void within yourself today with the peace of God by asking Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour, so that you too can have an exciting and real relationship with a God who loves you more than any other person ever will.

**Comment: There is no rush to become a Christian. I have plenty of time to become a Christian like you.**

**Response:** Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Me. Many people have died tragically at an early age, and many people have been hardened by life's experiences as they have grown up. The simple fact is the more people reject God, the harder it is for them to hear His voice when He calls them later on. It is God's desire that no one perish, however only you can decide to receive Jesus Christ into your life before you die. When you die, you no longer have the opportunity to get to know Jesus as your Lord and Saviour.

One day we all die, but our spirit lives on forever, and when we knock at heavens door we will either be welcomed into heaven, or we will hear the words, depart from Me, I never knew you. Jesus did everything that He could to give you an opportunity to have a relationship with God forever, however you must receive Jesus Christ's free

gift of salvation by repenting and turning to God, and inviting Jesus Christ to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour. For many years I was blinded to the truth, and it was only when I found Jesus Christ that my search for a meaning to life ended, and the emptiness within myself went.

Three times I was half a second away from hell, and God saved my soul. One night as I was drunk and tired after going out all night, I fell asleep at the wheel of my car but an angel saved me. Another time I was on the point of drowning when God spoke to me to swim to a ship wreck to the left as I began taking water as I tried to swim against a current that was taking me out further and further.

God saved my soul because He loves me so much that He sent His only Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for my sins. Despite my constant rebellion, God never gave up on me and He saved my life on three occasions hoping and knowing that one day I would ask Jesus Christ into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour. Life is full of hurts, temptations and distractions that can prevent us from ever getting to know Jesus Christ. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever, and His promises 2000 years ago are for you today so that you can spend an eternity with Him forever, and that today you can experience the true inner peace and fulfillment that comes from being in a personal relationship with Him.

The older you get, the less capable you are of getting to know Jesus Christ as the hurts and disappointments of life take their toll. People will insure their house and car which can be replaced, however if you die without getting to know Jesus, your soul will be for ever in a place the bible calls Hell, a place that was only ever intended for the fallen angels which rebelled against God.

Jesus has done everything that He can to ensure that you never ever have to go to hell, by being whipped and hung on a cross as a sacrifice for all of our sins and bad attitudes, however you must first humble yourself and acknowledge your sinful nature and ask Him to come into your life to be your Lord and Saviour. There are two paths that we can take in life, the wide path that leads to destruction or the narrow path that leads to life.

It was only when I gave my life to Jesus Christ after years of inner turmoil and self-seeking, that I found true happiness. I only wish that I had found this key to life before I had made so many bad mistakes in my life as I tried to control my own destiny apart from God. Today you too can find the inner peace and assurance that comes from entering into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ by inviting Him into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.

**Comment: God is everywhere. He is in the trees, the mountains and the sun. God is in everything.**

**Response:** There is no doubt that when we look at creation we immediately recognize that only God could have created such a wonderful earth with its trees and mountains, and the universe with the stars, sun and moon. It is true that God roams the earth to and fro looking for people who have a heart after Him, however we can only get to know God personally through having a relationship with Jesus Christ. God is a Spirit who has emotions and a great love for all of us. We too are spiritual beings; only we are clothed with a body of flesh as well.

Our spirits were made to be in fellowship with God's Spirit, however man right from the outset chose to live a life of independence apart from God. The bible actually says that no one seeks after God, no not one, and there is no one righteous, no not even one. It is the love of God, which leads us to repentance, and He draws near to us as He seeks to come into fellowship with each and every one of us. It is God's wish that no one perish, but that all come into a relationship with Him. The bible says that so many people worship the creation rather than the creator, and so many people worship the stars and moon, or the sun rather than God, Who created all of these things. In India for example, there are over 330 million gods that people worship. The bible says how there is a curse called the idolaters curse which comes upon those people who do not worship the one and only true God, but who choose to worship other gods.

One group of people in India now have the features of a monkey as they have for many centuries chosen to make the monkey their god. When these people have turned to worship the one and only true God of this universe, and invited Jesus Christ to come into their lives to be their Lord and Saviour, all of these monkey features have immediately disappeared and their appearance has resumed that of a human being.

Because man was created in God's image and to be in fellowship with Him, their will always be loneliness within our spirit until we come into a personal relationship with God. So many people have been led to believe that God is in them, as they have sought to find a spiritual reality in their lives. The human spirit will always be restless until it is back in fellowship with God and so many people are now searching for an answer to this inner emptiness that we all experience when our spirits are separated from God.

Many people light incense sticks or have statues of Buddha, believing that these will help them to have a spiritual experience. Others build their lives around their horoscope readings every day whilst others seek to find answers through the use of tarot cards, palm readings, tealeaf readings and a whole lot of other spiritual experiences. Many of these avenues to finding a spiritual reality will however, take people down a broad path, which leads to death and destruction.

There is an enemy of our souls whose chief purpose is to kill and destroy our souls, and to keep us from having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The bible says how the thief comes to kill and destroy; however Jesus came to give life, and life in abundance. The enemy of our souls was one of many angels who were thrown out of heaven because they wanted to take over from God.

These fallen angels include Satan, who is also known as the devil, and he along with all the other fallen angels hate God and will stop everyone they can from entering into a real and personal relationship with God. All these fallen angels will spend eternity in a place the bible calls hell, and their only purpose now is to see as many people as they can go to that place as well. It is God's desire that no one go to hell, and for that reason He sent His only Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for our sins, so that by accepting Him as our Lord and Saviour, we can all enter into a relationship with God. Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Me.

The enemy of our souls is trying everything that He can to confuse and side track as many people as he can, from entering into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. All the religions, spiritual experiences and self help remedies which deny Jesus Christ as being the Son of God, and the only way to Heaven, are being used by the devil to steer as many people as he can along the broad path of death and destruction which leads to Hell. One of the most poverty stricken and disease ridden countries in the world is India which has many religions which deny Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and as being the only name under Heaven by which man can be saved. The streets of India are full of Lepers, poverty and sickness, all of which are clearly outlined in the bible as being the curses and the consequences of worshiping false Gods and Idols rather than the One and Only true Living God.

Most mind power and positive thinking books are all designed to make the individual the god over their own lives. All these forms of teaching suggest that by confessing positive statements over their lives, people will become like God and be totally independent and self-sufficient. This teaching only seeks to perpetuate the inbuilt human desire to live for oneself, without the need for God. The greatest barrier to anyone giving their life over to God is their pride. Most people struggle to acknowledge the fact that they need God to save themselves from their sins.

For this reason many people have to reach rock bottom in their lives, before they finally give up their independence and give their lives over to Jesus Christ. Although created by God, the devil wanted to become like God in heaven and to take over from Him. The same fate which now awaits the devil will also await all those people who choose to reject God and the gift of eternal life which is available to all those who call upon the name of Jesus Christ to save them.

Worshiping the mountains, the stars and nature, like so many other religions and practices, can all lead people away from finding the peace of God that only comes from having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus said behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears My voice and opens the door of their heart, I will come into him and dine with him and he with Me. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and today He wants to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour, so that your spirit can find peace at last as you enter into a real and personal relationship with God.

It is only when you enter into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, that God can take over your life and direct you along that narrow path which leads to life and true fulfillment, with the knowledge that when you die, you will immediately be with a loving God in a place called heaven for eternity. Right now you can humble yourself and acknowledge your sinful nature to God. When you turn to God and repent of your sins, you can receive the peace and assurance, which comes from asking Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour. In believing that He died for your sins, and by asking Him into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour, you will never ever be separated from God again, and you will experience the inner peace, which only comes from having a real and personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Comment: I don't need God. I am very capable of doing everything in my own strength.**

**Response:** a) For many years of my life, I thought that I did not need God either, however since I gave my heart to Jesus I realize now just how lost I was, when I used to try and **do everything in my own strength**. Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Me. Life now truly is an adventure as God unfolds each step of my life. God now gives me the strength and confidence to do things that I would never have believed I could have done when I lived in my own strength and relied on my own abilities and resources.

Since I placed my trust in Jesus Christ to be my Lord and Saviour, I have seen God open up doors and windows of opportunity that I could never have opened up in my own strength. As life becomes harder and more uncertain these days, I don't know why anyone would want to struggle in their own strength through life, when there is a God just waiting to become a part of their life, so that they can have life and life to its fullest.

Today you too can give control of your life over to the creator of the universe, so that you can enter into that perfect plan for your life that God has had for you, from the moment you were conceived in your parent's eyes. All you have to do is turn to God

and repent of your sins, and decide to live for Him rather than for yourself. As you invite Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on, God will begin to guide and direct your steps from now on as you enter into His perfect plan for your life.

**Response: b)** A lot of people go through life believing that they do not need God, and they follow one of the **many paths which lead to destruction**. Many people throw themselves into a career, only at times to find that they are no longer required, or set about seeking material assets and comfort. Others throw themselves into raising a family, or acquiring status in their street or community, or some cope with the emptiness in their lives by drinking, taking drugs or gambling. Some even head down a path of immorality and sexual excitement as they seek to find a meaning or purpose for living.

You only have to look at the personal ads now and the introduction pages in the local papers to see that any form of bizarre sex is now acceptable as people seek a short lived kick to cope with the routine nature of their life. The more people go down this path, the unhappier they get as they get further and further away from the answer to every one's deep down need, a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Michael Huchence had wealth, status and women, but the more he went down the broad path, which leads to destruction, the more depressed he became to the point where he committed suicide.

The bible says there is a way that seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death. The bible also says, what would it be if a man gained the whole world, but lost his own soul. One day we will all die, however our spirit will live on forever, either to be with God, or in a place the bible calls hell. God so loves you and me that He sent His only Son Jesus Christ to earth to die on the cross as a penalty for all of our sins.

Only Jesus Christ was capable of paying the penalty for our sins, because he was the sinless Son of God. It was because Jesus shed His sinless blood on the cross for us, that we can all be cleansed of our sins, and enter into an intimate personal relationship with God and receive the gift of eternal life. However, we must all individually receive this gift of eternal life by asking Jesus Christ to come into our own hearts and lives to be our Lord and Saviour.

We can however, only get to know Jesus Christ by receiving Him into our hearts while we are still alive here on earth. When we take our last breath, we no longer have an opportunity to get our lives right with God. When we die we will either be welcomed into heaven, or we will hear the words from Jesus, depart from Me, I never knew you. Yes we do need God, and we must have a personal relationship with Jesus if we are to escape going to a place the bible calls hell.

As Jesus Christ hung on the cross for you and me and all those people who were ridiculing Him, He cried out to His Father, “forgive them, for they know not what they do.” Jesus gave His life for you and me, and three days later He arose again with the keys to death and hell, so that all those who put their trust in Him will never ever have to spend eternity in hell. Today Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart hoping that you too will receive Him into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour. However, only you can open up your heart to Him.

If you can hear His voice today knocking on your heart, don't ignore Him, as the older you get, and the more hurts you get in life, the harder it will be to hear Him next time, and tomorrow may never come. Yes, you do need to embrace the love of Jesus before you die, or else you will have an eternity in hell to contemplate why you did not respond to His free gift of salvation.

Today you can turn to God and repent of all of your sins, and invite Jesus Christ to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour, so that you too can be in a personal relationship with God, with the assurance that the moment you die, you will go straight to Heaven to be with a loving God who loves you more than anyone ever will.

**Response: c)** The bible says that **without a vision people perish**. The bible also says that we should not lay up our treasures here on earth where moth and rust will destroy, but that rather we should lay up our treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust will destroy. We all have one life here on earth, in which we can achieve something. Many people spend all their time accumulating assets here on earth, or living every moment for themselves, with the result that when they die they have no treasures in Heaven.

Where we spend eternity is the most important consideration for every person. The bible says that there are two places that we can spend eternity, either in Heaven or Hell. When we are here on earth we have the opportunity to live for God and accumulate treasures that will remain with us forever in Heaven. Everything that we do here on earth to help people and to help them find a personal relationship with Jesus will result in our treasures in Heaven being increased.

To me Heaven is where I will be retired forever with a new and perfect body, and it is a place that will be far better than any place here on earth. All of us have only about 70 to 80 years to build our treasures in Heaven, however we cannot even get to Heaven unless we come into a right relationship with God before we die.

Jesus said I am the way the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Me. Unless we turn to God and decide to live for Him, and ask Jesus Christ to come into our heart to be our Lord and Saviour, we cannot even get into Heaven. So

many people all of their life reject Jesus and live for themselves, never finding true peace and fulfillment, and end up struggling through old age with the prospect of spending eternity in Hell.

The richest and wisest man the world has ever known, King Solomon, got sidetracked through out his life with women, other religions, gold and glory. At the end of his life, King Solomon was embittered and worn out, after having been side tracked from his relationship with God for many years, and he ruefully urged young people to seek God whilst they were still young, before the ravages of old age set in.

Everyone needs to give their life to Jesus if they are to go to Heaven when their body dies. God resists the proud, but He gives grace and salvation to those who humble themselves and ask Jesus Christ to be their Lord and Saviour. The bible says that we all sin and fall short of the glory of God, and that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus. It is a fact that the Kingdom of Heaven is made up of many repentant sinners whose lives were a mess before God transformed them, whereas Jesus said that it was harder for a rich man to get to Heaven than it was for a camel to go through the eye of a needle.

All of us at one stage in our lives have to humble ourselves before God and confess our sinful nature and invite Jesus Christ to come into our lives to be our Lord and Saviour. Unfortunately I was 29 years old before I found Jesus Christ, however since then I have enjoyed seeing so many lives changed as I have shared my faith with others, many of whom are now in Heaven.

I can only but encourage everyone, that living for Jesus Christ is the only way to live life, if you want to experience fullness of joy, as well as having the assurance that the moment you die, Jesus Christ will welcome you home to Heaven to be with God forever.

**Comment: I don't believe that there is any such thing as Heaven.  
When we die we just die.**

**Response:** Everyone deep down knows that there is more to life than what exists here on earth. When you watch the news and you see wars raging every where, you cannot help but become disillusioned or cynical about life, or simply to cope, as many people do, just tune out and ignore the reality of the hardships that over half this world experience. All people would love to know that one day they could experience peace, unconditional acceptance and love from others, and as people get on in life, they invariable begin to wonder what awaits them when they die.

The bible says that there are two places that our spirit can go to, one is called heaven and the other is called hell. I used to sell books to many nursing homes, and as I talked with many residents, you could almost see in the eyes of the residents where their spirits were heading after they died. For many people you could see fear in their eyes as they awaited death, whilst for some, there was an inner peace of God which could be seen in their eyes, as they had found a personal relationship with Jesus Christ sometime throughout their life. The Kingdom of God is available to all those who call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.

Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Me. Jesus came down from Heaven to die on the cross as a sacrifice for all of our sins, so that all those who choose to accept Him into their hearts to be their Lord and Saviour can have a real and intimate personal relationship with God.

The bible says that we all sin and fall short of the glory of God and that there is no one righteous, no not even one. The bible also says that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus. Our sin separates us from the presence of God, and none of us without Jesus as our Lord and Saviour can ever get into the presence of God.

When Jesus Christ died on the cross, He shed His sinless blood for you and me, so that all those who call upon His name can be cleansed of their sins and have all of their sins washed away. The bible says that when we receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, although our sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow and as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Jesus paid the penalty for all of our sins when He died on the cross two thousand years ago, so that all of us can have a relationship with God forever, both here on earth and in heaven when our physical bodies die, if we choose to receive Him as our Lord and Saviour. The barrier of sin which separates us from God is immediately taken away the moment we place our trust in Jesus Christ to be our Lord and Saviour.

John Lennon sang the song imagine there is no heaven, and having experienced the peace of God now for over eight years since I gave my Heart to Jesus Christ, I could never ever imagine living apart from God again. Today so many people do not know God personally, and as a result, they go through life trying to cope with the inner loneliness and emptiness that exists in their lives, as a result of them not being in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

For 29 years I tried so many different ways to fill this inner emptiness, work, buying possessions, seeking fulfillment in a relationship, transcendental meditation and a relationship with a daughter I dearly love. I then began to slide down a path of immorality seeking excitement, however as I began to go down this path, I grew more

and more depressed. The Bible says that there is a way that seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death and so many pop stars have had all the wealth, status and women friends, but no inner peace, and they have died tragic and early deaths. The bible also says that there is a narrow path that leads to life and few find it. So many people are searching for this narrow path today and are searching for a spiritual reality that can only be found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Many people are into yoga, tarot cards or reading the stars as they seek some sort of hope or meaning in their life, yet today you can get to know personally the God who created the stars and experience Heaven in your heart from this day on.

All you have to do is humble yourself and acknowledge your sinful nature, repent of all your past sins and turn to God and invite Jesus Christ into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on. By believing that Jesus died for all of your sins, you inherit the gift of eternal life, and an assurance that the moment you die your spirit will depart to be in the presence of God in Heaven for eternity. Jesus said behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears My voice and opens the door; I will come into him and dine with him and he with Me.

Right now Jesus is knocking on the door of your heart wanting to come in, so that you too can have a personal relationship with Him, so that you can experience the presence of God, not only whilst you are here on earth, but for eternity. Only you can however open your heart to Jesus Christ and invite Him into your heart and life today to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.

**Comment: I don't believe that God created the earth. I believe in the big bang theory, and in evolution.**

**Response:** The bible says how it is so important to have a child like faith in God. There is no doubt that the more we analyze life, the harder life becomes to live. The bookshops are full of self help books and books on how to relate to people. The best book that was ever written on how to relate to others is actually the bible. Proverbs such as "he who is friendly has many friends" are easy to understand and full of wisdom.

When you look at creation, the immediate impression that most people get is an awe as to how only a higher being far greater than themselves could have been responsible for it coming into existence. When missionaries went to many of the mountain and highland areas in the continent of Africa, several of the tribal leaders of these people groups acknowledged that they knew that there was a God Who created the universe, and that He wanted to be in a personal relationship with them. Many kids will also instinctively say how God created the mountains and the stars.

Man has always sought to be like God. In fact the first man and woman created by God were asked not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, as God knew that if they did, there would always be wars and fights between humans. Before God created man to inhabit the earth, one third of the angels in Heaven, led by Lucifer, decided that they wanted to be above God and they tried to take over Heaven from God. After a war in the Heavens, these angels were cast down to earth where they roam around still today, creating havoc and disunity among people.

These angels hate God and strive to keep as many people as possible from coming into a relationship with Him. After God told the first man and woman not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, Lucifer the serpent, also known as the devil, posed the following question to them. Surely if you eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you will not die but you will be like God. Right from this moment on, man has wanted to be like God, and right throughout the ages man has sought to expand his knowledge and understanding of the world. One of man's explanations or philosophies about how creation came about is the big bang theory where there was a big explosion and something came out of nothing and everything just evolved and formed over time.

When you look at nature, everything is so perfectly created, and even the rotation of the earth is such that if it were one degree different either way, the earth would be either be frozen or too hot to live on. Every part of the human anatomy is so perfectly designed and no robot designed by man has ever come close to emulating the human body.

In fact to think that something can come out of nothing, and then all of a sudden become a bird flying everywhere, or a fish swimming around, or a human talking to and loving another person, and then reproducing beautiful babies which smile, laugh and cry, to me seems very illogical. Having a loving Creator of this universe, as the bible outlines, to me is far more convincing an argument as to how creation came about, than the big bang theory.

The bible also says that God is love, and to me the big bang theory does not explain how as humans we have a love for one another, and how we can have such a great love pouring out of our heart when we hold a new born baby. Love is demonstrated in all of the animal kingdom as well, and all communities are bonded together by the glue of love. The great love that we can have for others cannot be explained by the big bang theory, however the bible says how we were created in God's image, and that includes the ability to love others.

The older we get and the more hurts we collect as we go through life, the more educated and materialist we become, the further we draw away from God and His great love for us. Children have a clear view of God's love and role in creating the

universe when they are young, and respond readily to God's love towards them. The bible says that it is the love of God that leads people to repentance, and a desire to be in fellowship with Him.

Every human is created in God's image, and has an inbuilt desire to be in fellowship with Him. However, as a result of man's desire to be independent of God and like Him, sin came into the world and separated man from God. Sin creates a barrier between man and God, as He is a Holy and righteous God who cannot tolerate the sin in our lives and our bad attitudes and lack of love towards one another. Whilst hating our sin, God has a great love for us and it is His desire that all people come into a relationship with Him, by accepting Jesus Christ into their hearts to be their Lord and Saviour.

When we are separated from God, there will always be an inner loneliness, which will never be satisfied until our independent spirit comes back into fellowship with God. The bible also says how God is a Spirit and we too are spiritual beings made in the likeness of God. Unlike the bible, the big bang theory has no answer to the spiritual nature of man.

When you see a dead man you know he is dead as his body is like a piece of meat, as the real person, the man's spirit, has left his body to reside in one of two places. When a man is sleeping however, although he is motionless, you can sense his spiritual presence, as his spirit, which lives on forever, is still present in his fleshly body.

The bible's account of how man was made in God's image and likeness clearly accounts for our spiritual nature and how we are able to give and receive love from one another. However, the bible also tells us of how sin has separated man from having a relationship with God, and for this reason so many people go through life trying to find ways of coping with the inner void within their lives. God has however made a way where we can come back into a relationship with Him, and spend eternity in Heaven with Him when we die. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son Jesus Christ, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father except through Me. Jesus died for all of our sins and rose again three days later so that we can all have eternal life.

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus. Jesus said behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door; I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me. Only you can open the door of your heart and respond to Jesus' great love for you, and invite Him into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour. Having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ will fill that void in your life, as your spirit comes into a real and personal relationship with God.

It is only when you are in a right personal relationship with God, that your spirit will be at rest, and that you will have that inner peace that every searches for. Right now you can humble yourself and repent of all of your sins and invite Jesus Christ into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour. By putting your trust in Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Saviour, you will have an assurance that the moment your fleshly body dies, your spirit will immediately be in the presence of God, who loves you more than anyone ever will.

**Comment: I will think about Christianity later. I want to have fun first.**

**Response:** A lot of people put off being a Christian as they want to have fun first, however being a Christian does not mean that you can't have fun as well. In fact before I became a Christian, I never really knew what having good friendships was all about, although I had numerous acquaintances. The world is very much one of what we can get out of life ourselves, and now more than ever, great emphasis is placed on what we have, how we look, and what we do in life.

Loneliness in Australia is a very real problem, and depression has increased in Australia, until it is now the number one non-fatal disease in Australia. In fact mental disorders now account for more than a quarter of the non-fatal diseases. On the other hand, attendances in churches have been now dropping for many years, to the point that Australia is no longer regarded as a Christian nation. For many people now, the name of Jesus is only known as a swear word, and many people now mock everything to do with Christianity. A recent survey in a Melbourne paper revealed that those who attended a Church, on average, lived seven years longer than those who didn't.

As Church attendances have declined, there has been a corresponding increase in family breakdowns, suicides and last year alone, over 1000 people in Australia died of heroin overdoses. As the pressures of living in an ever changing society have increased, so too has the incidence of drinking, gambling and drug dependency. Australia is fast heading to where America is now, as a result of prayer being banned from their schools some years ago. When God is rejected by a nation, there is always a corresponding increase in violence, drinking, family breakdowns and drug abuse.

Everybody in life is on a road to finding an answer to their inner emptiness, until they come into a personal relationship with God. For many people, living for themselves and seeking pleasure and fun all the time is a method of coping with this inner emptiness. Others may live for another person, and seek their entire fulfillment through them, with the result that their own happiness depends on the state of that relationship. For some people getting drunk on a Friday night and vomiting in the gutter is the sign of a good time, yet in reality, as the hangover testifies to it, it does not

bring any real or lasting happiness. Sitting on a beach for a week may bring happiness for some time, but for many long term surfers, even in their mid fifties, catching that big wave is still the thing that gives them a reason for getting up in the morning.

The bible says that without a vision people perish, and this explains why many middle-aged executives who have been retrenched from their jobs take their own lives shortly after, as their jobs gave them their self worth. Many respectable businessmen also lead a double life being known as strong family members, yet secretly struggling with an addiction to immorality as they visit porn sites on the Internet, tabletop dancing venues or massage parlours on an ever increasing basis.

All infidelity leads to a breaking of the bond of love between a wife and her husband, and many divorces have come from people believing that the grass was greener on the other side. Many people, like Elizabeth Taylor, have gone from one marriage to the next seeking to fill the inner emptiness that only Jesus Christ can fill. The bible says that there is a way that seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death. Many pop singers have died early in their life, even though they had everything that this world believes would have made them happy, money, status and plenty of members of the opposite sex chasing them. All these pop stars eventually saw the lack of meaning in their life, but never found a relationship with Jesus Christ. Many of these pop stars died of drug or alcohol poisoning, or took their own lives in tragic circumstances.

The simple fact is that every person has an inner void that only Jesus Christ can fill, and until they enter into a relationship with Him, they will always be finding ways of coping with that inner emptiness, either through work, pleasure, a relationship, drinking, gambling or drugs.

Leading a Christian life is always the best life, even though it is a challenging walk. The Christian life is God's perfect plan for our life, and I have known many Christians who have had good lives before they became Christians, but they became better when they found Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. It took me twenty-nine years to find a relationship with Jesus Christ, and to find the true happiness that comes from serving God. Even though I was successful at sport, in a career, and had many friends and colleagues, I was still empty on the inside and had no inner peace. It was only when I found Jesus Christ that I finally found what I had been searching for all of my life.

Living to get by, or living to raise a family or living to pay of your mortgage will never give you the fulfillment that comes from having a relationship with Jesus Christ. When you become a Christian, all of a sudden God begins to use you to help others to find peace with God as well, and as you give your life to Jesus Christ, all of a sudden you have a renewed purpose and zeal for living, and you are able to love your family

more, and enjoy work more now that you have a reason for living which extends beyond just surviving and seeking fun. It is only when you enter into God's perfect plan for your life, that you will ever experience true fulfillment and inner peace.

Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Me. The bible says how the road leading to destruction and Hell is broad, however the path that leads to life and ultimately a place in heaven for eternity, is narrow and few find it. The simple fact is that many people start heading down the path leading to destruction, with the intention of becoming a Christian one day, only to find that they never ever get back on to the path which leads to life.

Many people in hell would testify how the deceitfulness of this world and its lusts lead them down the broad path, which lead to their eternal destruction. It is God's desire that no one perish, and for this reason He sent His only begotten Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for our sins, so that we may have eternal life.

Today you can choose the path of life, and find true fulfillment by giving your life to Jesus. The bible says that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus. All you have to do to obtain eternal life, is to humble yourself and turn to God and ask Him to forgive you of all of your sins, by inviting Jesus Christ into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour. Today you too can find the path that leads to life and the peace of God, by asking Jesus Christ to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour.

**Comment: Your beliefs are fine, but they are more for those who need it.**

**Response:** Before I found a relationship with Jesus Christ, like most people, I always thought that I could do everything myself. Like many others, I was busy trying to make a living whilst at the same time, finding a purpose for living. During this time I tried many things to fill the inner void within me, however I never managed to find anything that helped me to ease the loneliness that I felt deep down, even when I was with my friends. You never realize just how much you need a relationship with Jesus until you experience the inner peace that comes from asking Him into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour.

Since I became a Christian I have also learnt just how much I do need Jesus, not only because He is my best friend here on earth, but that through Him, I now have a place waiting for me in Heaven, the moment I die. Jesus came down to this earth for you and me, to die as a sacrifice for all of our sins, bad attitudes and selfish actions, so that we can all have a relationship with God, not only now, but forever.

Only Jesus was capable of paying the penalty for all of our sins, because He was sinless, and the blood that He shed on the cross cleanses us of all our sins if we receive Him as our Lord and Saviour. The bible says that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus.

Like any gift, you must first receive it before it is yours, however only you can humble yourself before God and ask Jesus into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour. The bible says that God resists the proud, but that He gives grace to the humble. Jesus Christ, although the Son of God, came down to earth to live as one of us, before humbling Himself to the point of death on a cross, so that you and I can have a personal relationship with God forever, and an assurance that the moment we die, our spirits will be with God in Heaven for eternity.

Even as He hung on the cross, Jesus lovingly looked down on those abusing Him. As He lay dying on the cross, Jesus said to his Father, forgive them for they know not what they do. Only you can however, embrace the love of Jesus Christ by inviting Him into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour.

Many people have died at a very early age, believing that they had many years left to get their lives right with God. One twelve year old just recently died of a cardiac arrest during a short 500-metre race at her school. The simple fact is that we are never guaranteed life beyond our next breath, and we can only ever get to know Jesus whilst we are still alive. Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father except through Me.

When we die, our spirit leaves our body to go to one of two places, either Heaven or Hell. The most tragic words that anyone could ever hear from Jesus at Heavens gate, are the words, depart from Me, I never knew you. Today you can turn to God and ask Him to forgive you of all of your sins, and get to know Jesus by humbling yourself and inviting Him into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.

**Comment: I am not a sinner. Only bad people like murderers and thieves need Jesus to forgive them.**

**Response:** Before I became a Christian I thought I was basically a good person. I hadn't killed anyone, or hurt any one physically, however the moment I invited Jesus Christ to come into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour, I realized just how sinful I was as a person. Most of the worst sins that we actually commit are those attitudes of the heart, such as jealousy, envy, bitterness, deceitfulness, half-truths and unforgiveness.

As a Christian, I know how even now I have attitudes which I am not proud of, and which God is still working on in my life. None of us will ever be perfected until we get our new glorified bodies in heaven, where there will be no more tears. The bible says that we all sin and fall short of the glory of God and that there is no one righteous, no not even one. Every time we have failed to honour our parents we have sinned, and every time we have lied we have sinned, even those white lies to save us from getting into trouble. Even stealing a candy bar as a kid is a sin.

Every one who has not invited Jesus Christ into their heart to be their Lord and Saviour has a record in heaven of every single sin that they have ever committed. All of us at some time in our lives must turn away from our sinful ways and turn to God and ask Him to forgive us of our sins. The bible says that all those who call upon the name of the Lord Jesus will be saved. Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Me, and the bible says how it is by God's grace that we are saved, not of our own good works, lest any man boast.

What the bible clearly reveals is that every person has the same opportunity to have a place in heaven, and this place is not dependant on how good we think we are, but on us humbling ourselves before God and acknowledging our sinful nature and receiving the gift of salvation by asking Jesus Christ into our hearts and lives to be our Lord and Saviour.

It is for this reason that during Jesus Christ's time here on earth, it was the tax collectors, harlots and down and out people who acknowledged their sinfulness before Him and were made right before God. Many of the religious and wealthy people of His time were not on the other hand willing to acknowledge the wickedness that existed in their own hearts, as they looked down and judged others as being sinners. The human heart is very proud and many people are unwilling to acknowledge their own sinful nature, yet can see the faults in others.

Jesus Christ humbled Himself to the point of death on the cross to pay the penalty for all of our sins, past present and future. It is because of His great sacrifice for us, that all of us can humble ourselves and call upon His name to be saved and inherit a place in heaven for eternity. The moment we make Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, every single offense that is recorded in Heaven against us is wiped clean, and as far as the east is from the west, so little does God remember our sins and our names are recorded in the Book of Life, so that we have an immediate entry into heaven the moment our body dies.

It is God's wish that no one perish, however every person must at some point in his or her life turn to God and ask Him to forgive them of all of their sins. Everyone must at some stage in their life, personally invite Jesus Christ into their heart and life to be their Lord and Saviour. There is no other name under heaven by which man can be

saved. Jesus said, behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door of their heart, I will come into him and dine with him and he with Me. Today you too can secure a place in Heaven and enter into God's perfect plan for your life, by humbling yourself and asking Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.

**Comment: If you have a belief in yourself, you can do anything you want.**

**Response:** At the heart of human nature is the desire to be independent. Most people will not want to concede that they cannot do something, or they will often deliberately avoid doing something in case they fail. Many people become confident in a particular job or occupation, and avoid making changes so that they will have a degree of stability and routine about their life. Whilst having a routine in ones life is important, there will come in all of our lives at one time or another when things will come out of control.

Today one quarter of teenagers will according to a medical report suffer serious depression by the time they are eighteen, and the ever increasing use of heroin and alcohol amongst young people would suggest that the many people are now finding it hard to cope with the ever increasing pressures of life, and in particular the ever increasing instability in life. Many people now are employed as casuals and work for many different companies for periods of one day to maybe several weeks. A lot of these temporary staff can never budget for their own lifestyle choices, as work is never guaranteed for them beyond the current day's work.

Whilst possibly being more cost effective for many companies, all this contract and temporary work creates a situation where many people have no real stability in their work life, and have limited chances to develop any long term meaningful relationships with their work colleagues. One of the greatest diseases now in Australia is the disease of loneliness. The push for material purchases and the ever depersonalized work place for many people, where people are treated more as an employment number than as a person, have contributed very much to the loneliness which is experienced by many people in Australia.

Having a belief in yourself that you can do everything yourself is really an attitude, which contributes to the loneliness in a person's life. In many of the Pacific Island countries there is a greater emphasis on community life and family outings, and in these countries there is a noticeably greater degree of happiness amongst the people. God created man to be in fellowship with one another and to be in fellowship with Him. The greatest need for every individual is the need for intimacy and not independence.

In fact God so loved this world that He gave His only begotten Son Jesus Christ so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Many people will continually run from the presence of God and seek to do everything that they want to do. There is a way that seems right to man but in the end it leads to death. This failure to acknowledge the need for God in a person's life eventually leads to the spiritual death of that person.

Our first ancestors Adam and Eve were warned not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, as God knew that this knowledge without grace and love would lead to many people being killed and many friendships being destroyed. All the wars around the world and the high incidences of divorce in almost every nation now attests to the fact that God was right when He told Adam and Eve to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This disobedience to God by our first ancestors put all of mankind under a death sentence, however because of His great love for us, God sent His Son Jesus Christ to die as a sacrifice for our sins and rebellion so that all those who call upon His name can be saved and have eternal life.

Many people struggle through life believing that they can do everything themselves, often getting hurt and scarred during this journey, never wishing to concede that they need any ones help. Many people have said she will be right mate, yet deep within they have been hurting and almost exploding under the pressure of life. Many people unexpectedly commit suicide, puzzling their friends who thought that they had their life all together. God knows the struggles of every single person. Jesus Christ knew what it was like to be rejected, betrayed and despised, even though He came to this earth to show people how to love one another, to heal the sick, to bind the broken hearted and to die on the cross to pay the penalty for all of mankind's sin.

Jesus did not come into the world to condemn the world but to save it. Many people will live all of their life in their own strength, and live a reasonably happy and long life, however never experiencing the peace of having a relationship with God. Many people will accumulate possessions and houses on the way to their retirement, however one day all of us will leave our physical bodies when we die. The bible says that we are all appointed once to die and then face judgment. In Heaven there is a record of every single sin that we have ever committed, and the bible says that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus.

The bible also says what would it benefit a man if he gained the whole world but lost his soul and what would a man give in exchange for his own soul. There is also another book in Heaven called the Lambs book of life, and all those who give their lives over to Jesus Christ are automatically recorded in this book of life. Whilst being able to journey through this life in your own strength, there is nothing that your money, your status here on earth or your friends can do to get you into heaven when you die and your spirit awaits at the gate to Heaven. Jesus said I am the way, the truth

and the life and no one comes to the Father except through Me. Only Jesus Christ paid the penalty for your sins in full and only His blood, which He shed on the cross, is able to cleanse you of all of your sins. The most tragic words that you would ever hear at the gate to Heaven when you die would be Jesus saying, "Depart from Me I never knew you" Today you can get to know Jesus Christ and have all of your sins, past, present and future forgiven and your name written in the lambs book of life.

We can only come into a personal relationship with God and have our name recorded in the Lamb's book of life, through this personal relationship with Jesus Christ, not by our own good works, lest anyone should boast. The cross of Jesus Christ makes it possible for everyone to come into a personal relationship with God from the prostitute to the billionaire, however every one must personally call upon the name of the Lord Jesus to be saved.

Today Jesus is longing to become a part of your life. Right now He is standing at the door of your heart knocking. All you have to do to receive eternal life is to open your heart up to Him and invite Him into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on. As you choose to live for God you will learn to walk in a way that brings you the greatest fulfillment in life.

### **Question: Who is this Jesus Character?**

**Response:** For many people Jesus is only known as a swear word. However for nearly two thousand years much debate has existed as to whether or not the person of Jesus really existed, and if so whether He was just a good man, or as He claimed to be, the Son of God. Many people have just believed that Jesus was a good man like Buddha or Krishna, or have even doubted the authenticity of the bible as to its accuracy.

Despite what people have believed, one thing is for sure, this man certainly has had an impact on this world, even to the point that 160,000 people on average die each year as martyrs in the name of Christianity, and in the defense of their faith in Jesus Christ. Why would so many people give their lives in defense of their faith, if this man were not the resurrected Son of God?

Firstly did the person of Jesus Christ actually exist? The New Testament part of the bible gives a clear description of the life of Jesus Christ, and all the miracles that He performed. But how accurate is the bible. There are 5000 manuscripts of the New Testament part of the bible, which describes the life of Jesus Christ, and these manuscripts are over 99% accurate when compared against each other. Most books do not even survive with enough manuscripts to make it possible for a comparison.

Many people argue that the New Testament part of the bible was written many years after Jesus died so that it cannot be relied upon for accuracy. The chapter called John in the bible was however written by probably the closest disciple of Jesus, a person who shared many close secrets with his master. Any person who lived day and night with a person for three years would certainly get to know someone pretty well, and this disciple testified to many healings and miracles that Jesus performed during His time here on earth.

One of these miracles saw Jesus feed 5000 people with five loaves of bread and two fish. After everyone had eaten, the disciples gathered up twelve baskets full of fragments. The disciple called John also witnessed the raising up from the dead of a man called Lazarus. No one could ever forget seeing miracles of this magnitude.

Some people may still however question whether a person could remember accurately what happened twenty years ago. I am sure that it would be just as hard to forget seeing a dead man being raised to life, as it would be for a person involved in the second world war to forget that Adolph Hitler was the person responsible for starting the second world war, and that he actually existed, even though over fifty years have now elapsed since the war finished. Some things you would just not forget.

Other people have suggested that the disciples of Jesus Christ invented stories about Him, however nearly all of them died as martyrs confessing their faith in Jesus Christ being the resurrected Son of God. Only an insane person however would die for defending their allegiance to their risen and resurrected master and Saviour Jesus Christ if He was still dead.

Still other people have suggested that He did not actually die on the cross. This claim would however seem totally impossible, because after being beaten with a whip almost to the point of death, He was hung on the cross for nine hours until the Roman guards, who were experts in executions, pierced his side to find water and blood flowing out, which is a sign of a person being dead.

It is a documented fact that over five hundred people saw Jesus after He arose from the grave, and this included eating supper with His eleven remaining disciples who spent forty days with Him being taught about the Kingdom of God. After spending forty days with the disciples, they saw Him ascend into heaven to prepare a place for all those who call upon the name of the Lord Jesus. Jesus is alive and in Heaven having come down to the earth to die as a sacrifice for the sins of humanity.

Jesus whilst here on this earth for thirty three years demonstrated that He was the Son of God by healing people, performing many miracles and raising people from the dead to prove his claim to be the Son of God. Whilst here on earth Jesus clearly stated to His disciples that He had come down to save mankind, and to enable all people to have

a relationship with God. Jesus said that He was the way, the truth and the life, and that no one could come into a personal relationship with God, and go to heaven when they died, except through Him. When Jesus shed His blood on the cross, it was shed to cleanse us from all of our sins. The bible says that we all sin and fall short of the glory of God, and that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus. Jesus died on the cross to be a sacrifice for our sins, and all those who call upon Him to be their Lord and Saviour will be forgiven all of their sins.

If the most well documented person in history has demonstrated His Godly nature in many signs and wonders, predicted His own death, burial and resurrection prior to it happening, and spent forty days with His disciples talking about Heaven and the things of God before ascending into Heaven, it is clearly wise to accept His advice that He is the only way to Heaven and abundant life. Jesus is alive in Heaven and right now He is longing for you to receive Him as your Lord and Saviour.

Jesus said behold I stand at the door of your heart and knock, if any one hears my voice and opens the door of their heart, I will come into him and dine with him and he with Me. Jesus died on the cross for you so that you may have a relationship with God for eternity. If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved and receive eternal life. The bible says ask and you shall receive and if you ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart by faith to be your Lord and Saviour, you will all of a sudden be filled with the peace of God as you receive the gift of eternal life. Today is the day of your salvation.

Right now Jesus is knocking on the door of your heart longing to become a part of your life. Today you can receive eternal life and inner peace by turning to God and asking Him to forgive you of all of your sins, and inviting Jesus Christ into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.

You may be saying to yourself what are my sins. Every time you have lied in you life, coveted your neighbour's wife, dishonored your parents or had a bad attitude to others you have sinned. Today God wants to forgive you of all of your sins, and prepare a place in Heaven for you but you must first humble yourself before God and be real with Him. God resists the proud but He gives grace to the humble.

Right now you can come into a right relationship with God by turning to Him and confessing your sins before Him. All you have to do right now is to turn to God and ask Him to forgive you of all of your sins and invite Jesus Christ to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on. The bible says that all those who call upon the name of the Lord Jesus will be saved and receive eternal life.

## **b) SHORTER RESPONSES TO DIFFICULT QUESTIONS (TO GUIDE PEOPLE TO A DECISION FOR CHRIST)**

### **- (I am a Catholic already)**

I used to be an Anglican but I never knew God personally. The moment I invited Jesus Christ into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour, I had an inner peace for the first time in my life.

### **- (I am already a very religious person)**

I used to be very religious myself, but I never had a peace in my heart, and as I struggled through life, I never knew that there was a God who actually cared about me so much that He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die for me. When I met Jesus Christ and invited Him into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour, all of a sudden I had a real and exciting relationship with God, and an inner peace at last.

### **- (I was baptized as a baby, so I am already a Christian)**

I was also baptized as a baby, however as I grew up I never got to know Jesus Christ, even though I went to a Church service every week. The bible even says how many people will come up to Jesus at the end of their life and say how they ate and drank in His presence, and how He taught in their streets, but Jesus will say to them, depart from Me, I never knew you. All of us have to get to know Jesus Christ personally before we die, and receive Him into our hearts and lives to be our Lord and Saviour. If I ask you this question today, could you answer “yes.” Do you really know Jesus Christ personally as your Lord and Saviour?

### **- (All the wars are over Religion)**

Many wars are over religion, but if everyone had the love of Jesus Christ in their hearts, there would be no wars at all in this world. In fact it was the religious people who hung Jesus Christ on the cross, after He had spent 33 years on this earth healing the sick and oppressed and demonstrating the love and compassion of God.

### **- (What about all the Hindus and Buddhists. Surely they go to Heaven as well)**

Jesus Christ came to this earth for one reason, to die for the sins of mankind, so that all of us can have a relationship with God, and a place in heaven for eternity. Three days later He rose from the dead with the keys to death and hell. Buddha is now dead, so is Krishna but Jesus is alive and the only way to heaven. Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Me. Jesus stands at the door of heaven and lets all those in who have made Him their Lord and Saviour. If you were the Son of God, would you die on the cross if

there were another way for mankind to get to heaven? In the same way, if I asked you to open up a security gate so that you could get in, which had a unique code 777, would it help you if I gave you every other combination except this one. Jesus is the only name under Heaven by which man can be saved.

- **(All that churches do is take peoples' money)**

The bible says that when you give ten percent of your income to God, you will be blessed and that you will be unable to contain the blessings. When I give my money to a church I am always giving to God rather than to a church institution. When I have been obedient in my giving to God, I have seen God's incredible blessing on my own life. I can only but encourage every person, that if they give to God what is His, He will always bless them, as His promises to us never change, because He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

- **(I am not a bad person. I don't believe that people are really bad and that everyone goes to Heaven when they die)**

Most people do not think that they are bad people, nor did I think that I was a bad person before I became a Christian, but the moment I invited Jesus Christ into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour, I realized just how sinful many of my attitudes were. I can now clearly see why the Bible says that we are all sinners, and that we all fall short of the Glory of God, and that there is no one righteous, no not even one. I am just so glad that Jesus died for all of My sins, and that He came into my heart to be My Lord and Saviour several years ago. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Him. It was only when I gave my life to Jesus that I found what true happiness was, and I found the ability to truly love others in an unconditional way.

- **(I don't believe that there is any evil in the world)**

Most people when they see the news each night can now only describe many of the atrocities that they see happening all around the world as evil. The brutal execution of so many innocent civilians in Indonesia by the Malisha can only be described as brutal and evil. When old people are stabbed 20 to 30 times in a frenzied attack, the only word which can adequately describe these attacks is the word evil. It is almost impossible now to believe that evil does not exist in this world.

- **(I don't believe people are evil. People are just a product of their upbringing)**

A person who has killed thirty innocent people can only be described as evil. It is true however, that our upbringing has a significant affect on our lives, and determines whether or not a person becomes evil or not. People who have been physically and emotionally abused as kids can allow hatred and evil to come into their hearts. The bible even says that murder begins with an angry thought. People can feed their eyes and minds with so much violent, pornographic and demonic

films, that they begin to have their own hearts and minds changed as they begin to become more and more evil. Some people are evil, as they have allowed evil to come into their hearts as a result of what they have seen, experienced and heard.

- **(I don't believe that there is any such thing as a devil)**

A lot of people don't believe that there is any such thing as the devil, and this is just what the devil wants people to think. The bible says how the devil is a master of lies and deception, and that he roams around seeking to kill and destroy as many people as he can. Many people have heard the lies of the devil telling them that they had no future and ended up taking their own life in response to these lies. Many people have also experienced broken marriages because the devil has told them that the pasture was greener on the other side, only to find that it wasn't. You only have to look at the high divorce rate, the number of suicides, and the ever, increasing use of drugs, as people begin to believe that they have no future. The increase in heroin overdose deaths, single parent families and depression, clearly illustrates that the devil is certainly succeeding in his efforts to see the death and destruction of as many lives as he can. The bible however tells the truth that Jesus came to give life and life abundantly, and that all those who call upon the name of the Lord will receive eternal life.

- **(If God is loving, why does He allow wars and evil to take place in the world?)**

God is never the one who is responsible for wars; in fact it is actually quite the opposite. Wars start because the people responsible for starting them do not have the love of God in their hearts. If everyone had the love of Jesus Christ in their hearts, there would be no wars. America is a perfect example of how violence, homicide and immorality have increased, since God was banned from the schoolyard several years ago. It is now not even safe to walk down the streets at night in many of America's larger cities and towns. The bible says that the human heart is wicked beyond measure, and only Jesus Christ can change the heart of a person. Only the love of God in the hearts of people will prevent wars, however so many people reject Him, and choose to live for themselves. It is when people live for themselves, and follow the spirit of this world, which emphasizes self-gratification and self-seeking, that wars and evil actions originate. God will however eventually judge the world, and all those who do not make Jesus Christ their Lord and Saviour, will ultimately spend eternity in Hell.

- **(If God is so loving, why would He allow people to go to Hell?)**

God so loves this world that He sent His one and only Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for our sins, so that all those who humble themselves and put their trust in Him, can have a place in Heaven for eternity. Many people however, reject Jesus Christ and choose to go down the broad path that leads to death and Hell, as they choose to live for themselves and in their own strength. It is God's desire however, that no one perishes and goes to Hell.

- **(Everyone should be entitled to his or her own beliefs)**  
 To me if I really love someone, I want the best for him or her, and part of this is being honest with them. If I didn't tell you that Jesus Christ is the only way to get to heaven, and that when you invite Him into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour, you will find inner peace and God's perfect plan for your life, I would not really be wanting the best for your life. I care for you and value your friendship very much, and I would be devastated if I did not have your friendship for eternity. I could not also stand the thought of you being in Hell one day, when today you can get into a right relationship with God, by accepting Jesus Christ into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour.
  
- **(Why do I need to become a Christian to get to Heaven?)**  
 There is only one way that we can have a relationship with God, and spend eternity in Heaven when we die. All of us sin and fall short of the Glory of God, and our sins prevent us from being in a relationship with Him. Because of God's great love for us, and His desire that all of us come into a relationship with Him, He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross to pay the penalty for all of our sins. It is the sinless blood of Jesus Christ, which cleanses us from all of our sins. When we turn to God and invite Jesus Christ to come into our hearts and live to be our Lord and Saviour, we exchange our own sinfulness for His righteousness, so all God sees in us is the righteousness of Jesus Christ. It is for this reason that only Christians will get to heaven.
  
- **(If Christians are so good, how come children are molested by priests?)**  
 The bible says that we all sin and fall short of the Glory of God, and that none of us are perfect. The bible also says how a Christian's life is characterized by the fruit in their life. This changed lifestyle should demonstrate the qualities of God such as love, peace and long suffering. There is a saying that there is always one bad apple in the bunch, and this is usually the case in every single organization. The simple fact is that humanity is sinful, and only Jesus Christ can change the heart of a person, and it is only a person's ongoing relationship with God, which makes it possible for a person to live as a true Christian. I don't believe that any Christian, who has the love of Jesus Christ in their heart, could molest a child, however a religious person who does not know Jesus Christ personally, may well struggle in this area. It is only when a person has invited Jesus Christ into their heart to be their Lord and Saviour that God sends His Holy Spirit into their life, so that he or she has the ability to live in a Godly and loving way.
  
- **(I would need some proof that God exists before I would become a Christian)**  
 Becoming a Christian is all about faith, believing that something will happen, when logic says it should not happen. When you look at nature, the first impression that most people have is that some higher Being must have been responsible for creating this earth. Most kids will say instinctively how God created the sun. The

bible says how we must have a childlike faith to accept Jesus into our heart to be our Lord and Saviour. It is amazing how when little kids at church hear about Jesus, all of them raise their hands to accept him into their hearts. The older we get the more hurts we have experienced in life, and the more we begin to complicate life. Right now Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart hoping that you will open up your heart by faith to accept Him in. When you do, you will experience the peace of God that passes all understanding, and all of a sudden you will realize just how real it is having a personal relationship with God. Right now you too can open your heart up by faith and invite Jesus Christ into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour.

- **(I believe in reincarnation, and that this life is just a trial run for our next life)**  
Most people would say that living once in this world is hard enough, however many people would like to believe that there is another chance to have a better life later. The bible says that it is appointed for man to die once and then to face judgment. However the bible also says how we can all experience a better life, not only now, but also in the future. The bible also speaks about a place called Heaven, which is a place where there will be peace and joy and no more tears for eternity. All those who call upon the name of the Lord Jesus shall be saved, and have a place set-aside for them in Heaven for eternity. The good thing however is that when you turn to God and repent of all of your sins, and invite Jesus Christ to come into your heart, you will also experience the peace of God now, as you enter into God's perfect plan for your life.
- **(I can't take this thing about being spiritual beings. When we die we just die)**  
I am sure that every person who has seen a dead body will realize that what remains is just a piece of meat, because the real person, the spirit of the person has left the body to go to one of two places that the bible calls Heaven or Hell. Similarly when someone is in another room, you are also aware of the spiritual presence of that person, as you are when a person is stalking you. The simple fact is that we are spiritual beings, and all of us were made to be in fellowship with God, however because of our own sinful and independent nature, none of us can come into fellowship with God until we invite Jesus Christ to come into heart to be our Lord and Saviour. Until a person does, they will always experience an inner emptiness or void in their own spirit, as their spirit is not in relationship with God. Today you can experience the inner peace of God by repenting of your sins and inviting Jesus Christ to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour, so that you can enter into God's perfect plan for your life.
- **(I believe in God already. I pray to Him from time to time when in trouble)**  
A lot of people believe that there is a God, but never actually have the joy of getting to know Him personally. I have seen many people on TV who I know of, but I do not actually know. I have seen John Howard on TV many times, but I do

not know him personally. When you get to know God personally, you have so much joy just being in His presence, that you want to spend time with Him everyday, and not just when your life is falling apart. I have found that allowing God to guide my life is the most exciting and fulfilling way to live my life, as He opens up each new door in my life. Today you too can enter into a real and personal relationship with God simply by humbling yourself before Him, acknowledging your own sinfulness, and inviting Jesus Christ to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour.

- **(Why did God allow my mum to die from cancer?)**

The bible says that there is a good man who perishes in his righteousness, yet there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his wickedness. The bible also says that it is appointed for man to die once and then to face judgment, and how death for a righteous person is really only the beginning of a new and better life in Heaven. People die early for many reasons, through taking unnecessary risks on the road, high stress levels, wrong eating patterns and from the pressures which often come from trying to control their life. People will usually suicide when they believe that they have nothing to live for, yet God has a plan and a purpose for every single person.

God will often supernaturally intervene to prevent someone from dieing, to give them a chance to get their life right with Him. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. It is God's desire that no one perish, but some people will never ever turn to and love God. Death is inevitable for all of us, however God will sometimes supernaturally prolong the life of a person, to give them the opportunity to get their life right with Him. For those who have asked God to forgive them of all of their sins, and have asked Jesus Christ to come into their heart to be their Lord and Saviour, death in the body is just the beginning of a new and far better life in Heaven.

- **(God is in all of us anyway)**

A lot of people believe that God is in them, and whilst this can be true, it is only true if someone has invited Jesus Christ into their heart to be their Lord and Saviour. All of us have a God vacuum that only He can fill, and all of us will have an inner loneliness until God's Spirit fills that void and joins our own Spirit. Today you can find that inner peace by acknowledging your sinful state and asking God to forgive you of all of your sins. When you ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Savior, you come into a personal relationship with God as the Holy Spirit comes into your life to join with your spirit.

- **(My life is fine at the moment. I don't really need Jesus.)**

A lot of people go through life living a second best life. When a runner is used to always running in a cheap pair of runners, he wouldn't even consider that there is a better way, as he pulls up each day slightly sore in the knees. If someone all of a sudden gave him a gift of a new pair of runners, and he put them on the next time he ran, he would feel like he is running on air. So many people choose to live life apart from God for many years of their life, until often, life's struggles literally bring them to their knees. The bible says that there is a way, which seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death. The bible also says that there is a path, which leads to life.

It is only when you invite Jesus Christ to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour, that you will find true life and enter into God's perfect plan for your life, with an assurance that when you die, you will immediately have a place in Heaven for eternity. Without this personal relationship with Jesus Christ, you can never get to Heaven, and when you die, your spirit will reside for eternity in a place the bible calls hell. Today you can find eternal life however by simply humbling yourself and repenting of all of your sins, and inviting Jesus Christ to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour.

- **(I don't believe that there is any such thing as Hell)**

Most people would like to think that there is no such place as Hell, whilst many people's lives are in so much turmoil that the word Hell is almost an appropriate word to describe their lives. The bible says how there are two paths that we can take in life, the broad path, which leads to death and destruction, or the narrow path, which leads to life. Hell was only ever meant for a group of fallen angels that were led by a chief angel called Lucifer, who is also known as the devil. The bible tells how these angels wanted to take over from God, and as a result they were cast out of Heaven down to earth, where they have deceived man into wanting to be like God.

All of us when we are born instinctively live for ourselves, wanting what is best for us, trying to be something in our strength, and never wanting to involve God in our lives. It is God's desire that no one go to hell, however many people chose that path and reject God all of their life. God has however made the way where you can come into a real and personal relationship with Him. All you have to do is acknowledge your own sinfulness and rebellion and repent of your sins and invite Jesus Christ to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour.

- **(I don't need Jesus. I have done enough good things to go to Heaven!)**

The bible says how we all sin and fall short of the Glory of God, and that there is no one righteous, no not even one. The simple fact is that Jesus has made it possible for the worst sinner, the murderer, the armed robber, the selfish

businessman, the billionaire and the peasant to have a place in Heaven when they die. Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father in Heaven except through Me. There is no other name or way under Heaven by which man can be saved. Neither our money, our status in the community, our pale shade of goodness, or anything else will be able to get us into Heaven when we die. In fact the bible even says how, when compared to God's goodness, all of our own righteous acts are like filthy rags. We all need Jesus, however many people fail to humble themselves before God, and acknowledge their own sinfulness, and as a result, never end up going to Heaven. God resists the proud, but He gives saving grace to the humble. Today, you too can be assured of a place in Heaven by humbling yourself before God and repenting of your sins, and inviting Jesus Christ into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour.

- **(I believe already that there is a God or some higher spiritual being out there)**  
Most people when they look at creation are made aware of the existence of a God, however so many people do not have a real and personal relationship with Him. Praying to a God who is not real in your own life is like talking to a statute. God longs to be in a real and personal relationship with all of us, however our own sinfulness prevents us from getting into His presence. It is because of His great love for us, that God sent His Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for all of our sins, so that all of us can have a real and personal relationship with God. Today you too can have a real and personal relationship with God by humbling yourself and repenting of all of your sins, and asking Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.
  
- **(How can Christians say that we are all sinners? Surely babies are not sinful.)**  
I have seen enough babies yelling and screaming at their parents in a supermarket, to realize that babies too are sinners. Likewise, I have seen enough fights between my young nieces to know that all of us, no matter what age we are, have a natural tendency to want our own way, and to do things that we want to do. Sin is categorized by selfishness and independence, and the bible even says that we all sin and fall short of the glory of God, and that there is none who does good, no, not one. Even as a Christian, I still have at times attitudes which are sinful and selfish, and I know that the only reason that I will go to Heaven when I die, is because I humbled myself before God, repented of all of my sins, and invited Jesus Christ to come into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour.

Jesus said, I am the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Me. Jesus is now standing at the door of your heart knocking, wanting to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour. Jesus loved you so much that He hung on a cross for your sins, and all you have to do is open your

heart up and trust Him to be your Lord and Saviour. When you do, you will have a real and personal relationship with God forever, and an assurance that when you die, you will go straight to Heaven.

- **(What happens to people who do not hear about Jesus? Will they go to Hell?)**  
It is God's desire that no one perish, and that all of us spend eternity in a relationship with Him, both while we are here on earth and in Heaven. God can and has revealed Jesus in many ways to people, including directly in an audible voice, through a bible, through graffiti on a wall, and even in a dust storm in Somalia, where the image of Jesus was seen and three thousand people gave their hearts to Jesus Christ. God will never ever give up on anyone, however each one of us must choose to follow Jesus before we die. Only God knows how He has revealed Himself to people, and right now He is giving you the opportunity to give your heart to Jesus Christ, so that you can have a relationship with Him for eternity. All you have to do is turn to Him and repent of your sins, and invite Jesus Christ to come into your life to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.

- **(I have done too much wrong for God to want me. Jesus could not forgive me)**  
Jesus actually came down to earth to save the sinners and not the righteous from their sins. In fact the bible says where sin abounds, grace abounds even more, and Jesus actually shared this principle in a story. In this story a religious man stood and prayed within himself the prayer, thank God I am not like other men who are sinners. On the other hand, a much-despised tax collector who was barely able to look to Heaven, cried out to God, be merciful on this sinner. Jesus said it was the tax collector rather than the religious man who went home in a right relationship with God that night. Jesus died for all of our sins, and everyone from the criminal to the billionaire has the same opportunity to enter into Heaven when they die.

Everyone's good deeds are all like filthy rags before a Holy and loving God. It is only those who humble themselves before God and call upon the name of Jesus who will be saved. I don't care what you have done in the past, today you too, can be forgiven of all of your sins and find the peace of God which comes from humbling yourself before God and confessing your sins, and inviting Jesus Christ into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour.

- **(Religion is just a crutch for people who cannot cope with life)**  
When I walk down the street, I see many people who are struggling to cope with life. The bible says that without a vision people perish, and in today's ever changing environment, genuine friendships are becoming harder to make. Many people are now resorting to drugs, alcohol, gambling, explicit adult entertainment or affairs to help them cope with living from one day to the next without a hope. Others throw themselves into a career, or the accumulation of material assets, or the building of a business, to help them cope with the inner emptiness within.

Without realizing it, everyone has some form of method, or crutch, to help them get through life, and to cope with their inner loneliness. Religion, without a real and personal relationship with God is also not the answer. Having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is the only way that anyone will ever have the inner peace of God that so many people are now searching for in so many ways. Whilst being the most rewarding life ever, being a Christian is also full of trials and tribulations, as you go against the world's values of materialism, status, body image and immorality.

In fact, because you need to have character to become a Christian, many go down the broad path of life that leads to death and destruction. Today however, you can be one of those who enter into God's perfect plan for their life, and be one of those who can give people a hope in a world which is fast falling apart at the seams. All that you have to do is turn to God today and repent of all of your sins, and invite Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour. When you do, you will not only experience the peace of God, but you will begin to follow God's perfect plan for your life, with the assurance that the moment you die, you will be in Heaven for eternity.

- **(I can see how your faith helps you, and that's fine, but I don't need it myself)**  
Very few people, no matter how bad things are going, like to admit that they are struggling in life. Others are very well off materially, but never ever give much consideration as to how they could help others in society. All of us though, no matter whether we are well off materially or struggling to get by, have an inner emptiness that only Jesus Christ can fill. Whilst one person may drink to cover up the pain in his life, someone else may eat out at restaurants frequently and seek constant entertainment to fill the void within. Every one of us will one day give an account of our lives to God. The bible says that none of us are righteous, no not even one, and that we all sin and fall short of the Glory of God.

All of us will die one day, and our spirits will leave our body to go to one of two places, either heaven or hell. It does not matter whether we have had a great life materially or a struggling life here on earth, we will all stand before God to give an account of our life. Jesus Christ came to this earth to pay the penalty for all of our sins, by dieing on the cross and he shed his blood for us, so that all of us can have our sins washed away, if we trust Him to be our Lord and Saviour. All of us, whether poor or rich, have to humble ourselves before God and ask Him to forgive us of all of our sins before we die, and invite Jesus Christ into our hearts to be our Lord and Saviour.

The bible says that it is harder for a rich man to get to heaven, than it is for a camel to go through the eye of a needle. Many people have rejected God all of their lives, only to find the reality of spending an eternity in hell, after they heard Jesus at the

gateway to Heaven sadly saying the words, depart from Me, I never knew you. Today is the only day that you can be assured of getting your life right with God, for tomorrow may never come. Today you too can get to know Jesus Christ personally by inviting Him into your heart and life, to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.

***“He who wins souls is wise”***