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3) ***We can be assured of God's provision in our life***

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4) ***We can tap into all of God's promises in the bible***

"For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us." (2 Corinthians 1:20)

5) ***We can be assured of God's protection (Psalm 91)***

6) ***Nothing is able to separate us from the love of God***

(Romans 8:38-39) ***He is with us always (Matthew 28:20), &***

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Jesus Himself said, "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)

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The bible makes it clear that there are two diverging destinies beyond the grave and that each person must make a choice in this life as to where they will ultimately spend eternity. For this reason, this is the most important choice that we will ever make in life. For those who believe in Jesus Christ, the best is yet to come.

In the book of Revelation we read, "And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:3-4)



GOD'S DESIRE IS THAT THIS WOULD BE THE OUTCOME FOR ALL PEOPLE

However, God has created each one of us with a free will to decide where we will spend eternity. Those who choose to reject the love of Jesus Christ and to not open their hearts to Him will spend an eternity separated from God's love.

In the book of Revelation, we read what the final destiny is for all those who reject Jesus Christ and His offer of forgiveness and eternal life, "But the **cowardly, unbelieving,** abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." (Revelation 21:8)

This is not God's desire but many people make this choice.

The GOOD news is that *God desires to have a relationship with all people, no matter how many mistakes (sins) a person may have made in the past.* Because of God's great love for us and Jesus Christ's willingness to die on the cross for our sins, we can receive God's forgiveness by coming to Christ, so that we have eternal life and a future full of purpose and meaning. The Apostle Paul wrote, "For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die, yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:6-8) "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:21)



Jesus Christ, the Son of God, bled and died on the cross at Calvary to pay the penalty for all of our sins. But death could not hold Him down.

Three days later Jesus Christ arose triumphantly from the dead and then forty days later He ascended back to Heaven.



Today Jesus Christ is knocking on the door of your heart. Today you can open your heart to Him and receive the free gift of eternal life

Dear Father God today I turn from my sins to live for You. I believe that Jesus Christ died for all my sins and arose from the dead three days later. Today I invite Jesus Christ to come into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour and best friend from this day on. Amen

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