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2) ***We can live a life that is full of purpose and meaning***

The Apostle Paul wrote, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)

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), and***

7) ***God will empower us to do great things for Him***

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- ❖ We were all made to have an intimate relationship with God
- ❖ We all have a vacuum (void) in our lives that only God can fill

THERE ARE MANY WAYS IN WHICH PEOPLE TRY AND COPE WITH THIS EMPTY VOID IN THEIR LIFE. ***SOME OF THESE INCLUDE;***

- ❖ Through having relationships with many others
- ❖ Being continually busy all the time
- ❖ Spending hours on their smart phone and on facebook
- ❖ By always seeking the approval of others. (Peer group pressure has caused many people to make poor and destructive choices out of a fear of being rejected)
- ❖ In making money and accumulating things
- ❖ Through seeking worldly status and recognition
- ❖ Tragically, destructively, through gambling, drinking alcohol or taking drugs, and
- ❖ Religious rituals and traditions and idol worship

It is however only when we open up our heart to Jesus Christ that the empty void within us is filled and that feeling of being alone is taken away. Jesus Himself promised that His Father would send the Holy Spirit to those who believed in Him. Jesus said, "And I will pray the Father and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever – the Spirit of truth ..." (John 14:16-17)

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The Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian believers, "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God..." **(1 Corinthians 6:19)**

Whilst here on earth Jesus could only be at one place at any given time. Now through the Holy Spirit He can be with all believers at all times. Jesus said to His disciples in relation to this, "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." **(John 17-18)**

When we come to Christ we have God's abiding presence in our lives continually. For this reason we are never alone when we come to Christ and we have continual access to His presence. In His presence is fullness of joy. (Psalm 16:11)

The Apostle Peter wrote, "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." **(Acts 3:19)**

As Christians we can be assured that we will never be separated from God's love. (Romans 8:38-39) God will also connect us with other loving Christians to help us in our walk with the Lord. Today Jesus can fill the empty void in your life and give you a life full of great purpose and meaning.

The GOOD news is that *God desires to have a relationship with all people, no matter how many mistakes (sins) they 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 can have eterna! 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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