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There is Hell to flee and Heaven to Gain

Turn from your sins today. Repent and believe in the Gospel.
So you can be taken out of the power of Satan unto God, that you may
receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among
those who are sanctified by **faith in Jesus**.

**Which road are you walking?
The roadway to Hell or the
straight narrow path to Heaven?**

LET'S REASON

**Please reason with us. This is not a
matter of life and death. It is much, much
more. The matter is; where are you going
to spend Eternity?**

**Why does it seem
incredible to any of you
that God can raise the
dead? Acts 26:8**

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Why does it seem incredible to any of you that God can raise the dead?

Acts 26:8 New Living Translation (NLT)- If noting else mention, this translation is used

It seems to me that today we need to do some reasoning. Is that my flesh or is it the Holy Spirit giving me a message? Should questions be asked to make people think, or is it enough to just preach about Jesus, the cross, the blood, baptism in water and in Spirit?

I believe the answer to the question is YES to both. My thoughts are based on real experience in the West and on the state of confusion that exists in Catholic churches in countries such as the Philippines. It is a proper question to ask, because there are around 1.2 billion (2012) Catholics in the world. And there are about the same number of agnostics and atheists, I believe. If we include Darwinists it is more, probably 6 billion out of a world population of 7 billion.

So the proper questions should be these: Is there a God? And if so, is there more than one? But if we accept that God is the Almighty, the most powerful, it follows that there can be only one God. And furthermore, does God have a Son? And if so, is His Son, Jesus Christ alive today?

The Jewish people are known for their arguing and reasoning. In Sanhedrin there was always argument about the rising of the dead. Two thousand years ago, they also argued about whether Jesus is the Messiah? These questions continue today.

Can we today, in this secular world full of self-righteous people, who have their brain as their god, start reasoning? It is a historical fact that Jesus of Nazareth walked around, doing good and performing miracles and that He died on the cross. But did He rise from the dead? The historical perspective stops there of course, and faith starts, or doubt sets in.

But if there is a God, why should you think it incredible that He should raise the dead? Is there more out there than we can see with our eyes? Do we have more than five senses? Most scientists reason they can prove that we do indeed.

So why do we love this statement made by the late philosopher René Descartes, "I think, therefore I am"? You cannot see your thoughts. You cannot even see radio waves. But we really believe we can use a cell

If you think you are OK and don't have a desire to do something to help those you see are NOT OK, and really, really do help those who are NOT OK, YOU ARE NOT OK.

Salvation is OUR business. To Harvest people for eternal life is the commandment. Billions are led astray by false doctrine. And you sit idle and watch your favourite TV program? And just don't care so long as you are OK?

I tell you again; then you are NOT OK

Matthew 7:12-29

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12 Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

The Narrow Way

13 "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. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

You Will Know Them by Their Fruits

15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? 17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

I Never Knew You

21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Build on the Rock

24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

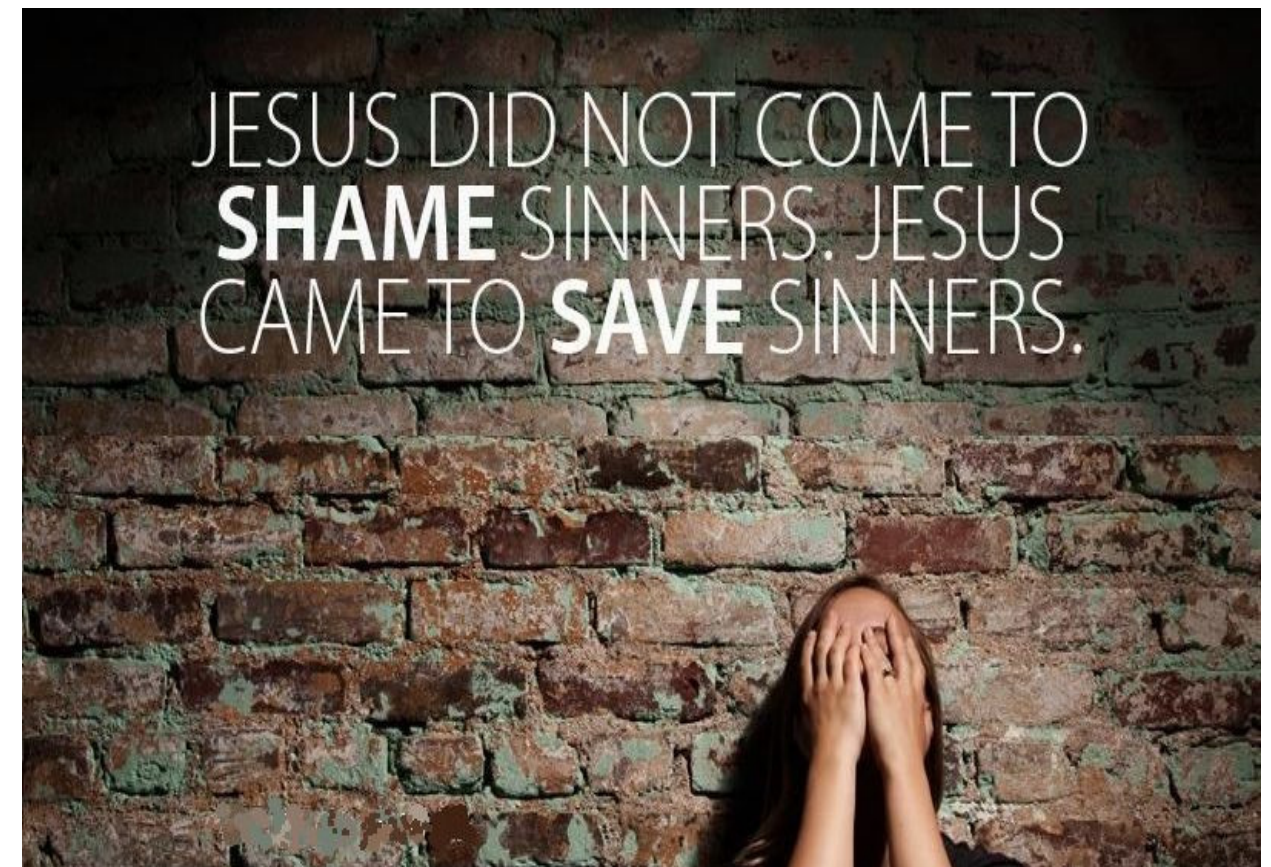
26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

28 And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, 29 for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

phone to talk to others. Why? We don't see the radio waves. We believe it exists because we can hear the other person talking to us. It is as simple as that.

Therefore, people would believe in God if they could hear Him talking to them. But perhaps we have too much pride to be willing to believe that God can talk to us? What about all the prophecies? How many times do we need to hear: "Thus said the Lord" and "It came to pass". Is it all coincidence?

Well, some very smart people have figured out that if all the prophecies in the Bible should be caused by coincidence, then the chance is one hundred million million to one or thereabouts. Do we really believe that? No. No one believes that. So why don't we believe that God talks? Because of pride, arrogance and haughtiness, or even self-righteousness.



And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, so also Christ died once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hebrews 9:27-28



So should we reason? Yes we should reason. That is if we want the truth. If we want to live our life's on a lie, who cares? Let's just party, because to morrow we might be dead.

Let's find out if the Apostles were reasoning? Did Peter reason? Did the rest of the apostles reason?

Yes, they did. On Pentecost Day, Peter reasoned on behalf of everybody. 120 people speaking in tongues. "They are not drunk; it is only 9 o'clock in the morning" he reason with the multitude.

And further more, let's look at Paul in **Acts 18:19**
They stopped first at the port of Ephesus, where Paul left the others behind. While he was there, he went to the synagogue to reason with the Jews.

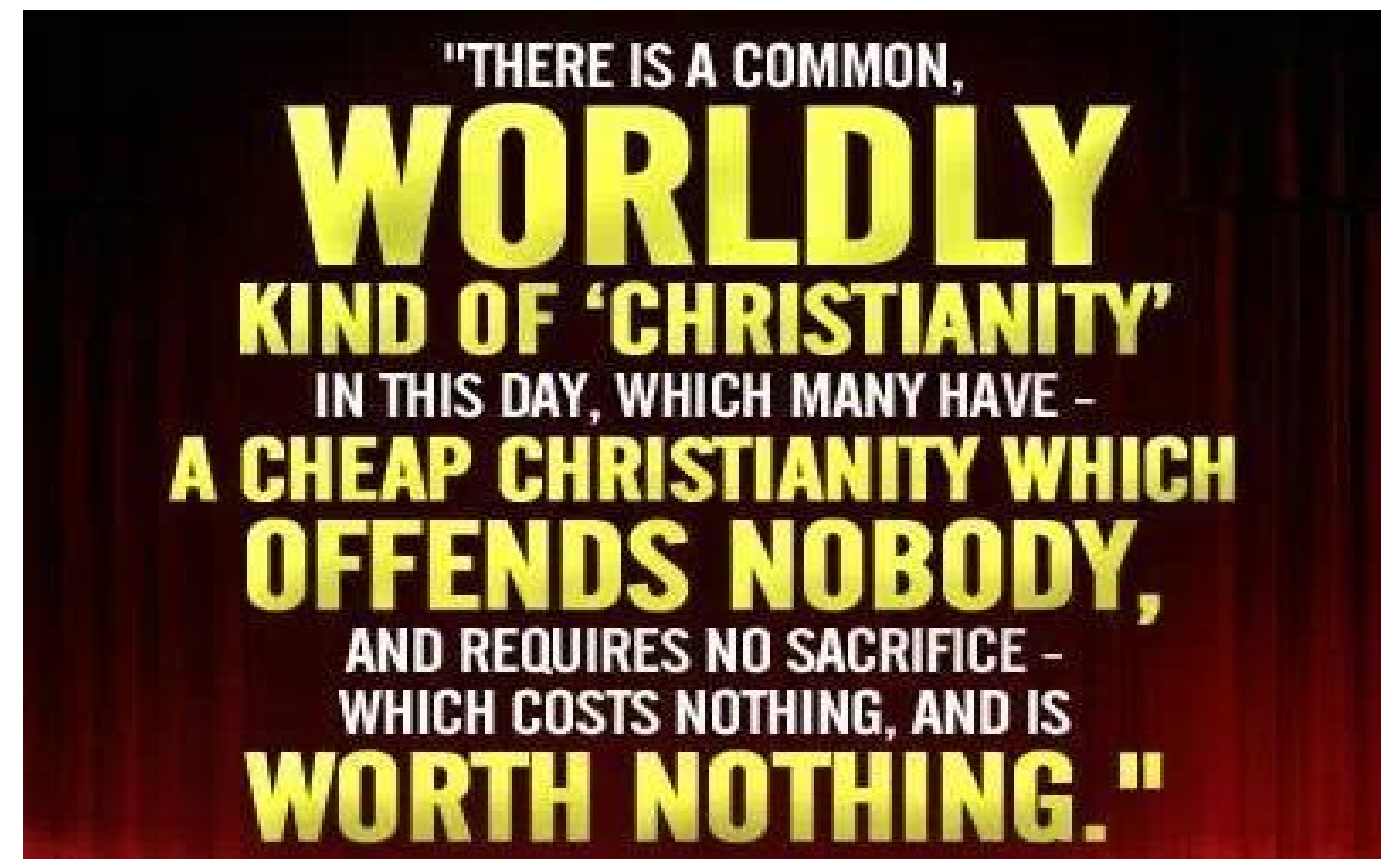
Acts 17:16-32
16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply troubled by all the idols he saw everywhere in the city. 17 He went to the synagogue to reason with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and he spoke

These are just a few examples. A full list would be very long indeed!

In fact, there is a special secret to be used powerfully by Jesus. And this is that you have to totally and completely give up your own free will. And after that, the test of your will-power and your temptation starts. Many fail here. First of all for the love of money.

That is why so many preachers of false prosperity are broadcasting their disgraceful messages all over the world. Don't end up like them or anyone who loves money. (Read Mammon)

Repent today from anyone or anything that are hindering you from being with those who will be lifted up soon to meet Jesus in the sky. He is coming again soon.



Remember; a "sinner's prayer" or a "prayer of salvation" does not bring anybody to Heaven. In fact it can bring more people to Hell than all the bars in America together. (Leonard Ravenhill)
The fact is clear; you need to be born again. If you walk the road in your life based on a "prayer of salvation" prayed once repeating after a person:

Don't walk that road!

daily in the public square to all who happened to be there.

18 He also had a debate with some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers. When he told them about Jesus and his resurrection, they said, "What's this babbler trying to say with these strange ideas he's picked up?" Others said, "He seems to be preaching about some foreign gods."

19 Then they took him to the high council of the city. "Come and tell us about this new teaching," they said. 20 "You are saying some rather strange things, and we want to know what it's all about." 21 (It should be explained that all the Athenians as well as the foreigners in Athens seemed to spend all their time discussing the latest ideas.)

22 So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows: "Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, 23 for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: 'To an Unknown God.' This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I'm telling you about.

24 "He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples, 25 and human hands can't serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need. 26 From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries.

27 "His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us. 28 For in him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' 29 And since this is true, we shouldn't think of God as an idol designed by craftsmen from gold or silver or stone.

30 "God overlooked people's ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to him. 31 For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead."

32 When they heard Paul speak about the resurrection of the dead, some laughed in contempt, but others said, "We want to hear more about this later." (Underline is done by me)

Here are the top 12 idols of today (in no particular order):

- **Love of money (The love for money is the root of all evil)**
- **Your brain (Intellect, you believe with your brain)**
- **Sex (You desire it so much you don't care if you sin)**
- **Gambling (same as above, plus love of money)**
- **TV (Time-wasting, and filling of soul with all sort of garbage)**
- **Entertainment (Facebook, your phone, movie stars/songs and films)**
- **Family (Yes, Jesus comes even before your own biological family, especially if you spend time with them doing some of the above)**
- **Ministry (You seek the Hands of the Lord instead of His Face, in other words, you are more interested in what Jesus can do for you, than in Jesus Himself)**
- **Albularyo (Superstition, witchcraft and sorcery)**
- **Mary (From Nazareth also called by a BIG MISTAKE "Mother of God" or "Virgin Mary". This is completely false teaching).**
- **The Cross, images of "Jesus" etc. (You mistakenly worship the cross/crucifix, which is itself an idol)**
- **Work (Ambitions and the fact that you think you can work your way into Heaven (even by "being good"), and it is also connected with love of money)**

I hope you want to walk the Narrow Way into the Narrow Gate.

There is Only One Way, Jesus.
And there is Only One Truth, Jesus
And there is only One Life, Jesus.

Walk this Road

The disciples:

Luke 9:46

46 Then his disciples began arguing about which of them was the greatest.

And Jesus also reason. Not so much with the Scribes and the Pharisee, but with gentiles. And with his disciples of course.

John 4:20-21

20 So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?" 21 Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem.

Matthew 15:26-28

26 Jesus responded, "It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs."

27 She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall beneath their masters' table."

28 "Dear woman," Jesus said to her, "your faith is great. Your request is granted." And her daughter was instantly healed.

And he reasoned with John the Baptist:

Matthew 11:2-6

2 John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, 3 "Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?"

4 Jesus told them, "Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen— 5 the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor. 6 And tell him, 'God blesses those who do not turn away because of me.'"

And in many other stories we have to understand that Jesus also could reason. But of course, most of all he taught and preached the Gospel. There is no reasoning in the Gospel; only grace, truth, faith, hope and love.

I believe that the Holy Spirit will judge and convict against sin, and urge

Then, to all of you who are more or less sure you are walking on the Narrow Path to the Narrow Gate to Heaven; to all of you pastors, and deacons, you worship leaders and youth leaders, and especially to all of you who call yourselves elders and leaders:

Please check your life. Check your fruit. Are you a shining Star? Or do you have things in your life that you need to repent? Do you really, really want to follow Jesus closely? To be like Him?

Well here are the facts:

- It is not possible to follow close to Jesus without being persecuted.
- It is not possible to be given Power and Fire and to be a Witness without giving away your free will.

We see no point in giving you the Scripture verses because those we are talking to claim to know the Bible. How can they claim to be a leader and don't know the Bible?

A lot of TV pastors today preach the so called "Prosperity gospel". That is another gospel and they accurse themselves by doing it. They probably started in flesh and then idol #1, love of money took over. They are misleading billions of people in thinking that just following Jesus will make you rich.

Some started out in the Spirit and have now become wolves in sheeps' clothing, misleading everyone who desire to hear the message they give. God has given the congregation what they want.

If you are running down that dead-end street, then you need to repent. You probably find yourself running that road because there are few today who are not. These people also have adopted the "false gospel of grace" or so-called "Hyper-grace". They preach that Jesus died so you will be able to live out your desires and lust sinfully, and yet still have a free ticket to Heaven. Those who preach this false gospel are accursed.

If they don't repent, they will have a big problem one day; so will you if you don't turn away from that road.

We will help you with a check-list of other things you probably must repent from. Mind you, we must remember that any person or any thing that comes before Jesus is an idol.

As we said earlier, we will address the problem of evolution. The theory of birdwatcher Charles Darwin.

First of all, you cannot prove it because it is not observed over time. So "scientifically" it is not true. We are not writing this to convince you of this the scientific way. We are simply writing what God says:

Genesis 1:1

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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:11 (NKJV)

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. (underline mine)

Genesis 1:12 (NKJV)

And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. (underline mine)

Genesis 1:24 (NKJV)

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. (underline mine)

"according to its kind"

Genesis 1:25 (NKJV)

And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. (underline mine)

There is NO room for evolution here. Likewise:

Genesis 1:27 (NKJV)

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Neither is it room for any evolution here.

for repentance when we are reasoning. We should do this with the intention of winning and harvesting people safely to Eternal Life.

If we on the other hands start to argue or discuss we have lost the momentum and are walking in flesh. There is a very thin line here, but with the Help of the Helper, the Holy Spirit, we believe we will be given grace to use every tool there is to harvest people into Eternal Life.

This we will also do:

Acts 26:25

25 But Paul replied, "I am not insane, Most Excellent Festus. What I am saying is the sober truth.

Let's look at the story from Acts when Paul states his defence to king Agrippa and Festus.

It is a very good reasoning and it is done actually not to defend the faith, but to get the listeners to repent and turn to God, Jesus.

Agrippa then also had to admit; "It is almost as if you convinced me to be a Christian". And Paul responds positively to that reasoning.

Before we start reasoning we just have to agree on one thing. "It is impossible to prove a negative". Meaning to say that you cannot prove that something doesn't exist. In other words, if you think God does not exist you will never be able to prove your conclusion. That means again that if you absolutely want to know the truth you have to be open to the concept that God exists, since it can't be proven that He doesn't.

So if there is a God we have to concentrate on the "divine concept". What does it really mean to be God? It means Almighty. It means that when He speaks it's going to happen. For example, when He says: "Let there be light" there will be light. To be almighty means everything you want to happen will happen. Everything will happen according to your will. That means of course that we can rule out the concept of more than one true God.

In fact, two gods would almost certainly cause the Universe to implode!

That means also that we can rule out more than one faith, belief or religion if you like. Because we need to have this Godly concept. We need to have this all-powerful loving God. Only the God of the Bible is like that. So let us concentrate on the fact that no-one has ever proved

that the one true God, described in the Bible, doesn't exist. Therefore, He exists. Or at least we should be humble enough to let that possibility be open to us. That is, if we want to know the truth.

There is only one truth. Some say, "Some may be true to you, but not to me". What they means is, for example that if a European claims it is raining heavily right now, another may say, "No, not for me, because I'm from the Philippines. I know what really heavy rain is!"

That does not mean it doesn't rain. Either it raining or it is not. We are not into two concepts of measure about what is true to you or to me. Either it is black or it is white. Yes, there are some grey and some shades in between, but that is not the point. What goes up must come down. Yes if it doesn't enter space. There will always be some who will twist this truth that it is only one truth. Some will still say $1+1=3$. They don't want the truth.

There is only one truth. Truth cannot be relative. And where there is no truth, there remains only lies. More people have probably been killed for saying the truth than to tell one lie. That is why truth is hard to find. Even a very good friend will not tell you the truth, because he doesn't want to hurt you. But someone who really, really loves you will always tell you the truth, because there can be no lies in love. Not even white lies. Incidentally, all lies are black.

So if we want the truth we need to reason more.

Let us start with creation, but not yet. Later we shall have to talk about creation, because we have to talk about evolution. Let's start with the time when Israel was in Egypt. It is historically proven beyond doubt that the Jews lived in Egypt for about 430 years. Eventually, they walked out and entered the Promised Land, today's Israel.

What we need to reason about is the pledges in Egypt and the miracles that happened in the desert over a period of 40 years. Will the proof of this make someone believe in God? No, I don't think so. But it is very simple. How can around 3 million people survive in the desert for 40 years? They didn't starve or thirst to death.

If that is not enough, we can read of what happened when they conquered the land. We can study the problem in the Middle East today and find out that it all goes back to this failure of conquering the land the Lord told them to do. In 1948 "the whole world" agreed that the

It does not matter. You all have to reason with one another. Are we walking on the narrow path to Heaven? Does God have any problem with raising the dead? Is Jesus alive today? Is He God, the Son? Has He deity? Either you believe or you don't believe. This is the fact. You need to be a Witness in your daily life to call yourself a child of the Most High God. In other words, not just on Sundays, but every day, every hour.

God is Love. He loves us first by giving His Son. Accept the fact and accept Jesus as your Saviour today. It is just a few steps away. Read the Bible you hopefully received together with this hand-out, or request it by accessing one of the contacts on the back of this hand-out. Get in touch with a "Bible True Church" and ask to be baptised in water.

May Jesus bless you and your family.

A "true story" ...

A teacher is using the "scientific method" to teach the class about evolution...

TEACHER: Tommy, do you see the tree outside?

TOMMY: Yes.

TEACHER: Tommy, do you the grass outside?

TOMMY: Yes.

TEACHER: Go outside and look up and see if you see the sky.

TOMMY: Okay. (He returned few minutes later); Yes, I saw the sky.

TEACHER: Did you see God?

TOMMY: No.

TEACHER: That's my point. We can't see God because he isn't there. He doesn't exist.

A little girl spoke up and wanted to ask the boy some questions. The teacher agreed and the little girl questioned the boy:

LITTLE GIRL: Tommy, do you see the tree outside?

TOMMY: Yes.

LITTLE GIRL: Tommy do you see the grass outside?

TOMMY: Yessssss (getting tired of the questions this time).

LITTLE GIRL: Did you see the sky?

TOMMY: Yessssss.

LITTLE GIRL: Tommy, do you see the teacher?

TOMMY: Yes

LITTLE GIRL: Do you see the teacher's mind?

TOMMY: No.

LITTLE GIRL: Then according to what were taught today in school, she must not have one!

Don't think for one second that the fruit of the Holy Spirit is your fruit. That fruit is a result of your fruit, which is harvesting people for eternal life.

Galatians 5:22-26

22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. 25 Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. 26 Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.

Because the Word of God also says:

Galatians 5:13-21*13 For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. 14 For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another.*

16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. 17 The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. 18 But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.

19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

You might be a good Catholic, a Baptist, a Muslim or Hindu. You might be an atheist, an agnostic, a Pentecost or a member of Assembly of God, or you might be a Jehovah Witness, a Mormon or Iglesia ni Cristo, or even a follower of Quiboloy.

Jews should have their land back. It came at a cost of 6 million gassed to death.

The story of the Jewish people is well known, but of course it doesn't prove that God exists. But it proves He talks, because of all the prophecies.

No one can deny the fulfilment of all the prophecies in the Bible. It is just not possible because the Lord spoke and it has happened exactly the way the Lord said it would. We could start to list all the hundreds of prophecies, but there is no point in that. If someone is ready to reason about this, he will take the initiative to look it up for himself. It is just a few clicks away on the internet.

And before we let go of this proof and scientific evidence, let's just mention all the little things that prove a lot of things but still don't make people believe.

Joshua 10:13-14

13 So the sun stood still and the moon stayed in place until the nation of Israel had defeated its enemies. Is this event not recorded in The Book of Jashar?

The sun stayed in the middle of the sky, and it did not set as on a normal day. 14 There has never been a day like this one before or since, when the Lord answered such a prayer. Surely the Lord fought for Israel that day!

This missing of about one day in our time is proven by science.

And what about the findings of the archaeologists? And what about the finding of fossils of fish, high up in the mountains?

And what about all the knowledge that is known today, but is written in the bible over 2750 years ago?

Amos 9:6

*6 The Lord's home reaches up to the heavens,
while its foundation is on the earth.
He draws up water from the oceans
and pours it down as rain on the land.
The Lord is his name!*

There was no knowledge about these 2750 years ago when Amos was living and prophesies.

If we really, really want to go into this we can use the net and search. There is enormous with evidence about what is in the Bible is prove right by scientists.

But we will go no further in this. What we will do is to emphasise some Alpha Course teaching and go further and ask the question; "Is Jesus alive today?"

We will not ask the questions again here like; "Who is Jesus?", "Why did Jesus have to die?", "Who is the Holy Spirit?" and so on. We will only later concentrate on the question "IS JESUS ALIVE TODAY?" – Meaning to say; why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead? But later ...

But some Alpha Course teaching we mentioned before goes deeper into reasoning. Let's mention some that are known:

"Christianity is a statement which, if false, is of no importance, and, if true, of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important." (C.S. Lewis)

The resurrection is the greatest proof that Christianity is true.

"I know of no one fact in the history of mankind which is proved by better and fuller evidence of every sort, to the understanding of a fair inquirer, than the great sign which God has given us that Christ died and rose again from the dead."

Prof. Thomas Arnold (Oxford University)

Prince Charles, admitted despite the advances of science & technology:

"There remains deep in the human soul a persistent and unconscious anxiety that something is missing, some ingredient that makes life worth living."

Boris Becker, twice Wimbledon champion, was asked why he contemplated suicide, admits:

"I had all the material possessions I needed: money, cars, women, everything. But I had no inner peace."

When Jesus says:

Mark 10:23-25

23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!" 24 This amazed them. But Jesus said again, "Dear children, it is very hard[a] to enter the Kingdom of God. 25 In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!"

Luke 16:13

"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Luke 14:26-27

26 "If you want to be my disciple, you must hate everyone else by comparison—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. 27 And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.

As we can see, this is the opposite of what they preach in church today. You need to believe, access your faith, with the result that you will perform good works. Not that works will save you one day, as some say. Not at all. The only thing that will save you some day, is your enduring Faith in what Jesus did on the cross, when He took my sin and your sin upon Himself and died as a Holy Sacrifice once and for all.

But we need to live a repenting life, on a daily basis.

The false teaching has gone so far as to say that we don't need to repent. They preach the false doctrine of that "Jesus died and rose again so that we should be able to live out our desires, and yet still go to Heaven". That is a BIG LIE.

Many sects today also try to take away the deity of Jesus Christ. If you do that, you have no Christianity left.

You might not think you need a saviour, but when you go to bed tonight you will be reminded of the fact that you do need one. You might think you are on your way to heaven, but are you producing good fruit? Remember: You will be known by your fruit. You will be convicted by the Holy Spirit about sin and be urged to repent. It is then up to you.

Here, we are talking about the Holy Spirit, in whom the believer will be baptised by Jesus. Are you baptised in water on behalf of your confession as an adult? And has Jesus baptised you with the Holy Spirit and Fire and Power to be a witness?

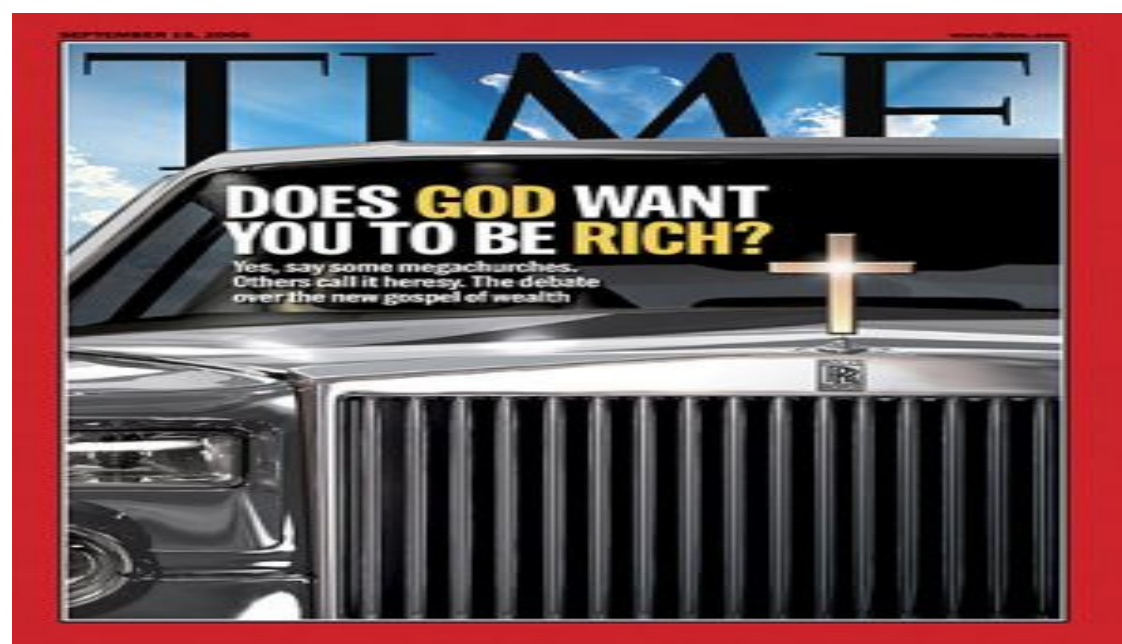
There is a real danger that we could all end up having the shopping mall as our cathedral to the god of money and worldly goods. It's as easy as turning on the distraction-box, by which I mean the TV!

Today, the Gospel is watered down so much as to have become unrecognisable. No one wants to live in a Holy way for Jesus any more. We want our desires, and there is no end to our envy and lust for material things. The Word of God, Jesus, warns us:

1 Timothy 6:6-10

6 Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. 7 After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. 8 So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

9 But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.



The so called "prosperity gospel" is everywhere, promising all kinds of lies. "Believe in Jesus and become rich". "Believe in Jesus and make all your dreams come true".

Freddie Mercury, of rock group, Queen said shortly before his death in 1991:

"You can have everything in the world and still be the loneliest man, and that is the most bitter type of loneliness. Success has ... prevented me from having the one thing we all need, a loving on-going relationship."

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen, not because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." (C.S. Lewis)

As we know and understand, so we will not need any proof or any statement from anybody, since we are talking about faith.

Faith is gift given to every human being and has to be exercised. We have to make a decision to believe. So let's reason some more.

Take an example from daily life to explain more about what we are aiming at and are trying to focus on.

Let's take a tennis player or let's say a billiard player. He enters into a tournament with the intention of winning. He might be ranked 50 and know that the top players are nearly unbeatable for him, but he will always reason that "I might, by a miracle, reach the semi-final and by an other miracle reach the final and then everything can happen". The bottom line is that we are all in there to win. And what are we doing? We aim. Hit in faith and hope to put the ball where it needs to go.

Evidence within the Bible

Can we trust the NT documents?

Reliability test:

- 1. Numbers of existing copies**
- 2. Dates of existing copies**

Less doubts about original text

Acts 17:32-34 Paul in Athens

1. "Some of them sneered"
2. "We want to hear you again on this subject"
3. "A few men became followers...and believed."

So what will YOUR response be to this? Will you at least reason with us for a few more minutes?

Since we will reason some more we have to agree upon if we can trust the New Testament. As far as it is a historical document. Few doubt the New Testament as a historical true document. Did they authors speak the truth. Take James and his brother John.

Did they speak the truth. All the disciples of Jesus was devoted Jews who could never think of lying. To give false witness in Israel in the days of Jesus could easily be equal to death if you was caught.

And what about the physician Luke. He wrote to letters to:

Luke 1:1-4

1 Many people have set out to write accounts about the events that have been fulfilled among us. 2 They used the eyewitness reports circulating among us from the early disciples. 3 Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write a careful account for you, most honourable Theophilus, 4 so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught.

Acts 1:1-5

1 In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. 3 During the forty days after his crucifixion, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

4 Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. 5 John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Yes, we can with certainty trust the New Testament. But did we need a Saviour?. Did the Jews, Israel, the Congregation at that time need a Saviour? Yes, this was prophesised more than 300 times in the Old Testament.

And moreover, why do we need a Saviour?

It is a fact that there are many who think they are on the way to Heaven, but in fact they are walking the broadway to Hell.

We will not discuss the fact that you need to receive the gift of Grace, which is Salvation in Faith. That is up to you. God wants everybody to be saved. But He doesn't force anyone to go to Heaven. You have to accept this gift of Grace if you want to accept the Inheritance, which you automatically get when you become a Child, by being born again.

We will reason with those who say that they already believe in God. Nearly everyone in the whole world believes in God in one way or another. But are you born again?

You might even have prayed a "sinners prayer" (or a "prayer of salvation") once. Or you might even be baptised as an adult, on behalf of your confession. It also goes without saying that infant baptism is not baptism.

These are the real questions:

**ARE YOU BORN OF WATER?
ARE YOU BORN OF SPIRIT?
ARE YOU A NEW BEING?**

ARE YOU BORN AGAIN?

After all, these are the requirements to enter into the Kingdom of God, to be born into the family of God. This is what the Word of God, Jesus, tells us that is needed.

Jesus say:

Matthew 7:21

"Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.

John 4:14

But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

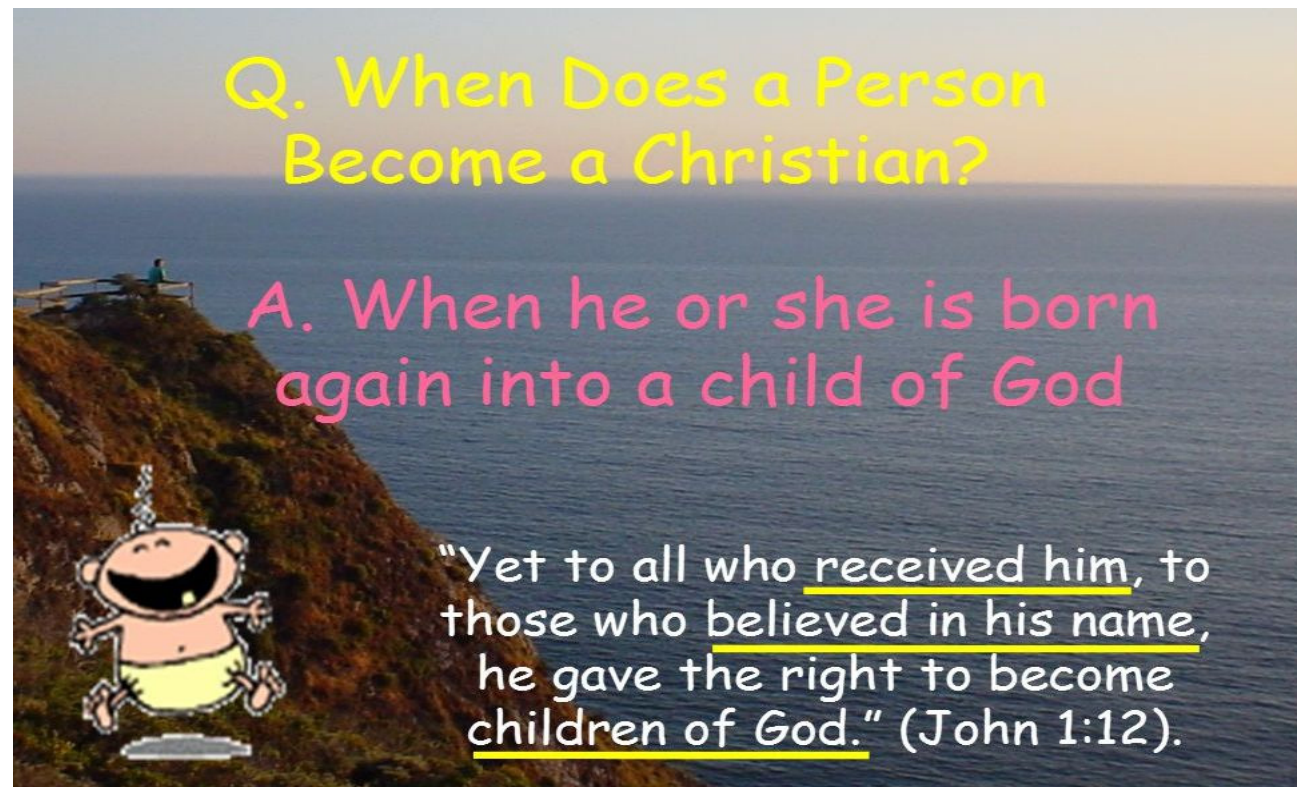
John 7:38

Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.

9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? 11 Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.[a] 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but[b] have eternal life. 16 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. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."



So what does it really mean to believe?

Romans 3:20-26

20 For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

21 But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. 22 We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. 24 Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. 25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, 26 for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he declares sinners to be right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.



1. Sin defiles us (Pollution of sin)
2. Sin enslaves us (Power of sin)
3. Sin destroys us (Penalty of sin)
4. Sin separates us (Partition of sin)

So we need a saviour. And someone had to die as a sacrifice for all our wrongdoing. It's simply a fact that we all sin. And it is simply a fact that God is Holy and without sin. So to be together with God we have to get to the same "level", as it were. Freedom from sin. Is that possible? Let's reason some more ...

THE DEATH OF JESUS (19:42)		
	Aspect of Jesus' Death	Old Testament Reference
The world viewed Jesus' death as a scandal and as foolishness (1 Cor. 1:18-25). The church understood His death as fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.	In obedience to His Father (18:11)	Psalm 40:8
	Announced by Himself (18:32; see 3:14)	Numbers 21:8, 9
	In the place of His people (18:14)	Isaiah 53:4-6
	With evildoers (19:18)	Isaiah 53:12
	In innocence (19:6)	Isaiah 53:9
	Crucified (19:18)	Psalm 22:16
	Buried in a rich man's tomb (19:38-42)	Isaiah 53:9

This is a copy from my study Bible. If you search the net you will find thousands of things like this.

So let's reason. Did Jesus really die? Because to concur death and to rise from the dead, He had to die first. The Bible and history are full of evidence of this. We will not start to list all prophesies and scriptures. We are convinced that the reader, if he wants the truth, will check if he is in any doubt.

Then we are coming close to the end of our reasoning. Did Jesus concur death, rise again and therefore is alive and can save today?

What do you think? Do you need proof? Well, there is proof. He showed Himself to over six hundred people after He had risen. He showed Himself to Paul on the way to Damascus. It is just a fact that Saul, the killer of Christians, who tortured Christians to get them to deny Christ, was totally changed over a couple of days into Paul who died for Christ as a Witness; a martyr. He could never deny what He knew and had seen.

For me there is a clear proof that Jesus is the Son of God. And of course as the Son of God, He can not lie. So when He said, "I can give my life and I can take it back" He is speaking the Truth. When Jesus walked this earth, He was definitely not a mad man. The history books and the Bible tell us that.

The proof is that when He was arrested and was brought in front of the High Priest He was asked: Are you the Son of God?"

He knew perfectly well that if He answered "yes", He will be sentenced to torture and crucifixion, the most horrible, painful death, because of blasphemy. Normally it took 3 days to die on the cross.

On the other hand, if He answered "no" He will be set free. Only a mad man will answer "yes" to that question IF it is NOT true. Actually any "normal" man will answer NO, no matter what because of the consequences of saying YES. But it is true and He could, as the Son of God, speak only the truth, since He is the Truth, the Way and the Life.

These are historical facts. BUT, there is a big "but" here. The Gift of Grace, Salvation, have to be received in Faith! Therefore we will not reason any more about that everybody need a saviour and the only Saviour there ever going to be is Jesus Christ. We will preach you the Gospel.

John 3:16-18

16 "For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

18 "There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son.

Let's read the whole story from John 3:1-21 (NKJV) - (The New Birth)

3 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

(Bold is added)