ABOUT THIS GIFT YOU JUST RECEIVED

Though we do not know you, and though we may never meet, we hope that you are blessed by this gift, that your physical needs would be met. However, the Lord God, the creator of all mankind, has told us that we should not only seek to be clothed and fed, but that we should learn His teachings.

And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That <u>man shall</u> not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. -Luke 4:4

Though this gift may be fulfilling to your needs right now, there is a greater need that all men have, no matter how wealthy or poor they are, and that need is only found in God's Word. (i.e. The Bible)

He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. -1 John 5:12

The Bible teaches us that all men will have to give an account for everything they have said thought or done (Matthew 12:36), and that without the Son of God, Jesus Christ, you will eventually face a courtroom where God will be the Judge, and He will sentence you to hell for your sin.

As it is written, <u>There is none righteous</u>, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; <u>there is none</u>

that doeth good, no, not one. -Romans 3:10-12

Perhaps you have suffered many things in your life, but it does not justify your sin. Every man and woman, from the highest wealthy ruler of a country, to the lowest poor peasant without a home, will have to face the Judgment Seat of God and give an account for their crimes against His Word. The Christian God of the Bible is no respecter of persons, meaning that He judges all men the same way.

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. -Proverbs 14:12

Have you ever told a lie? That means you are a liar and have sinned against God.

Have you stolen something? That means you are a thief and have sinned against God.

Had sex outside of marriage? That means you are a fornicator and have sinned against God.

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these;

Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry,

witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife,

seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness,

revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I

have also told you in time past, that they which do such things

shall not inherit the kingdom of God. -Galatians 5:19-21

These are only a few of the laws of God, and if you have broken any of these laws, you are guilty, and when you die, you will be judged in His courtroom, and you will be sentenced to hell and the lake of fire. If you don't want to face that punishment, flip this page over and keep reading...

And as <u>it is appointed unto men once to die</u>, <u>but after this the judgment</u>: -Hebrews 9:27

The Living God is merciful, and He has made a way to avoid the eternal (i.e. never-ending) punishment of hell, and to have your sin (i.e. your cimes against God) pardoned, but He only gives it those who have been humbled to repentance. Repentance is sorrow for the wrongs you have done, just as a child who has done wrong against his/her parents comes in tears of grief, so we need to approach the Living God in tears of grief of our sins, that we have offended Him. If you cry out to the Lord God, that He will hear and answer, and will give you a heart of repentance.

I tell you, Nay: but, <u>except ye repent, ye</u> <u>shall all likewise perish</u>. -Luke 13:3

God's way to save those who have come to repentance is that He sent His own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ in the form of a man to shed His own blood for your sake. The Bible teaches us that in order to pardon sin, blood must be shed (Hebrews 9:22), and because of God's great mercy, He did this on your behalf. He sacrificed Himself to save you. There is no remission (i.e. forgiveness) of sin without the shedding of blood, which Christ has already paid that price for those who believe.

Who hath <u>delivered us from the power of darkness</u>, and hath <u>translated us</u> <u>into the kingdom of his dear Son</u>: In whom <u>we have redemption through</u> <u>his blood, even the forgiveness of sins</u>: -Colossians 1:14-15

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, for your salvation. There are no magic words to say, and there are no special works you can do to earn your way to heaven; with repentance, you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and He saves you by His grace.

For <u>God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten</u>
<u>Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,</u>
<u>but have everlasting life</u>. -John 3:16

Grace is much like the gift you just received; it is something that you did not earn or deserve, but you received it freely out of kindness, and if you cry out to God in grief and sorrow of your sins, and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, He has promised to save you and give you the gift of eternal life and the Kingdom of Heaven for your eternal peace and comfort.

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. -2 Corinthians 7:10

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. -Ephesians 2:8-9

Once you repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, you become "born again," (John 3:7) which means you have been born in spirit as a child of God, and have had your sins cleansed by the blood sacrifice of Christ on the cross. That means you should walk as a child of God by turning from your sin and teaching others this same doctrine. (Matthew 28:18-20) Get a King James Bible if you are able, open to the book called "Matthew" and read about Jesus. Learn how Christ taught people the truth, was humble and kind, and that even He, being God in the flesh, was homeless on this earth.