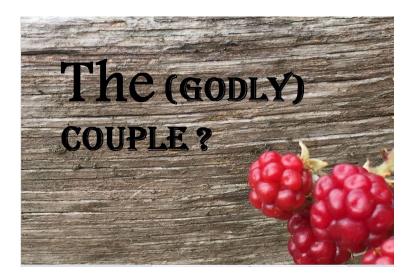
# The (Godly) Couple? By: Salome Littleworld - First Book Published!!

On Friday 4th Jan 2019, I was thinking of what to do something interesting and it was just impressed on my heart to write something. Note that - I am not an author as such. I do have my personal blog and I sometimes answer in Quora - That's my writing background. Morning 3 hours I just scribbled something in Microsoft word. It turned out be a sarcastic story even though I didn't plan in advance. Proof read in the night. I self published it the next day - 5th Jan 2019. Remember all this is completely new to me!!! All glory be to God alone!!

And I get the email my book is published in Kobo!! Proof - The (Godly) Couple? ebook by Salome Littleworld - Rakuten Kobo

This is what the book basically is

The (Godly) Couple? is a sarcastic fiction based on the emails sent between Aunt Jezebel (Senior Mentor in the Kingdom of Darkness) and her Niece. Aunt Jezebel is eyeing a promotion and is desperately mentoring her niece to drag the so-called-Godly couple to the Kingdom of Darkness. Niece raises her hopes and will Aunt Jezebel be promoted? What happens to the so-called-Godly couple? A sarcastic fiction, which would provide you with spiritual lessons and a light funny read!



I am still wondering that I published a book for the 1st time in my life.

Did I set a personal goal? NO

Did I attend any writing class? NO

Did I plan in advance? NO

Will anyone buy this Book? I don't know and I am not worried about it. I leave it to God.

Did I enjoy writing it? YES

I am surprised how God can take and use a weak vessel!

Lord God Almighty I can just wonder and be silent at how much you love and care for a child of God.

What is man that you think about us, God?

I worship you God for you alone are worthy!

This book is dedicated to the Blessed Trinity - God the Father, Jesus the son and God The Holy Spirit!

Book link - https://www.books2read.com/u/3R1qWj

# Is it a sin to ask God to kill me? I dislike life.

God gave you your life and He has a purpose for every child He created. He gave you life and He alone has the right to take it from you. There can be times of difficulty and you can honestly say your feelings to God. He understands.

In the Bible, Elijah faced the same.

19 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all

the prophets with the sword.

- 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time.
- 3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.
- 4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.
- 5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, **Arise and eat.**
- 6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.
- 7 And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.
- 8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.
- 9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?
- 10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.
- 11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lordwas not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lordwas not in the earthquake:
- 12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the

fire a still small voice.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and **for thy pleasure they are and were created.** - Revelation 4:11

One of the purpose as a child of God would be to know God and His love towards us.

God has a plan for each of us which is before ordained by God Himself.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **unto good works, which God hath before ordained** that we should walk in them. - Ephesians 2:10

For **it is God w**hich worketh in you **both to will and to do** of his good pleasure.

- Philippians 2:13

God has a purpose for each of us. He will direct you through different circumstances in life if you do desire to fulfill God's purpose in life. God doesn't make mistakes. He changed the crucifixion of Jesus to the salvation of mankind. We can trust God.

God loves us, he is our creator and our Father. - Its a fact and it doesn't change on whether we feel or not.

and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. - John 17:23

And we know that **all things** work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. – Romans 8:28

From Streams in the desert devotional

I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content (Philippians 4:11).

Paul, denied of every comfort, wrote the above words in his dungeon.

A story is told of a king who went into his garden one morning, and found everything withered and dying. He asked the oak that stood near the gate what the trouble was. He found it was sick of life and determined to die because it was

not tall and beautiful like the pine. The pine was all out of heart because it could not bear grapes, like the vine. The vine was going to throw its life away because it could not stand erect and have as fine fruit as the peach tree. The geranium was fretting because it was not tall and fragrant like the lilac.

And so on all through the garden. Coming to a heart's-ease, he found its bright face lifted as cheery as ever. "Well, heart's-ease, I'm glad, amidst all this discouragement, to find one brave little flower. You do not seem to be the least disheartened." "No, I am not of much account, but I thought that if you wanted an oak, or a pine, or a peach tree, or a lilac, you would have planted one; but as I knew you wanted a heart's-ease, I am determined to be the best little heart's-ease that I can."

Others may do a greater work,
But you have your part to do;
And no one in all God's heritage
Can do it so well as you.

They who are God's without reserve, are in every state content; for they will only what He wills, and desire to do for Him whatever He desires them to do; they strip themselves of everything, and in this nakedness find all things restored an hundredfold.

### Psalm 139

139 O lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

- 2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.
- 3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.
- 5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

- 7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
- 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.
- 11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.
- 12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.
- 13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
- 14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.
- 15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
- 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.
- 17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!
- 18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

### How can I come to God?

First of all, we can't come to God directly. Just think about the head of our country. Can we just go and meet them? We can meet them if we have an invitation. God is the supreme most power and the highest in authority in the whole universe. We can come to God only in His own terms, not ours.

God reveals of Himself as - of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not

### look on iniquity - Habakkuk 1:13

No one with iniquity or sin can come to His presence. We can come to God after being cleansed from our sins. We cannot cleanse ourselves from our sins.

God sent His ONLY begotten son Jesus Christ into this world so that ANYONE who believes in Him should not perish, but should receive everlasting life. If ANYONE believes in JESUS and repents of their own sins and asks JESUS to forgive their sins; He being God himself, has the power to forgive sins. Only the true God can forgive the sins of mankind. Jesus being God who came to earth in the form of human alone has the power to forgive our sins.

Be truthful to yourself and do repent of your sins. Pray to Jesus. He knows our heart.

He has promised in His word - in the Holy bible. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

For it is not possible that the blood of goats and bulls should take away sins.

Without shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin. In JESUS alone, we have redemption from our sins through His blood shed on the cross, and the forgiveness of sins and complete freedom from sin's bondage on us.

With repentance tell all your sins to Jesus. Jesus understands all your needs. He will forgive and all your sins will be cleansed. You will receive eternal life and you can be assured that you are in the right way to heaven.

JESUS - the meaning of the name is - the one who saves the people from their sins.

The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. - 1 John 1:7-9

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons

### of God, even to them that believe on his name - John 1:12

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, **Abba**, **Father**.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God - Romans 8:15,16

When your sins are cleansed, you become a child of God and then you can come to God, our Heavenly Father.

If you are sincere to know if there is a real God, pray if there is a true real God to reveal Himself to you. God Himself has promised – Jeremiah 29:13

13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

If interested, read the Bible with an open mind praying to the true God to reveal Himself to you. You can start with the new testament, Gospel of MARK and then Gospel of John and then the other books of the New Testament.

Let the true God, if it be Jesus or Allah or any other God, let the true God reveal Himself to you!

I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: **for if ye believe not that**I am he, ye shall die in your sins. – John 8:24

**Neither is there salvation in any other**: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. - Acts 4:12

In my case, I realised Jesus is really God and He is whom He says to be.

### What is the absolute best method

## to give us eternal life so far?

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. - John 17:3

Heaven and Hell exist.

To avoid hell and to go to heaven, Repenting of one's sins and believing in Jesus as Saviour is the condition as mentioned in the Bible.

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

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and **he that believeth not the Son shall not see life**; but the wrath of God abideth on him. – John 3:36

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

The parable of Lazarus and the rich man is meant to teach us that **there is a life** after death.

If we still remain in our sins, we will be separated from God for ever. Would we be like the rich man who was described as

... also died, and was buried;

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments ...

In the Bible its mentioned

Luke 16:19-31

19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

- 22 And it came to pass, that **the beggar died**, **and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom**: **the rich man also died**, **and was buried**;
- 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
- 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.
- 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.
- 26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.
- 27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:
- 28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.
- 29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.
- 30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.
- 31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

# For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? - Mark 8:36

### This is what God says.

When a baby is born, there is a date set for the soul to be returned to the giver of the life. It's a fact that all of us would die one day. That doesn't change if you are rich or poor. It's a law which is true for all human beings. So what happens after death? Should we think about what happens after death? Shouldn't we just focus on the current life? We as humans tend to think forward. That's the reason why we try to earn more money to make future secure. We think in advance and ensure that we have health insurance so that an emergency is taken care of. So we do think in advance..

What about our soul? What when our breath stops? We leave all the money, position, family and everything which we accumulated in this life span. It's a FACT that we came into this world empty handed and would leave this world empty handed. Our soul returns to the God Almighty.

Everything we did in this short life on earth we would need to give an account for. Can we live our lives just as the way we desire and not reap the consequences? As we sow, so shall we reap.

The parable of Lazarus and the rich man is meant to teach us that there is a life after death.

If we still remain in our sins, we will be separated from God for ever. Would we be like the rich man who was described as

### ... also died, and was buried;

### And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments ...

Be concerned about your soul also. Because it's a matter of eternity. We take care of our bodies by having good nutritious food and exercise. But finally the body will return to dust at our death. **Make sure your soul is not lost**. There is no point in regretting after death as we can live only one life on earth and there is no coming back.

#### How can I come to God?

First of all, we can't come to God directly. Just think about the head of our country. Can we just go and meet them? We can meet them if we have an invitation. God is the supreme most power and the highest in authority in the whole universe. We can come to God only in His own terms, not ours.

God reveals of Himself as - of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity - Habakkuk 1:13

No one with iniquity or sin can come to His presence. We can come to God after being cleansed from our sins. We cannot cleanse ourselves from our sins.

God sent His ONLY begotten son Jesus Christ into this world so that ANYONE who believes in Him should not perish, but should receive everlasting life. If ANYONE believes in JESUS and repents of their own sins and asks JESUS to forgive their sins; He being God himself, has the power to forgive sins. Only the true God can forgive the sins of mankind. Jesus being God who came to earth in the form of human alone has the power to forgive our sins.

Be truthful to yourself and do repent of your sins. Pray to Jesus. He knows our heart.

He has promised in His word - in the Holy bible. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

For it is not possible that the blood of goats and bulls should take away sins.

Without shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin. In JESUS alone, we have redemption from our sins through His blood shed on the cross, and the forgiveness of sins and complete freedom from sin's bondage on us.

With repentance tell all your sins to Jesus. Jesus understands all your needs. He will forgive and all your sins will be cleansed. You will receive eternal life and you can be assured that you are in the right way to heaven.

JESUS - the meaning of the name is - the one who saves the people from their sins.

The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. - 1 John 1:7-9

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name - John 1:12

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, **Abba**, **Father**.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God - Romans 8:15,16

When your sins are cleansed, you become a child of God and then you can come to God, our Heavenly Father.

If you are sincere to know if there is a real God, pray if there is a true real God to reveal Himself to you. God Himself has promised – Jeremiah 29:13

13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

If interested, read the Bible with an open mind praying to the true God to reveal Himself to you. You can start with the new testament, Gospel of MARK and then Gospel of John and then the other books of the New Testament.

Let the true God, if it be Jesus or Allah or any other God, let the true God reveal Himself to you!

I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: **for if ye believe not that**I am he, ye shall die in your sins. – John 8:24

**Neither is there salvation in any other**: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. - Acts 4:12

In my case, I realised Jesus is really God and He is whom He says to be.

## What's the point of life?

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and **for thy pleasure they are and were created.** - Revelation 4:11

One of the purpose as a child of God would be to know God and His love towards us.

God has a plan for each of us which is before ordained by God Himself.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **unto good works, which God hath before ordained** that we should walk in them. - Ephesians 2:10

For **it is God** which worketh in you **both to will and to do** of his good pleasure. - Philippians 2:13

God has a purpose for each of us. He will direct you through different circumstances in life if you do desire to fulfill God's purpose in life. God doesn't make mistakes. He changed the crucifixion of Jesus to the salvation of mankind. We can trust God.

God loves us, he is our creator and our Father. - Its a fact and it doesn't change on whether we feel or not.

and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. - John 17:23

And we know that **all things** work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. - Romans 8:28

From Streams in the desert devotional

I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content (Philippians 4:11).

Paul, denied of every comfort, wrote the above words in his dungeon.

A story is told of a king who went into his garden one morning, and found everything withered and dying. He asked the oak that stood near the gate what the trouble was. He found it was sick of life and determined to die because it was not tall and beautiful like the pine. The pine was all out of heart because it could not bear grapes, like the vine. The vine was going to throw its life away because it could not stand erect and have as fine fruit as the peach tree. The geranium was fretting because it was not tall and fragrant like the lilac.

And so on all through the garden. Coming to a heart's-ease, he found its bright

face lifted as cheery as ever. "Well, heart's-ease, I'm glad, amidst all this discouragement, to find one brave little flower. You do not seem to be the least disheartened." "No, I am not of much account, but I thought that if you wanted an oak, or a pine, or a peach tree, or a lilac, you would have planted one; but as I knew you wanted a heart's-ease, I am determined to be the best little heart's-ease that I can."

Others may do a greater work,
But you have your part to do;
And no one in all God's heritage
Can do it so well as you.

They who are God's without reserve, are in every state content; for they will only what He wills, and desire to do for Him whatever He desires them to do; they strip themselves of everything, and in this nakedness find all things restored an hundredfold.

### Psalm 139

- 139 O lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.
- 2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.
- 3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.
- 5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.
- 7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
- 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

- 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.
- 11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.
- 12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.
- 13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
- 14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.
- 15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
- 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.
- 17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!
- 18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

### Have money, position, power, good family.. what about the soul?

Most of us have something which we always think/ care about the most. For most, it can be money. The love for money is deep embedded within most of us. For some, it can be a high position or power. If there was no love for power or money, many of the wars wouldn't have occurred. For some it can be their own family which is the priority for them. Love you family, that's good. But is that all to it?

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

The parable of Lazarus and the rich man is meant to teach us that **there is a life after death.** 

If we still remain in our sins, we will be separated from God for ever. Would we be

like the rich man who was described as

### ... also died, and was buried;

### And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments ...

In the Bible its mentioned

Luke 16:19-31

- 19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:
- 20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,
- 21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.
- 22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;
- 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
- 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.
- 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.
- 26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.
- 27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:
- 28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come

into this place of torment.

29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

## For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? - Mark 8:36

### This is what God says.

When a baby is born, there is a date set for the soul to be returned to the giver of the life. It's a fact that all of us would die one day. That doesn't change if you are rich or poor. It's a law which is true for all human beings. So what happens after death? Should we think about what happens after death? Shouldn't we just focus on the current life? We as humans tend to think forward. That's the reason why we try to earn more money to make future secure. We think in advance and ensure that we have health insurance so that an emergency is taken care of. So we do think in advance..

What about our soul? What when our breath stops? We leave all the money, position, family and everything which we accumulated in this life span. It's a FACT that we came into this world empty handed and would leave this world empty handed. Our soul returns to the God Almighty.

Everything we did in this short life on earth we would need to give an account for. Can we live our lives just as the way we desire and not reap the consequences? As we sow, so shall we reap.

The parable of Lazarus and the rich man is meant to teach us that there is a life after death.

If we still remain in our sins, we will be separated from God for ever. Would we be like the rich man who was described as

### ... also died, and was buried;

### And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments ...

Be concerned about your soul also. Because it's a matter of eternity. We take care of our bodies by having good nutritious food and exercise. But finally the body will return to dust at our death. **Make sure your soul is not lost**. There is no point in regretting after death as we can live only one life on earth and there is no coming back.

#### How can I come to God?

First of all, we can't come to God directly. Just think about the head of our country. Can we just go and meet them? We can meet them if we have an invitation. God is the supreme most power and the highest in authority in the whole universe. We can come to God only in His own terms, not ours.

God reveals of Himself as - of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity - Habakkuk 1:13

No one with iniquity or sin can come to His presence. We can come to God after being cleansed from our sins. We cannot cleanse ourselves from our sins.

God sent His ONLY begotten son Jesus Christ into this world so that ANYONE who believes in Him should not perish, but should receive everlasting life. If ANYONE believes in JESUS and repents of their own sins and asks JESUS to forgive their sins; He being God himself, has the power to forgive sins. Only the true God can forgive the sins of mankind. Jesus being God who came to earth in the form of human alone has the power to forgive our sins.

Be truthful to yourself and do repent of your sins. Pray to Jesus. He knows our heart.

He has promised in His word - in the Holy bible. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

For it is not possible that the blood of goats and bulls should take away sins.

Without shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin. In JESUS alone, we have

redemption from our sins through His blood shed on the cross, and the forgiveness of sins and complete freedom from sin's bondage on us.

With repentance tell all your sins to Jesus. Jesus understands all your needs. He will forgive and all your sins will be cleansed. You will receive eternal life and you can be assured that you are in the right way to heaven.

JESUS - the meaning of the name is - the one who saves the people from their sins.

The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. - 1 John 1:7-9

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name - John 1:12

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, **Abba**, **Father**.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of  ${\it God}$  - Romans  $8{:}15{,}16$ 

When your sins are cleansed, you become a child of God and then you can come to God, our Heavenly Father.

If you are sincere to know if there is a real God, pray if there is a true real God to reveal Himself to you. God Himself has promised – Jeremiah 29:13

13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

If interested, read the Bible with an open mind praying to the true God to reveal Himself to you. You can start with the new testament, Gospel of MARK and then Gospel of John and then the other books of the New Testament.

Let the true God, if it be Jesus or Allah or any other God, let the true God

### reveal Himself to you!

I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: **for if ye believe not that**I am he, ye shall die in your sins. – John 8:24

**Neither is there salvation in any other**: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. - Acts 4:12

In my case, I realised Jesus is really God and He is whom He says to be.

To avoid hell and to go to heaven, Repenting of one's sins and believing in Jesus as Saviour is the condition as mentioned in the Bible.

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

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and **he that believeth not the Son shall not see life**; but the wrath of God abideth on him. – John 3:36

# How do I improve my self confidence and what I think of myself?

View yourself from God's viewpoint and that will definitely help

God has created you with a purpose. Let Him fulfill that purpose through you and realise the fact that you are precious to God and its a fact. Don't look at feelings, but trust the fact that God loves you more than you think.

From Streams in the desert devotional

I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content (Philippians 4:11).

Paul, denied of every comfort, wrote the above words in his dungeon.

A story is told of a king who went into his garden one morning, and found everything withered and dying. He asked the oak that stood near the gate what the trouble was. He found it was sick of life and determined to die because it was not tall and beautiful like the pine. The pine was all out of heart because it could not bear grapes, like the vine. The vine was going to throw its life away because it could not stand erect and have as fine fruit as the peach tree. The geranium was fretting because it was not tall and fragrant like the lilac.

And so on all through the garden. Coming to a heart's-ease, he found its bright face lifted as cheery as ever. "Well, heart's-ease, I'm glad, amidst all this discouragement, to find one brave little flower. You do not seem to be the least disheartened." "No, I am not of much account, but I thought that if you wanted an oak, or a pine, or a peach tree, or a lilac, you would have planted one; but as I knew you wanted a heart's-ease, I am determined to be the best little heart's-ease that I can."

Others may do a greater work,
But you have your part to do;
And no one in all God's heritage
Can do it so well as you.

They who are God's without reserve, are in every state content; for they will only what He wills, and desire to do for Him whatever He desires them to do; they strip themselves of everything, and in this nakedness find all things restored an hundredfold.

Am I beautiful? Am I looking presentable and attractive today?

These are questions most of us think almost every day. As a matter of fact, **Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.** 

### Have we ever thought whether we are beautiful in the eyes of God?

God says - The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the **Lord looketh on the heart**. Our beauty is something which fades as years pass by. It's a fact that as we age, our physical beauty diminishes.

God doesn't evaluate as humans perceive what is beautiful. God looks at the

heart.

It's God who gave us a form when we were conceived in the mother's womb.

Psalm 139

- 13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
- 14 I will praise thee; for **I am fearfully and wonderfully made**: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.
- 15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
- 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.
- 17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

All our physical characteristics were designed by God and we are wonderfully made in our mother's womb. So our physical form is God given and was shaped while we were in our mother's womb.

### What God perceives as beauty is the purity of our heart.

Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Proverbs 31:30

As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion. Proverbs 11:22

In the sight of God, there is none righteous. No not one.

- **10** As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:
- 11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.
- **12** They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

- 9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin? Proverbs 20:9
- ..For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,
- 22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:
- 23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man. Mark 7:21-23

Without shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin. In JESUS alone, we have redemption from our sins through His blood shed on the cross, and the forgiveness of sins and complete freedom from sin's bondage on us.

- .. The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
- 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:7-9

Be truthful and do repent of your sins. Pray to Jesus. He knows our heart.

He has promised in His word - in the Holy bible. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Cleanse your heart from your sins by the blood of Jesus. That's the only means by which we can be beautiful and acceptable in God's eyes.

God has a purpose for each of us. He will direct you through different circumstances in life if you do desire to fulfill God's purpose in life. God doesn't make mistakes. He changed the crucifixion of Jesus to the salvation of mankind. We can trust God.

God loves us, he is our creator and our Father. - Its a fact and it doesn't change on whether we feel or not.

and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as

### thou hast loved me. - John 17:23

And we know that **all things** work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. - Romans 8:28

### How can I come to God?

First of all, we can't come to God directly. Just think about the head of our country. Can we just go and meet them? We can meet them if we have an invitation. God is the supreme most power and the highest in authority in the whole universe. We can come to God only in His own terms, not ours.

God reveals of Himself as - of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity - Habakkuk 1:13

No one with iniquity or sin can come to His presence. We can come to God after being cleansed from our sins. We cannot cleanse ourselves from our sins.

God sent His ONLY begotten son Jesus Christ into this world so that ANYONE who believes in Him should not perish, but should receive everlasting life. If ANYONE believes in JESUS and repents of their own sins and asks JESUS to forgive their sins; He being God himself, has the power to forgive sins. Only the true God can forgive the sins of mankind. Jesus being God who came to earth in the form of human alone has the power to forgive our sins.

Be truthful to yourself and do repent of your sins. Pray to Jesus. He knows our heart.

He has promised in His word - in the Holy bible. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

For it is not possible that the blood of goats and bulls should take away sins.

Without shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin. In JESUS alone, we have redemption from our sins through His blood shed on the cross, and the forgiveness of sins and complete freedom from sin's bondage on us.

With repentance tell all your sins to Jesus. Jesus understands all your needs. He will forgive and all your sins will be cleansed. You will **receive eternal life and** 

you can be assured that you are in the right way to heaven.

JESUS - the meaning of the name is - the one who saves the people from their sins.

The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. - 1 John 1:7-9

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name - John 1:12

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, **Abba**, **Father**.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God - Romans 8:15,16

When your sins are cleansed, you become a child of God and then you can come to God, our Heavenly Father.

If you are sincere to know if there is a real God, pray if there is a true real God to reveal Himself to you. God Himself has promised – Jeremiah 29:13

13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

If interested, read the Bible with an open mind praying to the true God to reveal Himself to you. You can start with the new testament, Gospel of MARK and then Gospel of John and then the other books of the New Testament.

Let the true God, if it be Jesus or Allah or any other God, let the true God reveal Himself to you!

I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: **for if ye believe not that**I am he, ye shall die in your sins. – John 8:24

**Neither is there salvation in any other**: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. - Acts 4:12

In my case, I realised Jesus is really God and He is whom He says to be.

# Why does God allow sufferings or trials?

TRIALS ARE MEANT TO MAKE YOU STRONG. By this trial you might find the true God , or if you are already in the right path, you might be more strong.

3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. - 2 Corinthians 1

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. - 1 Corinthians 10:13

For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, **not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake**; - Philippians 1:29

Philippians 2

- 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
- 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

- 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
- 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
- 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

If you are sincere to know if there is a real God, pray if there is a true real God to reveal Himself to you. God Himself has promised – **Jeremiah 29:13** 

# 13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

If interested, read the Bible with an open mind praying to the true God to reveal Himself to you. You can start with the new testament, Gospel of MARK and then Gospel of John and then the other books of the New Testament.

Let the true God, if it be Jesus or Allah or any other God, let the true God reveal Himself to you! In my case, I realised Jesus is really God and He is whom He says to be.

I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: **for if ye believe not that**I am he, ye shall die in your sins. - John 8:24

# What is the ultimate lifelong goal of a Christian?

What is the ultimate lifelong goal of a Christian? **To be more Christ like**. As long as we are in the world, we are the lights of the world. Reflect Christ in

your life. We will be exactly like Christ in His nature only when He shall appear.(1 John 3:2) No one can be more like Christ by their own will power, Holy Spirit of God will help us to be more like Christ as we obey Him in the areas which He gives light to us.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate **to be conformed to the image of his Son** -Romans 8:29

My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you - Galatians 4:19

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

- 2 Beloved, **now are we the sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, **when he shall appear**, **we shall be like him**; for we shall see him as he is.
- 3 And every man that hath this hope in him **purifieth himself**, even as he is pure. 1 John 3

Romans 8

There is therefore **now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus**, who walk not after the flesh, **but after the Spirit**.

- 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
- 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:
- 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
- 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life

### and peace.

- 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
- 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
- 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
- 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
- 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.
- 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.
- 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.
- 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Trying to walk the talk and **when he shall appear, we shall be like him.** (1 John 3:2)

## Depressed? Anxious? What to do?

### Depressed? Anxious? What to do?

It's a fact that most of us go through depression or anxiety at varying degrees at some point of our lives. Some are comfortable talking about this to their loved ones. Some keep it to themselves for fear of being judged or misunderstood. Anxiety and depression is much more prevalent in society than we think. Just by speaking about it to someone you think will understand you,

will help you to go through the situation. If you find it difficult to share it with your family members or friends, do take help by consulting a professional counsellor. Professional counsellors are trained to correctly judge the situation and would be able to help you. Also consult a doctor who might prescribe anti depressants, if it's right for you. Do seek medical help, that's the right thing to do.

Take a walk. It will help have a positive impact as well.

### Is it ok for Christians to have anxiety/depression?

Christians are also humans and I have come across many Christians who are spiritual and yet had to go through periods of depression from which they were unable to rescue themselves. Definitely, do find a professional Christian counsellor who will be able to help you recover from depression/anxiety. Also consult a doctor who might prescribe anti depressants, if it's right for you. Do seek medical help, that's the right thing to do.

Yes, its true that we are born again and have accepted Jesus Christ as our Saviour. But also bear in mind the fact that we are still on earth and not in heaven.

### Every Christian is in a spiritual warfare. Accept it or not, that's the fact.

### Ephesians 6

<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

### 2 Corinthians

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

<sup>5</sup> Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Know the fact that, all thoughts which come to our mind is not originated within us. Suddenly you get some thought and you feel condemned why this happened so? Just think for a moment did you think about it? Or was it suddenly flashed to your mind? If you haven't been deliberately think about it for some time, it's not from you. Know the schemes of the devil. Satan and his evil forces are powerful and they do have super natural powers. Satan tempts by injecting thoughts to minds also. Recognise this. If the thought is not yours, reject it (by refusing to think about it any more) and divert your attention to something good.

As long as you don't act on the wrong thought that came into your mind, its fine, forget it and move on. It's only a temptation and you have not yielded to that temptation and have not sinned. Satan tempted Jesus also. So don't think that he wont tempt us humans.

If you act on the wrong thoughts injected to your mind by the devil, that's when you have yielded to that temptation. The best option would be not to yield to the temptation.

But if you have yielded to the temptation, just raise up by confessing your sins to Jesus and He has promised to cleanse you from your sins and He will remember your sins no more.

### 1 John

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and

### to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Isaiah 44:22

<sup>22</sup> I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

Isaiah 43:25

<sup>25</sup> I, even I, am he **that blotteth out thy transgressions** for mine own sake, and **will not remember thy sins.** 

### Remember you have a Saviour who redeemed you.

<sup>14</sup> Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast our profession.

<sup>15</sup> For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

<sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

God has given us the Holy Spirit as our comforter. Pray to God to help you through this situation. Always remember the fact that, Satan is a defeated foe.

When Jesus was crucified, He defeated satan as mentioned in Colossians 2.

<sup>13</sup> And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

<sup>14</sup>Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

<sup>15</sup> And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.** - James 4:7

Submit all areas of your life to God. If there remains any area in your life unyielded to God, pray to God to help you to yield all areas of your life to God. God will help you.

### Avoid areas where you know you would be tempted.

<sup>3</sup> A prudent man **foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself:** but the simple pass on, and are punished.

### Romans 7 & 8

<sup>18</sup> For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: **for to** will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

- <sup>20</sup> Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.
- <sup>21</sup> I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

- <sup>23</sup> But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.
- <sup>24</sup>O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?
- <sup>25</sup> I thank God through **Jesus Christ our Lord.** So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.
- 8 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- <sup>2</sup> For the law of **the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free** from the law of sin and death.
- <sup>3</sup> For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:
- <sup>4</sup>That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- <sup>5</sup> For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
- <sup>6</sup> For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
- <sup>7</sup>Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
- <sup>8</sup> So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
- <sup>9</sup> But ye are not in the flesh, **but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.** Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
- $^{10}$  And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life

because of righteousness.

- <sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.
- <sup>12</sup>Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.
- <sup>13</sup> For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: **but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.**
- <sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
- <sup>15</sup> For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
- <sup>16</sup> The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
- <sup>17</sup> And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

### John 14

- <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.
- <sup>26</sup> But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
- <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. **Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

Also Definitely, do find a professional Christian counsellor who will be

able to help you recover from depression/ anxiety. Also consult a doctor who might prescribe anti depressants, if it's right for you. Do seek medical help, that's the right thing to do. And pray to God to help you through this situation. If you are comfortable, discuss this with someone in your Church.

# Will God judge the world?

### Will God judge the world?

There is much injustice happening around us. People driven by love for money, power, position oppresses the weaker ones. Many suffer in silence or are helpless against all these oppressive forces. Many people are victims of abusive relationships also. Many for the sake of maintaining their status in society puts on a happy face pretending everything is ok, even though things are not ok. Spouses cheat on their partners. Faithfulness in relationships, mutual respect and love, obedience of children to parents and elders all seem to be deteriorating. Human Beings have the amazing power to adapt to any situation. So many adjust as the situation demands and tend not to think much.. But for all this injustice will there be a judgment? Or will it all end with death? Doesn't our conscience revolt when we see injustice? We may not be powerful, but still the sense that justice should be provided, a sympathetic feeling when you see someone being exploited, isn't there a sense deep within us that injustice and violence should be stopped and justice served? It's our conscience within us making us sensitive when we hear about stories of modern day slavery,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Be careful for nothing; **but in every thing** by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving **let your requests be made known unto God.** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>Casting all your care upon him; **for he careth for you**. - 1 Peter 5:7

exploitation, oppression around the world. There will be a righteous judgment.

- <sup>27</sup> And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:
- <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.
- <sup>10</sup> But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.
- <sup>11</sup> For it is written, **As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.**
- <sup>12</sup> So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

In Revelation 19, 20

- 19 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:
- <sup>2</sup> For **true and righteous are his judgments**: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.
- <sup>3</sup> And again they said, Alleluia And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.
- <sup>4</sup> And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.
- <sup>5</sup> And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.
- <sup>6</sup> And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
- 20 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a

great chain in his hand.

- <sup>2</sup> And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,
- <sup>3</sup> And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.
- <sup>4</sup> And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
- <sup>5</sup> But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.
- <sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.
- <sup>7</sup> And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,
- <sup>8</sup> And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.
- <sup>9</sup> And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.
- $^{10}$  And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.
- <sup>11</sup> And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.
- <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and **the dead were judged out of**

#### those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

<sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and **they were judged every man according to their works.** 

# How did I come to know God?

#### How did I come to know God?

I was living my life care free. I was brought up in a not too strict religious family. I used to pray to God for my needs. All of us have needs right! Getting good grades in exams, getting a good job and the list just goes on as the time passes by. I was familiar with simple good moral values like don't lie, don't steal, don't cheat etc etc. Once I started earning, I used to help poor people. So in my sight I was a pretty good human being – not harming others, helping out others, praying to God.

I used to wonder what this life is all about. Getting up, cooking and eating food, taking care of your family, job, exercise, relaxation, .. the day is done. Most of us have the same routine which gets interrupted by some holidays or vacations. But the fact remains days are passing by.

# Is there anything more to life than this?

I guess even though we have sufficient money, good family, still there remains a question – what's the purpose for which I am born? I think this would give a direction in life once we have the answer. I was living my life pretty content. I used to think about God as the one to whom I can bring my prayers. But is that

 $<sup>^{14}</sup>$  And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

whom God is - a mere hearer to our prayers?

### Is there really a God? really??

Is there really a God? really?? I think at some point of time, we all come across this question personally. For some of us the answer is yes, for some no. Its a personal choice which can have some influence by our upbringing as well. Personally I think there should be a creator. Recently i was trying to grow some seeds. I find it requires constant care to get the seeds/sapling growing. Too much of sunshine a day just resulted in some saplings getting wilted and finally died. I have seen some plants dying because of over watering also. basically just sufficient sunlight, just enough water would help the plant grow strong. I think this applies similarly to every life form.

If there is no God, I can't see much purpose to life. As I mentioned in the previous post just living each day, doing whatever the day requires, days passing by, getting old and then just one day pass away?? Is that all to it? if we are a robot, or a machine, or a laptop that makes some sense. Even machines are made with a purpose, it does its purpose and then wears out after some time and reaches a state where is no longer usable. Even a machine has a purpose and it has a maker. What about people like us? No purpose, no maker?? are we inferior to machines?? NO!! We are created beings, we have a maker, and our creator created us with a purpose. If alone many of us who are troubled by many things in life realised this, how it could change our lives for the better. A day came, I realised it personally. I have a creator who created me with a purpose, whom I used to address as God. But then why did God create mankind? why did God create me? What's my purpose for which I am created???...

# God, why did you create me then?

Even a laptop has a purpose for which its manufactured. God, why did you create me then? What's your purpose for me??...

When a child is born, the parents rejoice. When I see a seed germinating, it brings much joy to me. a new leaf, a bud, a flower – just brings such a pure joy. Oh seed, when I had sown you and cared for you and waiting for you to germinate and grow, i never thought you would bring such joy to me. I knew you would be a good addition to my garden, but the pleasure your each phase in growth gives me is much beyond what I expected. I think I am right in saying that its a pleasure for

parents to take care of their children and see them grow. When children show their affection, how much the parents rejoice!

I personally realised – God created us for His pleasure. It's His pleasure to take care of us, when we return the love to Him, He rejoices. Oh God, I didn't know this earlier. For me you were only one that I can come to with my prayers and I hoped that you would answer my prayers. You love me?? That thought is too wonderful to me. My birth was a pleasure to you? Really? You are interested in my day to day life – really? God, You care for me – really?

#### God, You care for me - really?

But God why would you care for me? I really never bothered about you? I think of you when I wanted something in my life. Why would you care for me then? Why would you love me when I never really bothered about you?

I personally realised God is love and its His characteristic to love. How much ever bad a child is, still His mother would love him. If human love cares for a bad son, how much more pure and high would God's love be? So God more than being my creator, you also love me? I never thought so. I have only seen love in family or friendship. I don't love people who don't bother about me. God, that you love me even when i didn't bothered about you is too wonderful a love for me to understand. I have to admit that, but as the years pass by I have realised increasingly that God you really are love and your love towards mere human beings is really beyond all description. Its such a high love beyond description.

But God, then how can I know for sure that you really love me, a human?

# But God, then how can I know for sure that you really love me, a human?

As I mentioned before, I was brought up in a religious family. I believed in God, as the one to whom I can pray. I never thought there can be a God who is interested in my matters. really – if someone said that to me some years before, it would have been unbelievable. God loving me is beyond a question. In my childhood, I had never heard a statement like this – that God loved me.When I heard it also, I don't think it had an impact on me. My family loves me, ok now God also loves me. A good to know statement. As I said earlier, I considered myself a good human. Helping poor, giving money for God, no lying or cheating, so I am in the good list. One day came in my life when I heard that we all are sinners. Really!!

not for me. I am good. I do good things. The statement which I heard was that – We all are sinners, Christ came to this world to save sinners. I remember in my childhood, I saw the christian God Jesus hanging on a cross. I wondered why this Christian God was hanging on a cross? But then never gave much thought to it. Its the Christian's God. I have my own God.

When someone says that everyone is a sinner, I couldn't just get it. As much as I know I do good things, so how in the world can I be a sinner? In my eyes, I am good. I never thought from God's viewpoint. Everyone have some silly habits like being jealous of others, making fun of others faults, saying small lies, but not big lies. When I say that I was a good person in my viewpoint, I didn't consider small things like this. Everyone does it right, but I am upright in serious matters.

I heard Jesus is God and came into the world to save sinners. The meaning of the name Jesus is - the one who saves His people from their sins.

I heard this and thought good Jesus is a nice God then who came to save sinners like murderers, adulterers, liars, cheaters etc. That's fine then. Its a good thing to save people from their wrongs, so Jesus as God who save people from wrong doings was fine for me.

But it took years for me to realise that I too am a sinner in God's viewpoint. God slowly slowly started showing me that human beings are born in sin. The finest example is children, you don't have to teach them to tell lies or fight with other children. Its natural for them to do so. Do parents teach children to fight or do other wrong things? Sometimes parents wonder how small children became selfish, not sharing their toys or other things, fighting with other children, taking others toys? Children do this without any training. Its because of sin within us. I realised after much time, that its true that we all are sinners. We may be able to impress other people with our goodness and righteousness. But what matters ultimately is what God says about me. Am I sinner or not?? God's answer is everyone is a sinner in God's eyes.

I thought I was a good person, But God said in His sight, there is none good, no not one. All are sinners. I had heard about this Adam Eve story. Initially God created man in His own image to have fellowship with Him. We as humans have spirit, soul and body.

Body comprising flesh, blood, our senses

Soul - mind, emotion, will

Spirit - Conscience, intuition, to fellowship with God

God told Adam not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The fallen angel satan tempted Eve and she ate the fruit and shared it with Adam. Thus they disobeyed God and was driven away from the presence of God. Fellowship with God was broken. God had given Adam dominion over the earth and the animals. When the first parents disobeyed God and obeyed satan, sin entered into the world. Sin is basically doing our own will instead of God's will. We know children resemble the parents or grandparents because of genes. Similarly sin was transferred to the future human generations which was originated from the first parents. Everyone is born a sinner.

I thought God you loved me, but you made me realise that I am a sinner??

# I thought God that you loved me, but you made me realise that I am a sinner??

God is love. At the same time He is perfectly just as well. Since we are created in God's own image, we have these characteristics in some quantity in us. When we see some injustice, it disturbs us. But God is the perfection of Justice. He is love, at the same time He is just.

If the love of God overlooks sin, it would be incompatible with the just nature of God. The sin has to be punished, without which man can never again come near to God and have fellowship with Him.

God **so loved** the world, that He gave His only begotten son to the world that WHOSOEVER believes in HIM should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Would we sacrifice anything for someone who doesn't care for us? I really doubt. We might for someone whom we love. But for someone who doesn't care for you, will you sacrifice anything?

I realised that's what God did. He really did love that much, that He gave Jesus to the world which didn't bother about God .He showed His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. I thought family love is the strongest. But even in family when quarrels happen, don't we realise that our love is not that pure? our love is not that strong and deep as we thought. if we analyse truthfully, we can sense how selfish our love is. Husbands and wives love each other. But think is that love really selfless?If family/friend's love was selfless, there wouldn't be arguments, there wouldn't be self pity, there wouldn't be harsh speech.

Human love is selfish, because all humans love themselves more than others. The nearest which can be said of selfless human love would be that of a mother's to a new born baby. The mother loves the child without any expectations from the baby. We humans love others and expect others to love us.

Here is how God showed His love to us, that while we didn't love God, He still loved us. He not only loved us, but acted on that love and gave His Son whom He loved the most to the world who never cared for Him. Will any human do that? I doubt. But that's what God did and now I know that His perfect love to mankind is so strong that He gave His Son Jesus for the world. why did God do this? To restore our fellowship with Him. God loves me this much?? I never knew.. I never realised... But now I know.

# God loves me this much?? I never knew.. I never realised... But now I know.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

This is Jesus, who left all the glory in heaven and came down to earth to take away the sin of the world.

Will we ever do it? Will we even go down a bit for other's sake? Jesus did.

Will we bear inconvenience for other's sake? Jesus did. when He left all the comfort and worship in heaven and came down to humans who crucified Him, He bore all the inconvenience and cruelty to the utmost.

Will we stand others accusing us? Jesus did, when He was falsely accused. He bore everything silently. He said - Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. Will we forgive? Jesus did.

But God did something more and then I knew His LOVE more deeply...

#### But God did something more and then I knew His LOVE more deeply

Have you gone through physical suffering? To some extend all of us has gone through in varying degrees.

God knowingly sent Jesus to the world. Both God the Father and Jesus knew that one day Jesus would be crucified by wicked cruel men. It was a choice. Jesus didn't had to come. But Jesus and God the Father loved us and Jesus came into this world. He came as a human being born like us and underwent all this physical suffering. Did it pain for Jesus? Yes it did. Did it hurt God the Father seeing all that His Son had to go though. Yes it did. Because of the great love for me, all the physical suffering was endured.

Jesus knew all the time that He would be crucified. Just imagine that if we come to know that we would die in pain suffering a lot, would we have any peace of mind? The thought itself would torture us all the days of our lives. Jesus knew this that He would die and would die a painful shameful death. The mental suffering was at the peak as He poured out in prayer before being betrayed by Judas.

# And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Jesus suffered such mental agony. When a child suffers on death bed, the parent's mental agony is something which cannot be described. The child goes through the pain, emotional suffering. By seeing the suffering child, the parents go through immense mental and emotional struggle. That's how God the Father felt when He saw His Son Jesus in agony. - And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

All this mental agony was endured because of the great love with which He loved us.

Throughout eternity, God the Father and Jesus the Son was one. Now to save the

world from sin, justice has to be served. Jesus took our sins on Him and paid the penalty. The one who knew no sin, became sin for us. God is of pure eyes to behold evil. God is perfectly Holy and pure. There is no sin in God. Because of sin, Adam and Eve who were in fellowship with God was separated from God's presence. Sin separates a person from God.

When the sin of the whole world was put on Jesus, God the perfect Judge turned forsook His Son whom He loved. Imagine a Judge having to sentence his son to death due to a crime committed. Justice demands the son to be sentenced. The Father gives the verdict. But imagine the mental suffering both the parent and the son has to go through.

Here Jesus and God the Father who were perfectly one, had to endure the spiritual suffering of separation as the sin of the whole world was laid on Jesus. Jesus always used to address God as Father. When the sin was laid on Jesus, the spiritual separation caused Him to address as God and in all the Physical, Mental and Spiritual agony He cried out – My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

All this was for because of the great love of God the Father and Jesus for a mere sinner like me.

Now I know, now I realise God your great deep love towards me.

God, what do I need to do to be free from my sins?

# God, what do I need to do to be free from my sins?

Jesus, the son of God, lived in Heaven in all His glory. God saw that the whole mankind was in sin. Everywhere hatred, violence, cheating, greed, selfishness, no love or compassion for the poor and needy. Because of sin in every human being, all human was unrighteous and sinful in God's eyes.

None of their sacrifices of bulls or goats nor money could make a man become righteous in the sight of God. No man could be justified in the sight of God, because of their righteousness sake.

God sent His ONLY begotten son Jesus Christ into this world so that ANYONE who believes in Him should not perish, but should receive everlasting life. If ANYONE believes in JESUS and asks Him to forgive their sins, He being God himself has the power to forgive sins. Only the true God can forgive the sins of

mankind. Jesus being God who came to earth in the form of human alone has the power to forgive our sins.

JESUS - the meaning of the name is - the one who saves the people from their sins.

JESUS said - 'I AM THE WAY,

I AM THE TRUTH,

I AM THE LIFE.

No man cometh to the Father (the only true God), but by me. - John 14:6

Jesus said - 'My peace I leave with you.

My peace I give unto you.

My peace is not as the peace which the world give to you.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. - John 14:27

Jesus alone can give the true peace. He is willing to give this peace to anyone who follows Him.

### JESUS is the ONLY way to heaven.

Jesus came to the world to save people from their sins. Jesus took all our sins upon Him and died on the cross.

There was no sin in Him, no not even one. For the sake of sinners like me and you, He died a painful and shameful death on the cross.

We are born sinners, hence we need a Saviour to free us from our life long sins.

After his death, Jesus rose again after three days. Now He is in heaven at the right hand of the Heavenly Father, the Creator God.

Be truthful to yourself and do repent of your sins. Pray to Jesus. He knows our heart.

He has promised in His word - in the Holy bible. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness..

For it is not possible that the blood of goats and bulls should take away sins.

Without shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin. In JESUS alone, we have redemption from our sins through His blood shed on the cross, and the forgiveness of sins and complete freedom from sin's bondage on us.

### The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

With repentance tell all your sins to Jesus. Jesus understands all your needs. He will forgive and all your sins will be cleansed. You will receive eternal life and you can be assured that you are in the right way to heaven.