## **Responding to God's Call - Time May Be Short**

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People tend to divide themselves into groups - good people and bad people. That may be true to a degree, but God calls every person that has ever lived a sinner, and any sin separates us from God. There is no one who is good enough to get out of this life ALIVE!. That includes you and me.

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

According to man's rules, people should be punished or rewarded according to how good they are, and that is how a society survives, by making it difficult for bad people to continue being bad. Knowing that none of us is good enough on our own, it might be hard to understand how Jesus could love us, especially when other people don't seem to. You are reading this article now because God has directed you to read it, because He loves yo u! Are you thinking that you should make things right in your life before you come to Jesus? Many people feel that way, but that's not what God says!

"God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

For you to come to God on your own, you would have to deal with your sin problem. But God says that you can't make yourself right with Him by trying to be a better person. God needs to change things in you from the inside out.

"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy." Titus 3:5

It's God's grace that allows you to come to Him - not your own efforts to "clean up your life", or work your way to Heaven. You can't earn it. It's a free gift.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

For you to come to God, your sin must be paid for, and you cannot afford to pay the price. God's gift to you is His son, Jesus, who paid the sin debt for you when He died, shedding His blood on the cross of Calvary.

=2 0"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

Jesus paid the price for your sin and mine through His death. God then brought Jesus back from the dead and paved the way for you to have a personal relationship with Him through His death and resurrection. What is left for you to do is to turn away - repent -



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from sin and receive the gift that Jesus bought for you by suffering your death, in your place. Then you can experience resurrection life through Him.

"If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." Romans 10:9-10

God says that if you believe in His son, Jesus, you can live forever with Him in heaven. As you trust Him with your life and destiny, you identify with Him in His death and resurrection.

"For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

Are you tired of living a sin filled life that separates you from God? Have you heard the prompting of God, calling you to repent - to turn from your sin - and receive the gift of eternal life right now? If it is your sincere desire to ask Jesus to become your Lord and Savior, then talk to God from your heart. God knows your mind and your heart, and He will hear you when you call upon Him. He knows what needs fixing, and He will forgive and clean up everyone who responds to His call.

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

You're not here by accident. God has led you to this turning point. Call upon Him NOW!

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