

God's Eternal Family Reunion

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Preface

Is there life after death? Where do people go after they die? Will people ever see their loved ones again in another place and time?

Did you know that God created humans as eternal spirit beings like himself, so we can be children in his family? He loves us so much that he made a way for us to spend eternal life with him in heaven and on his restored New Earth. He has invited you and your loved ones to his Eternal Family Reunion.

This booklet contains basic information from God's Word, concerning how you and your loved ones can go to heaven and enjoy an exciting eternal life together with God. All scriptures are quoted from the New Living Translation of the Bible.

What your HEART already KNOWS about GOD

The first step to going to God's Eternal Family Reunion is to acknowledge what your HEART already KNOWS about God's existence. God created you with an instinctive knowledge in your heart of his existence. Although God is invisible, your EYES can SEE his miracles in creation that reveal his divine nature and creative powers.

Romans 1:19

The truth about God is known to them instinctively. God has put this knowledge in their hearts.

Psalm 19:1, 2

The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known.

Romans 1:20

From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see his invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse whatsoever for not knowing God.

Your finite MIND may THINK that God does not exist, but your eternal HEART KNOWS that God exists.

Who is GOD the Creator?

GOD the Creator introduces himself in his Book, the Bible, as being the eternally-living, everywhere-present, all-knowing, all-loving, all-powerful triune SPIRIT BEING who demonstrates his existence in three Persons:

> GOD the Father GOD the Son, Jesus Christ GOD the Holy Spirit

Revelation 1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega--the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come, the Almighty One."

God is Love. He loves you unconditionally.

God is the God of all Truth who cannot lie.

God is the God of all Hope, Peace, and Joy.

God is Light. There is no darkness in him.

God is good. There is no evil in him.

God is the Giver of every blessing.

God is Trustworthy, Faithful, and Kind.

God is full of Mercy, Grace, and Compassion.

God's Son Jesus died to save you from hell.

God's Son Jesus is the Risen, Living Savior.

God's Holy Spirit comes to live in believers.

This wonderful God created you and loves you personally. He wants you and your loved ones to begin to know him on earth now, and then go to spend eternity with him in heaven after you die.

Who are You?

You are not just another highly-evolved ape with no specific life purpose, as evolutionists say. God says he created you as an eternal "spirit being" like himself, so he could love you and care for you as his child. You are an individual SOUL with a mind and a free will to think and to choose. You are accountable for what you think, do, and choose in life.

Genesis 1:26a

Then God said, "Let us make people in our image, to be like ourselves."

James 1: 18

In God's goodness he chose to make us his own children by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his choice possession.

LJohn 3:1

See how very much our heavenly Father loves us, for he allows us to be called his children, and we really are!

Jeremiah 29:11

"I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

You are an eternal SOUL who will live forever in heaven or hell after you die. God loves you as his child and wants you to choose to love him as your Heavenly Father and enjoy his plans for your life.

How many Gods are there?

There is only one true God who is the Creator. The Devil is "the god of this evil world" who hates God and wants people to worship him, instead of God. The Devil confuses people with thousands of false gods, myths, and idols that he uses to deceive people into bowing down to and worshipping him and his demons. He uses deceived people to mock, discredit, and try to ban God and the Bible from society.

Exodus 20:3, 4a, 5a (God's Commandment #1)

Do not worship any other gods besides me. Do not make idols of any kind. You must never worship or bow down to them.

I Timothy 2:5

There is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is the man Christ Jesus.

II Corinthians 4:4a

Satan (the Devil), the god of this evil world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe...

I Timothy 4:1b

They will follow lying spirits and teachings that come from demons.

II Timothy 3:13

Evil people and impostors will flourish. They will go on deceiving others, and they themselves will be deceived.

Billions of sincere, nice people bow down to idols.

Why are MOST People on the Road to Hell?

Most people are unaware that they have a powerful invisible Enemy who can fill their minds and lives with detours away from God. This Enemy is the Devil, "the father of lies." The Devil and his demons are evil spirits who seduce multitudes to live on the broad roads of lusting for money, power, fame, possessions, and worldly pleasures that lead to hell.

I Peter 5:8

Be careful! Watch out for attacks from the Devil, your great enemy. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour.

John 8:44b

The Devil was a murderer from the beginning and has always hated the truth. He is a liar and the father of lies.

Colossians 2:8a

Don't let anyone lead you astray with empty philosophy and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the evil powers of this world.

Matthew 7:13b, 14

The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose the easy way. The gateway to life is small, and the road is narrow, and *only a few ever find it*.

It is easy to follow the crowd on the broad roads of popular trends in culture that leave God out.

Why can't "Being Good" get you to Heaven?

The Devil has convinced multitudes of people that they can "earn heaven by being good". But God says that no one can enter heaven, unless they are SINLESS and SPIRITUALLY ALIVE. No matter how good people are, not even one person is totally pure and sinless.

What's so BAD about SIN?

SIN brought the curse of death, destruction, and decay into God's perfectly created world. SIN destroys lives, families, and relationships. Worst of all, SIN separates our soul from the living God and makes us spiritually DEAD. SIN puts our soul into bondage to the Devil.

GOOD NEWS!! Even while we were "dead in sin", God still loved us and sent his Son Jesus to die to pay for our sins. Jesus rose from the dead and offers us the gift of eternal life to make us spiritually ALIVE for heaven.

Ephesians 2:4, 5a

God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so very much, that even while we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead.

Romans 6:23

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Heaven is a free gift from Jesus -- you can't earn it.

What JESUS did for YOU Personally

Jesus is GOD who came to earth in a human body to shed his blood and die for your sins. He died for you, because there was no other way to rescue you from sin, hell and the Devil.

Jesus loved you so much that he willingly died a shameful, excruciating death on the cross to rescue you. He did this for the JOY of having YOU with him forever in heaven afterwards.

Hebrews 12:2b

Jesus was willing to die a shameful death on the cross because of the joy he knew would be his afterward.

Matthew 27:26b, 29, 30, 31b

Pilate ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to crucify him. They made a crown of long, sharp thorns and put it on his head, and placed a stick in his right hand as a scepter. Then they knelt before him in mockery, yelling, "Hail! King of the Jews!" And they spit on him and grabbed the stick and beat him on the head with it. Then they led him away to be crucified.

John 14:6

Jesus said: "I am *the way*, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

Jesus died for you personally to provide *the way* for you to have eternal life with him in heaven.

Who will be at God's Family Reunion?

Each person CHOOSES his/her own eternal destiny before they die, according to what they chose to believe about Jesus and their sins:

 Those who chose to believe that Jesus died for their sins and accepted him as their personal Savior became a spiritually "born again" child in God's family. After death, they will go to their Father God's home in heaven.

Immediately after death, God's angels will escort their soul to their heavenly home where God has prepared a place for them. They will live in heaven in their new glorified body, recognizable by loved ones who are there--reunited forever.

In heaven, there is no sin, death, sorrow, sickness or pain. The limitations of Satan's sinsick, broken, fallen world are gone forever! Free from all evil and earthly dysfunctions, they will enjoy being all God created them to be. Later, they will come back in their new physical bodies to live on God's perfectly restored New Earth.

No family reunion in hell

 Those who did not choose to accept Jesus as their Savior from their sins, will die in their sins and be judged for them on Judgment Day. Their souls will be eternally separated from God, and they will suffer alone in the darkness and torments of hell forever.

To go to God's Eternal Family Reunion in heaven, you *must* receive the miracle of being "born again".

The Miracle of Being Born Again

The miracle of being born again is a gift of God's grace that you can receive right now. If you believe Jesus is God's Son who died on the cross for your sins, was buried and rose bodily from the dead and is alive today, then all you need to do is to ask Jesus to come into your heart to be your personal Savior. Immediately, you will be spiritually born into God's family.

A prayer to receive Jesus as Savior and become born again:

Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross to pay for all my sins. Please come into my heart and be my personal Savior. Please forgive my sins and grant me the gift of eternal life with you in heaven.

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John 1:12, 13a, c

To all who believed Jesus and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn! This rebirth comes from God.

I John 5:12, 13

So whoever has God's Son has life; whoever does not have his Son does not have life. I write this to you who believe in the Son of God, so that you may *know* you have eternal life.

Miraculously, your reborn spirit will "know" that God is your Heavenly Father and that Heaven is your eternal home.

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About the Author

Patsy Oda invited Jesus Christ into her heart as Savior when she was eight years old. Miraculously, she became aware of God as her Heavenly Father and heaven as her eternal home.

But the religion of her Japanese ancestry, culture and family was Buddhism, which does not believe in God or in Heaven. Her family could not understand the invisible reality in her heart. But she could not deny the God who had become so real and precious to her.

Opposition to her faith challenged her to examine both Buddhism and Christianity for over 50 years. Part of God's plan and purpose for her life was to write what she learned about the eternal differences between Buddhism and Christianity. Her autobiography *Heart's Desire* tells about her life with God.