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Artwork "The Cross" by Pastor Phil Pringle

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There must be more to life than just getting an education, carving out a career, finding a partner in marriage, establishing a family, earning enough money for retirement and then dying at a ripe old age! Most people live their entire lives never knowing why they exist or what the purpose of their life is.

Everybody wants to be happy and fulfilled, but for many, they try to achieve it through the accumulation of possessions and wealth. Yet many of the richest people in the world are some of the unhappiest, going from one relationship to the next and becoming estranged from their children.

Others seek happiness through indulging in a lifestyle of partying and substance abuse either seeking pleasure or covering pain, that often leads to self-destructive living. A few seek happiness through prestige and power but these cannot be held onto forever.

All of these things can make you happy in the short-term, but the key to true, genuine happiness is not in these.

So why am I here and what is the purpose of life?

The Bible says that there is a God who is motivated by an everlasting love towards you. He does not attempt to prove His existence in the Bible, rather, it says He simply reveals Himself to us.

“The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying, ‘Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love...” - Jeremiah 31:3

***“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us...”
- Ephesians 2:4***

God reveals Himself as the creator of everything, the heavens, the earth and all within it. He reveals Himself as the source and supplier of life and wants us to enjoy His life to its fullest.

“[Jesus says] I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly...” - John 10:10

But there is a problem.

HUMANITY

CHOSE ITS OWN PATH

The Bible reveals when humanity was first created God gave them everything they needed for life. But they stepped outside of God's principles for living:

- They lived by the lusts of their eyes and feelings
- They elevated themselves above God
- They believed in their own ways over God's ways

The Bible calls this attitude "sin" and reveals that all humanity throughout the ages, has sinned against God in attitude, word and deed.

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

"If we say that we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth." - 1 John 1:8 (MSG)

All we have to do is look at our own lives to know this is true. We have all told lies, lost our tempers, acted proudly, hurt others, entertained wrong thoughts in our minds and even done things we know are wrong.

The truth is, we do all these things because humanity has been corrupted at its core (heart), and it is this corrupted or sinful state of the heart that causes problems in every area of our lives: family, marriage, careers, finances, health and relationships. But ultimately sin has an eternal consequence...

“For the wages of sin is death...”
- Romans 6:23

By death God is not simply saying that we will all one day die, but for the sinner it also represents eternal death or “separation from God” and “His goodness.”

This “separation issue” cannot be resolved through living a good life, or being born into a good family, or even by going to church or other religious temples and making sacrifices to their gods.

The Bible says although humanity got itself into this mess, it does not have the power or ability to get itself out - only God can do that.

And God did just that!

THE SOLUTION IS GOD'S SON: **JESUS CHRIST**

Jesus says:

***“I am the way, the truth and the life.
No one comes to God the father except
through Me.” - John 14:6***

There might be many religions and beliefs in the world today but the God of Creation says the only way back, is through Jesus. That's because He actually took care of humanity's "sin problem."

***“For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness,
and their sins and their lawless deeds I will
remember no more.” - Hebrews 8:12***

What an amazing scripture! God says He will never remember your sins again!

God can say this because there was a time when He remembered all of our sins and He punished every single one of them! It was upon the body of His Son when Jesus went to the cross. And that's the whole purpose of why Jesus went to the cross - to remove this problem of sin.

All you have to do, is believe upon Jesus and why He went to the cross and that's when all your sins - past, present and future are 'washed away,' never to be remembered by God.

***“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus
and believe in your heart that God raised
Him from the dead, you will be saved.”
- Romans 10:9***

Just do the following three simple steps:

1. Acknowledge your need for Jesus, because of sin.
2. Believe in your heart that Jesus is the Son of God and paid the price for your sins upon the cross.
3. Confess Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

Pray the following prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I acknowledge my need for your forgiveness. I believe You died in my place upon the cross and cleansed me through your blood. I hand my life over to You to become my Lord and Saviour. I thank you for your everlasting forgiveness and the gift of your righteousness. Amen.

So what now?



IT'S TIME TO LIVE WITH A **NEW PURPOSE!**

Once a person invites Jesus into their life, they become a child of God. The Bible calls them a “new creation.”

The first thing to do is start committing to a local church which the Bible says is the “place” where you will begin to “flourish” with God!

***“The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,
they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon,
planted in the house of the Lord, they
will flourish in the courts of our God.”***

- Psalm 92:12-13

It is in this environment of the local church that you will discover the wonderful purpose God has for your life.

Next Steps as a New Believer

Grace Foundational Course – Understanding the Gospel of Grace

Whether you are a new believer or not, this is a powerful course to establish you in grace and right believing.

The course goes over 3 weeks and covers the following:

Course 1 : Spirit Soul and Body

- What happens to us at salvation?
- What became new?

Course 2 : You've Already Got It!

- What do you have now?
- Victory through knowledge
- Receive by Faith

Course 3 : Renewing the Mind

- How do we renew our mind?
- Meditate on the Word
- Unite your Heart

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

GRACE REVIVAL CHURCH

As a church, we believe we serve God by serving people. We provide many ways to help people grow their relationship with God. Here are just a few that may be of interest to you:

- Joining a Connect Group
- Joining a Service Team
 - Set up / Pack down
 - Worship Team
 - Children Ministry
 - Connect Ministry

For more information:

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