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THE ALPHABET OF SALVATION

The Lord Jesus Christ had just finished His public ministry and informed His disciples that He must suffer, die and go from them. They were frightened, but Christ commanded them to stop being afraid. He then gave a promise that still provides hope 2000 years on:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

Where is this place? His Father's house – Heaven.

However, the disciples were still confused and in John 14:5 Thomas asked the question that still troubles us today - "How can we possibly know the way?"

How can we know the way to heaven?

Our Lord responds to Thomas with a bold declaration; John 14:6: "Jesus saith unto him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me'."

These words have been called, "... the very alphabet of salvation a complete description of the Gospel" They fully address our needs for Direction, Certainty and Hope as we try to plot our course through this world of disappointments, heartbreaks and tears. They answer our big questions about life, death and eternity.

Their message is simple –

"CONSIDER CHRIST" – because:

1 IN A WORLD WITHOUT DIRECTION CHRIST IS THE WAY

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This maze covers a third of an acre and contains half a mile of paths.

It is incredibly easy to get lost in this maze! People flock to it from all over the world, and every year thousands of them are happy “to be lost” in it. When they cannot find the way out, an attendant will then come to their aid.

“Are you lost?” “Yes.” “Well, just follow me.”

They give up their own efforts and trust the one who is the way.

Jesus says, **“I am the way.”**

The whole Bible testifies that a massive barrier exists between the human race and God. That barrier is “sin.” We are by nature full of sin – and God is by nature infinitely holy; that is, He shrinks away from sin.

However we look at it, if we are going to be reconciled with God, this barrier of sin must be dealt with to God’s satisfaction. The only way to deal with that sin is God’s way and God’s way is through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

How did He open the Way?

He opened the Way by living a sinless life and dying a sacrificial death for us on a cross at Calvary. There He offered Himself to die to satisfy Divine justice and reconcile us to God. Just before He died Jesus said, “It is finished” (**Matthew 27:51**).

This meant that the penalty of the law that we had broken was taken by Him; the demands of justice satisfied; the Way opened!

The fact that Jesus went to the cross indicates that there was no other way for the redemption of man, no other way to be saved from the punishment for sin. The fact is: “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**).

How can you be saved? Admit you are sinful; that, instead of living to the glory of the Lord who made you, you have been living to satisfy yourself. Stop trying to get to heaven your own

way, and receive Christ at His Word when He says, **“I am the Way; ... no man cometh unto the Father but by me.”**

2 IN A WORLD WITHOUT CERTAINTY CHRIST IS THE TRUTH

“Jesus saith unto him, ‘I am ... the truth’ ...”

Two thousand years ago Pontius Pilate asked a question that is right up to date: “What is truth?”

We live in a day of ‘spin’ and of people being ‘economical with the truth.’

Our generation can no longer confidently claim, “The camera never lies,” because through the careful use of both angles and airbrushes, we are not so sure.

The term ‘packaging’ has slipped into the language, a clever marketing ploy which implies that the contents inside the package are not quite as they appear to be on the outside.

We have a job on our hands to find anything, or anyone, that is completely true and reliable.

Thankfully there is One who is true - He always has been and always will be:

- The triune God not only does not lie – He “cannot lie” (**Titus 1:2**).
- His Son the Lord Jesus Christ declared Himself to be “the truth” (**John 14:6**).
- His Spirit is called “the Spirit of truth ... He will guide you into all truth” (**John 16:13**).

Christ is the Truth that you can build your life on.

Jesus tells us the truth - and He is dogmatic about it! Truth is always dogmatic. $2+2=4$, is a dogmatic, narrow statement. That is the truth mathematically. No matter who protests, “But I would like it to be five!” that statement cannot change.

Jesus tells us THE TRUTH about God and about ourselves:

- That God is still alive and well, and in control;
- That God created us to live to His glory, but we sinned and live for ourselves;
- That we cannot save ourselves from sin;
- That we are miserable because of our sin;
- That we need a Saviour, and the Lord Jesus Christ alone is that Saviour.

He tells us what we need to believe and what to do about it:

- He is God come to man in his misery and need;
- He gave His life to pay for our sin and to provide our righteousness;
- He is worth trusting for life and eternity;
- We need to act on these truths ... an activity that is called "faith."

3 IN A WORLD WITHOUT HOPE CHRIST IS THE LIFE

"Jesus saith unto him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life' ... "

Deep inside of every person there is a yearning for 'something more.'

In Greek mythology, King Tantalus was punished in the underworld by being chained in a lake. Its waters reached to his chin, but receded whenever he bent down to satisfy his burning thirst. Over his head were branches bent over with choice fruit, but they immediately withdrew whenever he reached up to satisfy his hunger. A symbol of utter frustration, his name is immortalised in the English word "tantalise."

King Tantalus is the perfect illustration of the way people feel about life apart from Christ. People feel that happiness, satisfaction, peace, joy, acceptance is so close, but they can never seem to reach it!

The apostle John used the term "life" over 50 times in his book. He was not merely referring to physical life, though God does hold our breath in His control, and by Him all things are held together. Rather, John talks about life that is abundant, spiritual, triumphant, and eternal through Jesus because of who He is and what He has done.

There is only one person Who can save your soul. When you exit this life, at the moment you die, you will enter into eternity. If you have not turned from your sin and trusted in Christ alone, that eternity will be hell. If you intend to go to heaven, you need to make sure you take the one way, which is the only way and His name is Jesus Christ.

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COME AND WELCOME TO JESUS!

INVITATION

150 years ago, in 1859, four young men were encouraged by their minister to, "Do something more for God." Concerned that the knowledge of God and His Word was at a low level in the country, and knowing from personal experience that men and women were chasing excitement and yet finding nothing but emptiness, these young men took up the challenge to attempt "something more."

They commenced a Sunday School, and later started the prayer meeting that ignited a tremendous revival of true religion right across our country. Within a very short time, 100,000 lives were transformed by being brought to saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The 150th Anniversary of this 1859 Revival presents us with a golden opportunity to, "Do something more for God."

We are concerned about your spiritual welfare, therefore we have sent you this leaflet. We have also developed a web site that contains more information about the Good News that centres on the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. You will also begin to notice a large scale Gospel Advertising Campaign that will stretch across the country, including billboards and bus adverts, Gospel Rallies and special events – all designed to encourage people who are living in a world without direction, certainty and hope to, "Consider Christ."

Further Information



We invite you to visit our web site at www.considerchrist.info

There you will be able to access many interesting articles on topics such as: God's Salvation, The Bible and its Authority, Prayer, Fulfilled Prophecy and Creation vs Evolution. A list of Free Presbyterian Churches that are involved in this outreach is provided, plus their programme of events. If we can help you further please contact us. We will be delighted to hear from you, and will treat all inquiries in confidence.

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