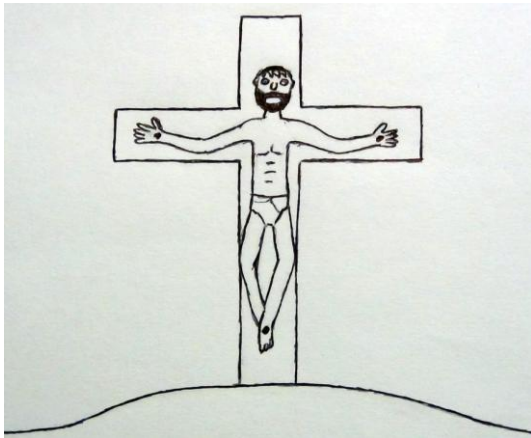


Many years ago I went to a Bible College in Tauranga, New Zealand. In one of the classes we were asked to make a gospel tract; that is, a small pamphlet that could be given to unbelievers to explain to them why they should believe in God and what they must do to be saved.

My tract was rather small and simple. On the cover I wrote, "What has God done for you?" And on the inside I drew a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ dying on the cross for the sins of the world.



When I first showed my tract to someone they laughed at my little picture of Jesus. It looked rather silly but to me it clearly conveyed the truth of what God has done for us and the sacrifice He has made to save us. I coloured in the tract, especially making the red blood which was pouring down from Jesus' body stand out.

Alongside my picture of Jesus I wrote the most famous verse in the Bible, which is John 3:16. I want to go through this verse with you now so I can explain what it means.

For God so loved the world

This shows that God is not a mere force, but rather a divine being who is capable of loving us. God has intensely loved this world, and by that we mean God loves people; God loves you!

We know that sinners live against God by disobeying His will and commands, and yet God loves them still and wants to save them. He takes no delight in their evil character which is so contrary to His love. Yet He offers them mercy and forgiveness, if only they will see the error of their ways and humbly change.

that he gave his one and only son,

In order to reveal His love and make it known to this world, God gave up His most cherished possession. This act of tremendous self-denial was to pay the price for the salvation of mankind. Sin brought death to this world. Therefore Jesus came to die for us and rise from the dead, breaking the power of Death and Hell. Nailed to the cross He bled, was in great pain and agony, and died.

God put His Son in the hands of wicked men and let them murder Him, in order that murderers may be saved. They lied against Him, but God permitted this to happen in the hope that liars and thieves could still find the love of God and be changed. God hates sin, yet He loves to save the sinner.

that whoever believes in him shall not perish

Having confidence in God, trusting and believing in Him, is what saves us. The people of the world are perishing, but those who come to God and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ pass from death to life.

Jesus spent whole nights in prayer. What made Him do it? The burden of lost souls lay heavy on His heart. The devil, the master of wickedness, has ravaged people's lives, but Jesus was sent to redeem this lost world.

At times it seems as if evil people are getting away with their crimes, but in fact they are not. Sin always has consequences and that is why Jesus had to die in our place. But without a change of life, without faith and repentance, the unbelievers definitely perish. They are separated from God and cannot dwell in His holy presence.

but have eternal life.

Life on this earth is a stepping stone into eternity, yet only those who have made peace with God will have eternal life rather than eternal punishment. Heaven or Hell? The choice is yours!

**DO YOU RECEIVE OR REJECT
GOD'S LOVE?**

At the back of my tract I included some simple steps on how to receive salvation and then continue on the path to Heaven.

- 1) Put your faith and trust in God.
- 2) Turn away from your sins.
- 3) Accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour.
- 4) Read the Bible and pray regularly.
- 5) Tell others the good news about what God has done for you.

The teacher only gave me an average mark for my tract, while many in my class got higher marks. That didn't bother me. I liked my tract, even though it was very simple. I made many copies so that I could give them out to people walking on the streets.

Maybe this little message will help them to believe in God. Childlike faith in Jesus is what saves us. God overlooks

the wisdom of this world and saves those who simply believe in Jesus.

'For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God' (1 Corinthians 1:18).

Much later I went to India as a missionary. At one house where I was staying many children came to get my autograph because I was the first white person they had ever seen. What I did was I drew my picture for them of Jesus upon the cross, wrote "Jesus loves you" above it and signed my name.

It took a long time to do this for each of the children, but they all wanted my little Jesus picture in their book. It was easy for them to receive God's love. To go to Heaven you must understand what Jesus has done for you and simply believe like a little child. Please say this prayer:

"Lord Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner. Save me and set me free."

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