

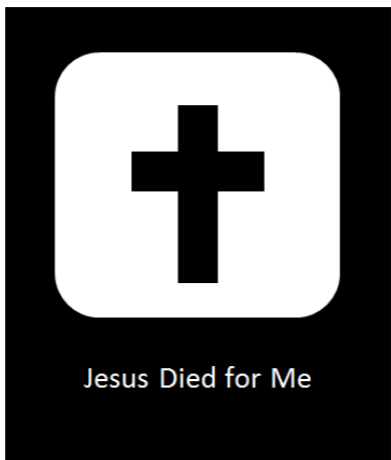
If you're a member of the human race then God loves you; not just with any old 'love' but with a love that will last forever (Jeremiah 31v3) and one which drove him to give his own son, Jesus to die in your place. As it says in 1John 3v16, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us."

You see love is not just something God does, it's what He is. He defines the true meaning of love. In 1John 4v16 it simply says "God is love".



But There is a Problem
I Have Sinned

Romans 3v23 says "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God". That means that every human being has failed meet the perfect standard of God's goodness and righteousness. We have failed because we have done things our way, not God's way. We have disobeyed His instruction which He wrote in both the Bible and in our consciences. God's law is like a pane of glass; it's either broken or it isn't. It's no good saying "I only lied, I never stole". James 2v10 says "For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it". Whether it's murder or whether it's just a 'white' lie, whether it's adultery or just jealousy, every sin keeps us from meeting God's standard and has both consequences and penalty!



The just penalty for our sin, the wrong things every one of us have done, is spiritual death; separation from God. In the old testament times, God allowed animals to be sacrificed for the people's sin and would accept the shed blood as a substitute for the people's own life. But ever since man had first sinned, God had planned a permanent solution. The ultimate sacrifice that could pay the punishment for everyone's sin and see justice done

In a letter to the Romans, Paul said "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."



I Need to Decide
to live for God

God has done His part. Jesus gave His own life as a punishment for OUR sin. We didn't deserve it. It wasn't 'fair' but that's how much God loves you.

But now you have to decide if you want to accept this gift of forgiveness, this promise of eternal life. If you want to be free from the punishment you brought on yourself by not doing things God's way, you need to decide to surrender to God and do things His way from now on. You need to believe that He exists, that He loves you and that He died for you.

Romans 10v9-10 says "...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."

The choice is yours. You still have free will, just the way God created you. You can surrender your life to God, the creator of the universe who loves you more than anyone

else ever will and only wants the best for you, or, you can walk away and face the inevitable consequences. Deuteronomy 30v19-20 sums it up like this "This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to His voice, and hold fast to Him."

If you want to know this forgiveness and know this God who created you for relationship with Him. If you want to have that separation between you and God removed and have the punishment and guilt of all the wrong things you've ever done wiped away, then you can, right now! Just say this prayer and if you are sincere, God will see your heart and save you.

Dear God, Thankyou that You died for me and want the best for me in every situation. I'm sorry for ignoring You and doing things my way.

I realise now that my sin has hurt You and the people around me and for this, I am truly sorry.

Thankyou Jesus that You came and took the punishment for my sin. Thankyou that you gave your life for me.

Please forgive me and help me now as I decide to live only for You. Amen