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We all need a real, true and eternal relationship with God.

"I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me"(John 14:6).

What is so special about the Son of God? What is the great need to believe?

"All unrighteousness is sin"(1 John 5:17).

God cannot sin, God cannot lie, there is no defilement with God. He is our creator "God created the heavens and the earth".

God's standard defines sin and God says you are a sinner. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23).

One thing is absolute. "I am God, I change not" (Mal 3:6), "Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever" (Heb 13:8).

God says we were born in sin and shapen in iniquity (Psa 51:5). God says "the soul that sinneth it shall die" (Ezek 18:20).

There is both physical death and eternal death. Sin brought death upon all through one act of disobedience sin came into the world (Rom 5:12,19).

God has prepared a place where all who know not Christ will end up. The lake of fire, with a temporary place place before that hell.

Luke 16 - 2 men, one having all on earth, and one having nothing. Despite all on earth one ended up in hell needing a drop of water for he was so thirsty.

Men thinks they can please God by works but, "By grace are ye saved through faith, it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast" (Eph 2:8-9).

Nothing in us as sinners can satisfy the absolute righteousness of God.

"The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world" (1 John 4:14). He was promised, "A virgin shall conceive and bear a son" (Isa 7:14) "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given" (Isa 9:6).

He came in as a young boy and lived a perfect man. He was without sin and there was no sin in Him. "A lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Pet 1:19).

No man on earth has the ability to save us from sin. "He that hath the Son hath life" (1 John 5:12).

"God made to meet upon Him the iniquity of us all" (Isa 53:6). No man or woman could be saved until God's throne was satisfied regards the question of sin.

"The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins" (Mark 2:10). He was the only person who could stand in our place before God.

This is pictured in the day of atonement (Lev 16). The sins of the people were imputed upon a goat.

"Your sins and iniquities will I remember no more" (Heb 8:12; Heb 10:17).

"He is the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2).

Although sin has been dealt with that is not enough on its own. You have to accept the invitation.

"I am the door, by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved" (John 10:9).

Being close to the door is not enough, you have to be inside. "Died Abner as a fool dieth" (2 Sam 3:33).

You have to accept God's offer of mercy. Whosoever will may come.

Eternal life is a quality of life, not just that it lasts forever.

Paul could say, "for to me to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Phil 1:21).

He is coming back, first to collect His church then again to reign with His people for 1000 years.

If you don't bow now you will have to bow in a future day before the great white throne.