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We live in the communication age, email, instant messenger, letter, phone, SMS, texts. 5 billion texts are sent everyday, it is a popular form of communication.

SMS message from God to you. Separation, Mediation, Salvation.

God wants to communicate to you tonight.

Separation occurs when an issue occurs between two people and there is an offence between them. The problem/issue is your sins. It's our condition which has separated us from God and caused Him to hide His face from you.

Why is there a problem?

God is absolutely holy. "God is of purer eyes an o behold evil" (Hab 1:13). He can't bear to look on sin.

We have our own definition of good and whats acceptable. God's standard is so high we cannot reach it. He will not lower His standards to our level. His standards can be found in His 10 commandments.

There is a heaven and a hell.

We have all broken God's commandments. We are guilty. "None doeth good, no not one" (Rom 10:10)

God has given the law so we can see ourselves through God's eyes like a mirror. We are guilty and sinful in the eyes of God.

You may say I understand this but well so what, who cares, I've got through life without God so far and can get through the rest of it without Him. What about when life ends?

"It is appointed unto men once to die but after this the judgment" (Heb 9:27)

There is a day of judgment where it will just be you and God and He will judge you on every occasion you broke His law.

This will result in hell and the lake of fire.

Do you think it is extreme?

We don't appreciate the holiness of God. It is that serious to God.

"The wrath of God abides" on you. (John 3:36)

God wants you to have your sin dealt with.

Mediation is how you can get back to God in heaven.

There is only one way, through our mediator the Lord Jesus Christ.

God in his great mercy is not willing that any should perish, out of his infinite love He has provided a Saviour and way of salvation.

"their sins... will I remember no more" (Heb 8:12).

How is this possible?

Christ came to "seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

He came in the form of man to pay for our sins on Calvary's cross.

He bore the punishment for your sins on the tree.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18)

The purpose of the cross was to bring us back to God. He was our substitute and sacrifice.

He can brake down the barrier.

It's great your sin can be forgiven.

He was wounded for you. He took the punishment that belonged to you.

"No one comes to Father but by me" (John 14:6)

"There is a way that seems right to man but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov 14:12)

The only way to god is through Christ Jesus.

"It is finished" (John 19:30) - The bridge has been built between us and God.

Salvation is the point at which you accept God's way of getting to heaven. It is trusting that the Lord has borne your sin on the cross and resting on Him and his ability to carry you to heaven.

God's hand is stretched out to you in salvation. A free gift of salvation, home in heaven. It is an offer! You can only benefit from it if you accept the offer. You must accept the offer of salvation through faith. His offer is extended to all of you.

Are you too proud to accept it? Are you too busy to accept it? The offer is for a limited time only. Don't be too late to accept it. Accept it by faith in Christ.

If you knew that this was your last time to accept what would your answer be to God, yes or no.

How will you escape if you neglect?

Only Jesus Christ. There is no other way, nothing more important.

May God help you to repent of your sins and accept His salvation.