THE ULTIMATE

PURPOSE & DESTINY

Dear Friend,

Here is a life-changing, critically important good news, that probably no one has ever shared with you. Perhaps, it did not even cross your mind. Could you please spare a few minutes for this...?

Have you ever wondered? - "Wholam?", "Where did I come from?", "What is my purpose in this world?", "What am I doing here ont his earth?", "Where will! go if Idie now?"

What could be the reason for the emptiness, dissatisfaction, and sadness in a man's heart?"

It is true that neither money, job, wealth, nor beauty offers a true sense of joy, peace, and rest to humanity. What, according to you, is the real and the most important need of a human being? Why is a man unable to fill the void in his heart, deal with his dissatisfactions, and overcome his sorrows even after resorting to different ways and means? Man, in his pursuit of happiness, even gives in to different types of addictions that further destroy his body and soul.

A crying baby desperate for its mother, cannot be pacified with any toy. So also, nothing can replace water, for a fish dying without water. In the same way, a man who actually is a spirit made from the breath of God, cannot quench his spiritual thirst and desperation with physical provisions. Man needs God!!

The fear of facing death is common to everyone; no matter how rich, how poor, how wise, how naive, how strong, or how weak. It is said - "What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his soul?" Death has always been a mystery and a puzzle to man. This raises the question - What happens to man after death? Multiple theories have been attempted centered on death and life after death. Which among those theories is real? From all these attempts, it is evident that every man is striving to attain Mukthi/moksha (spiritual freedom).

Did you ever ponder on this - Is not our life very uncertain? Are you certain of what may happen to you the very next moment? Since you don't know about your present and also of your future of mukthi/moksha, you need to know a few important truths now before you die. Don't you agree?

Who is Man?

Man is a spiritual being made in the image and likeness of God. Man is a moral being. Through the power of his conscience, man can choose between right and wrong. Therefore, man is answerable for all his actions and utterances. Birds and animals on the other hand, neither have a soul nor a conscience. So, they do not have the ability to choose between right and wrong. Therefore, they are neither bound by moral laws, nor are expected to act righteously. Therefore, even infidelity in birds and animals is not counted as a sin. Most importantly, birds & animals never

had a religious inclination towards God. Birds and animals return to mere dust after their death. When we see animals and birds dying on the road sides, Dowe really bother or care? No. On the other hand, if a human dies, we do not ignore it. Even if it were a poor man or a beggar, we show our respect and concern.

Man's Desire for God

Across the nations, we find people following some religious belief or cult. Everyone longs and seeks God through different methods. Religious beliefs and pursuits are driven by a longing and thirst for God. Driven by the fear of death, man strives for the redemption of his sins and the attainment of Mukthi/moksha (Salvation). Towards attaining redemption and Mukthi/moksha, man pursues various means such as pilgrimages, charitable works, sacrificial offerings, and religious rituals.

So the question is: Are we sure and confident that man can attain Mukti/moksha by doing these things?

Man - A Sinner by Birth & Deeds

There is no one righteous, not even one. There is no one who understands or seeks after God. In the nursery rhyme "Johnny, Johnny.. Yes, Papa. Eating sugar? No, Papa", no one taught Johny to steal sugar or lie. Johnny not only stole but also lied about eating sugar. Man is a sinner not because he sinned, but because he is sinful by nature. One becomes a slave of sin if he/she commits sinful acts. The

human heart is deceitful above all things and is desperately wicked. Out of the heart comes evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander and these are what defile a person. A court calls a person a thief because he committed the act of robbery. In reality, that person committed theft because he is a thief by nature.

The Burden of Sin and Punishment:

Sin has distanced man from God. Sin has created an enmity between God and man. Sin has also subjected man to the anger of the righteous and Holy God. Every sin that man commits is actually a sin against God. The burden of sin is the greatest of all burdens. Man resorts to different ways to escape the penalty of sin. The wages of sin is death. It is destined that man should die only once, following which is the great judgment. After a man's death, his body returns to the dust from which it was made, and his spirit returns to God, for rightful judgment.

Can Religion Save a Man?

Man resorts to good deeds, charitable works, and religious acts to relieve himself from the burden of his sin and attain Mukti/moksha. However, all these cannot save man from the righteous judgment of God.

For example: Imagine a man convicted for heinous crimes, standing before a court of law and saying to the judge "Since childhood, I have been a good man, I did not lie nor

commit any adultery, I do many good and charitable deeds". Do you think that the judge will now pardon the man for his heinous crimes based on the good work she did? Surely, he will not.

A man stuck in the mire called sin, cannot rescue himself. Similarly, religion, law, moral teachings, and exhortations cannot rescue man from that mire of sin. Man needs a **SAVIOUR!!**

God's Help

Every man in this world is born in sin, lives in sin, and dies in sin. No one can redeem his neighbor by any means. No one can redeem the life of another or pay God a penalty on behalf of others. The ransom price of a life is too high. No payment is ever enough to redeem a person that he/she should live on forever and not see decay.

A blind man cannot lead another blind. Likewise, gurus, teachers, preachers, and great men of this world, who themselves are born in sin, live in sin, and die in sin cannot save others from the clutches of sin. The cost of redemption and Mukthi/moksha of a man is so high, that it cannot be paid by anyone.

But, God who is loving, compassionate, and merciful always had an eternal plan from the beginning to redeem man from sin and save him from eternal Hell. It is imperative for God who is enthroned in righteousness and justice to satisfy His wrath on sin by condemning sin that is ruling over man.

God found no righteous man who could bear the punishment for the sins of all humanity. No man could pay the ransom price for redeeming mankind from sin. It then became necessary for God Himself to take human form, come down to earth, lead a sinless life, and take up the punishment of mankind's sins upon Himself.

God:

Who is God? What does He look like? What are His attributes? We can perceive His Divine Nature, Eternal Power, Glory, and invisible attributes through His creation (The countless stars and the vast universe). God is the Creator of this whole universe. This tells us that the Creator is different from the creation. Can God, whose throne is the highest of all thronesandwhocannotbecontainedwithintheuniverse, be confined to live in the temples carved by human hands? Or can He be made in to an object made by human hands? Is God not a spiritual being?

Shouldn't God be a Being who has life, who can see, who can talk, and who can listen to the prayers of His children? The characteristics of man are anger, lust, pride, and envy. Shouldn't God be transcendent of lust, anger, pride, and envy unlike man, and instead be a Vitreous One abounding in righteousness, holiness, truth, and love? Shouldn't God be the Supreme, Sovereign, Almighty, All-Knowing, Omnipresent, and Eternal one - One who is the Beginning and the End – One who is Self-existent.

Surely, a compassionate God would have had done something for the redemption and Mukthi/moksha of His children. As we all have only one earthly father for our bodies, God is the only Father of our spirits who created all of us.

Redemptive Work of the Christ.

Man was being chained and dragged into eternal hell-fire due to his transgressions, iniquities, and sins. There was no sinless man on the face of the earth who could bear the punishment of the sins of man kind, pay the ransom price of life, and free mankind from the clutches of sin. Therefore, the God of gods was born of the Holy Spirit, 2000 years ago, through the Virgin Mary, and was named **Jesus Christ**. This Jesus Christ was incarnated to die on behalf of all humans for the atonement of sins at an appointed time.

Jesus was born without sin. He lived a sinless life on this earth for thirty-three and a half years, and no one could establish that there was sin in Him. He is the Almighty Lord God, who was born in the likeness of man, made Himself of no reputation, and took the form of a bondservant. Though He was God, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even the death on the cross.

In Jesus Christ, all the fullness of God wells. He is the image of the invisible God, the first born over all creation. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the Word of His Power. Jesus Christ is the God who has the authority to for give our sins. He is worthy to receive our worship. He had the authority to lay down His life and take it back.

The Great and Perfect Sacrifice

Without shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. Therefore several ancient religions around the world have been offering sacrifices. All these sacrifices were temporary foreshadows of the Great Eternal Sacrifice that was to come - For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. These sacrifices of bulls and goats were a symbolic representation of God's Sacrifice on the Cross by shed ding His own sinless Blood for the redemption of humanity.

Jesus Christ immeasurably loved you, so that He took your place on the Cross and shed His Own Blood as an atonement and bore your sins, iniquities, transgressions, and curses. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from every sin and makes us holy.

The Great Sacrifice on the Cross

Surely, Jesus Christ bore our sicknesses, infirmities, sorrows, and diseases on the cross. He bore our afflictions on the Cross. He was wounded for our transgressions, and crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought us peace was on Him. By His wounds, we are healed. The iniquity of us all was laid on Jesus. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open his mouth. He was led like a

lamb to the slaughter and was silent as a sheep before its shearers. By oppression and judgment, He was taken away for slaughter on the cross for our sins. He poured out Himself as an offering for sin.

He was wounded to bring us health and healing. Though He was rich, He became poor to make us prosperous. He became naked on the cross, to clothe us with garments of Salvation. He became sin, to make us righteous in God's sight. He became a curse, so as to bless us and make us a blessing.

The meaning of the Name Jesus is **"Saviour"**. He is also called the Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. He was tempted in every way, just as we are and yet He didn ot sin. Therefore, He is able to help us in every need and temptation.

Nothing is impossible with Him. He can restore and repair everything. In the name of Jesus, demons flee. He knows all your situations. If you seek Him and have faith in Him, He will surely help you. There is no sin that He cannot forgive. He cant ake away your sense of guilt and burden, and bless you with a clear conscience. There is no sickness or disease that Jesus cannot heal. Jesus, the God who made the whole universe merely with His spoken words, can surely rescue you from every ruined, desolate, and desperate situation that you are going through.

The Empty Tomb

Jesus Christs hed His Blood for our sake and died on the cross. He was buried and rose again victoriously on the third day by defeating sin, death, the abyss, the powers and principalities of darkness, and put to death the rotten nature of the fallen man.

God raised Jesus from the dead, putting an end to the agony of death since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. In the history of mankind, Jesus is the only one whose tomb is empty. Through His resurrection, He is declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of Holiness.

Why only Jesus Christ?

- The birth and life of Jesus was sinless.
- Jesus has the authority to for give our sins.
- Jesus is worthy of our worship.
- Even demons testified that Jesus is the Holy One.
- Over 300 prophecies that were written in the Holy Scriptures about a Saviour of the world, were fulfilled in Jesus.
- Jesus is the only one (God & Man) who died for redemption from sins for the moksha of mankind.
- In Jesus, all the fullness of Deity dwelt in bodily form.

- Jesus said, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one can attain moksha except through Me".
- Jesus is the pivotal figure in History. His life is not a fairy tale. His birth is a referential landmark and basis for history, even dividing eras as BC and AD.
- His teachings which are filled with love and forgiveness have transformed millions of lives -evensinners (Love your enemy, pray for those who persecute you, Offer your other cheek to those who strike you on one cheek –are some of His teachings which are often quoted)
- Jesus is the only Person whose tomb is empty. This gives us hope that He can also raise those who believe in Him by delivering them from the clutches of death and the abyss.

By the works of the Law no man will be justified in His (God) sight; for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But apart from the law, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His Grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

All are Welcome

Jesus said:

"Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

- "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water."
- "The one who comes to Me I certainly will not cast out."
- "Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other."
- "For God did not send the Son in to the world to judge the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him."
- "Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."
- "Can a woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you."
- "Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will also help you, I will also uphold you with My righteous right hand."

Personal Relationship with God:

You can have a personal relationship with God who is your Heavenly Father and your Creator. He doesn't keep Himself distanced from any one. By believing in Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and you have the right to be the child of God. God is longing to spend time with you and talk with

you, He is eager to listen to you. You are God's child irrespective of yourage, your caste, your creed, your religion, your economic status, and your social status. You are very dear and precious to Him because He bought you with the price of His Blood. He is longing and waiting for you stretching out His wounded arms. You can experience a one-to-one relationship with God if you kneel to pray and read the Holy Bible. You don't have to be alone. He is with you. Cast all your worries on Him. He cares for you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.

What should I do to be saved:

To be saved from the punishment of eternal Hell, you should trust in your heart and:

- Accept and confess that you are a sinner and have committed sins, not only in your thoughts but also by your words and deeds.
- Realize that you need a Savior who can give you Mukthi/ moksha.
- Accept with your mouth that Jesus Christ is your Lord and personal Savior.
- Believe in your heart that Jesus shed His blood and died on the cross for the atonement of your sins. Believe that Jesus died for you and was buried. Believe that He rose from the grave on the third day as death could not contain Him.

To all those who believe in His Name and receive Him, He gives them the right to become children of God.

Don't Miss this Opportunity

It is appointed for every man to die once and after this to stand before the white throne of Jesus to receive His righteous judgment. Whoever accepts Jesus Christ as their personal saviour and receives forgiveness of sins, will attain eternal life to live with Jesus forever.

God being righteous, cannot let sin go unpunished. The Bible clearly says that those whose names were not in God's Book of Life will be thrown into the lake of fire. The punishment of eternal hellfire is too difficult to bear. It is the place where the flame does not cease and the worm does not die. Jesus Christ has already paid for our sins and we can escape this judgment by accepting him as the One who took our sins upon Himself (our Saviour). You do not need to pay for it again or by yourself. Cast your burden of sin upon Jesus.

A New Begining in Your Life

Dear Friend! God Himself is talking to you through this booklet. Even before the foundation of the earth was laid He chose you because of His love for you. He has begun a new work in your life and restore your situations. He will wipe off your tears. Do not be afraid, be strong. For God is on your side, who can be against you? He will safeguard you and

your family. He will meet all you rneeds and fulfill your desires in His glory. Just fix your eyes on Him.

Now is The Day of Salvation

Now is the opportune moment. Today, you have a chance to attain Mukthi/moksha. You do not know what tomorrow holds for you. You and I are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. The future is uncertain. It is not a mere coincidence that this booklet has come into your hands. Jesus Christ loves you immeasurably. Jesus is lovingly inviting you into His kingdom. Please do not refuse Him. Please do not decline His love.

He is stretching out his Holy Hands towards you. Jesus Christ, who saved you by shedding His blood on the cross and laying down His life for you, can easily provide for all your needs. Jesus has the power to help you in all your difficulties. Jesus can bless you, heal you, and satisfy you with good things. Jesus wants to save you. Jesus is standing and knocking at the door of your heart. Will you not open the door and invite Him in? He wants to come in and sup with you.

<u>Note</u>: If you desire to know more about Jesus Christ, please download the Bible App from the Google Play Store and read the Bible - which is written by the Holy Spirit. The Bible is available in many languages. You can experience the love of the Lord Jesus Christ by reading the Bible.