

A Victorious LIFE

THROUGH JESUS CHRIST



The Good News of Jesus Christ

**Jesus saves us from the domination of sin,
Satan, death, daily troubles, and meaninglessness.
He gives a new life filled with love and purpose.**

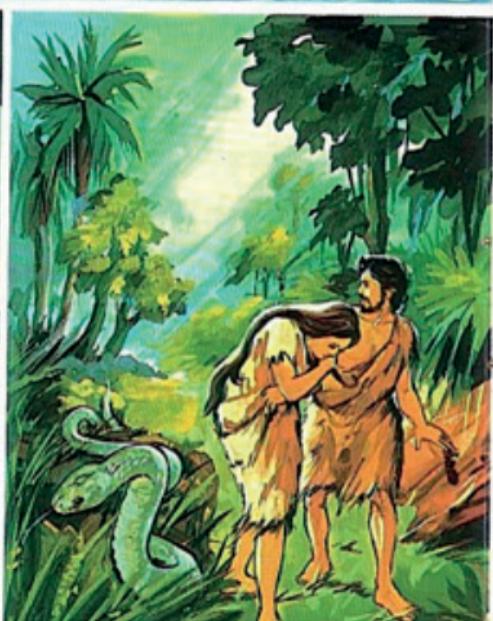
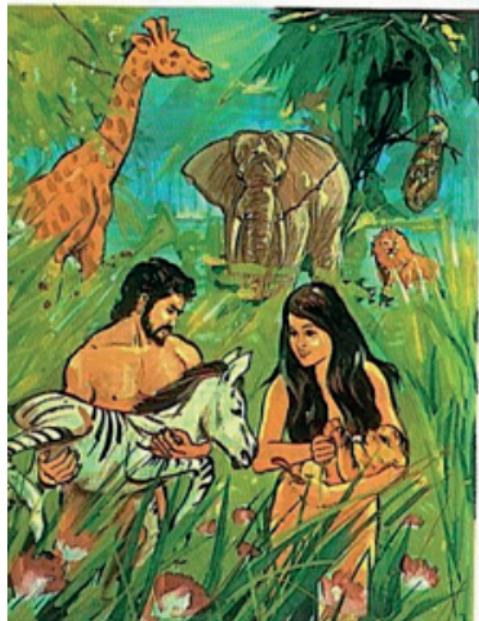
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God created the Universe

God spoke and the earth and sky came into being. God created the world and the universe from invisible things made visible by His command (Genesis 1:1-3; Hebrews 11:3) We can not believe that a cell phone could possibly come into being accidentally. There had to be much unseen thought and many words before it could come together and work. So it was with the creation of the universe.

God saw that everything he had created was very good (Genesis 1:31).

God's overflowing love created man, Adam, and woman, Eve, in His image to rule over nature. (Geneses 1:26-27; 2:7; 3:17, 20).

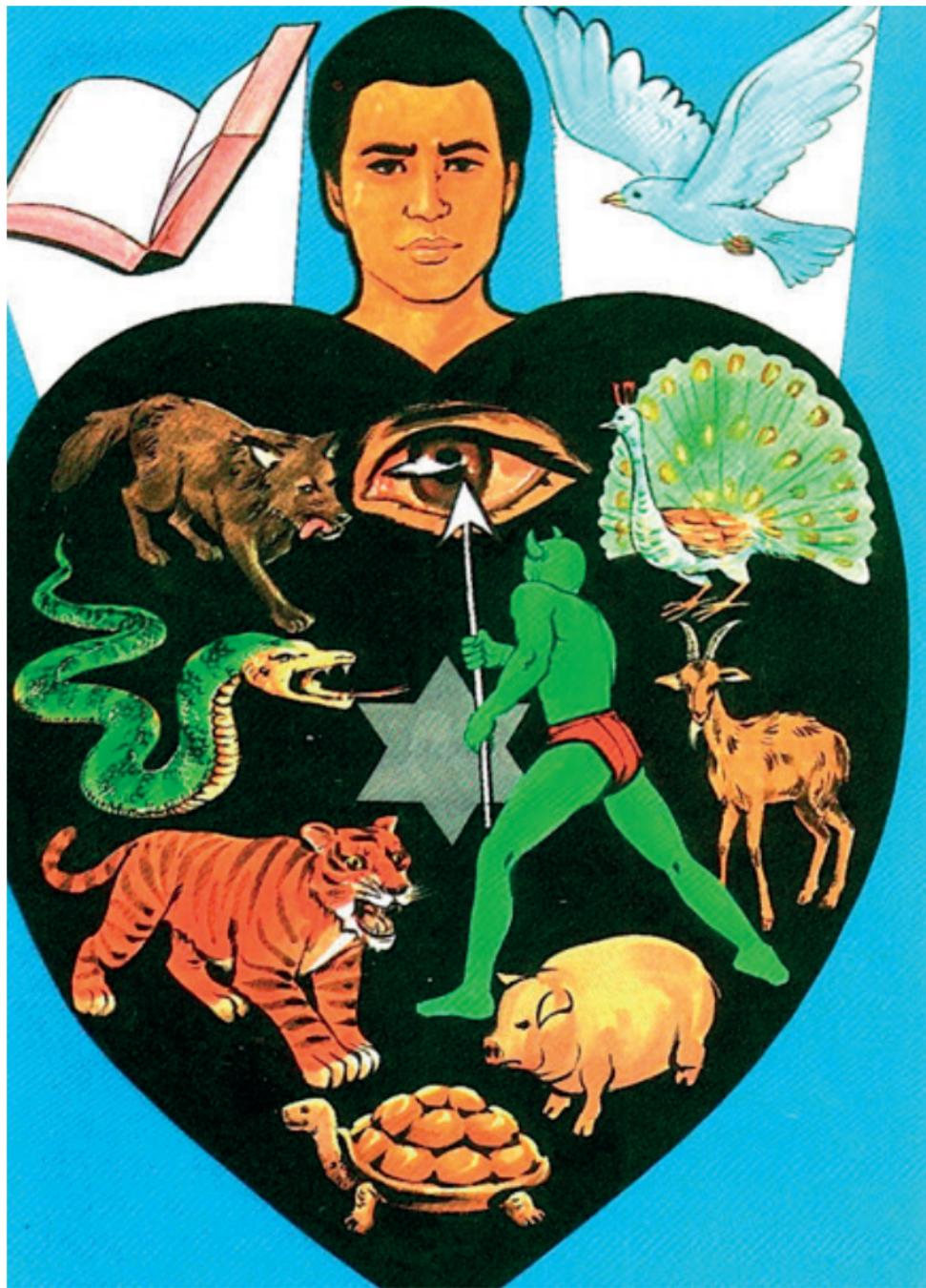
Love gives free will but humans disobeyed God and fell into sin.

God gave humans the right to choose but there are limitations. He told them, "You may eat from any tree of the garden. But you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of right and wrong because on the day you eat from that tree you will surely die...." (Genesis 2:16-17).

The devil, also called Satan, came as a serpent to tempt them. Satan had been a powerful angel who led a rebellion against God. (Revelation 12:7-9).

The serpent tempted them to eat the forbidden fruit so they would be like God. They disobeyed God and obeyed Satan. Immediately, they felt ashamed and afraid, so they hid themselves from God. (Genesis 3:1-8).

The Lord asked: "Have you eaten from the tree that I forbid you to eat?" the man replied. "The woman you gave me brought the fruit and I ate it." But the woman said, "The serpent tempted me, so I ate" (Genesis 3:11-13).



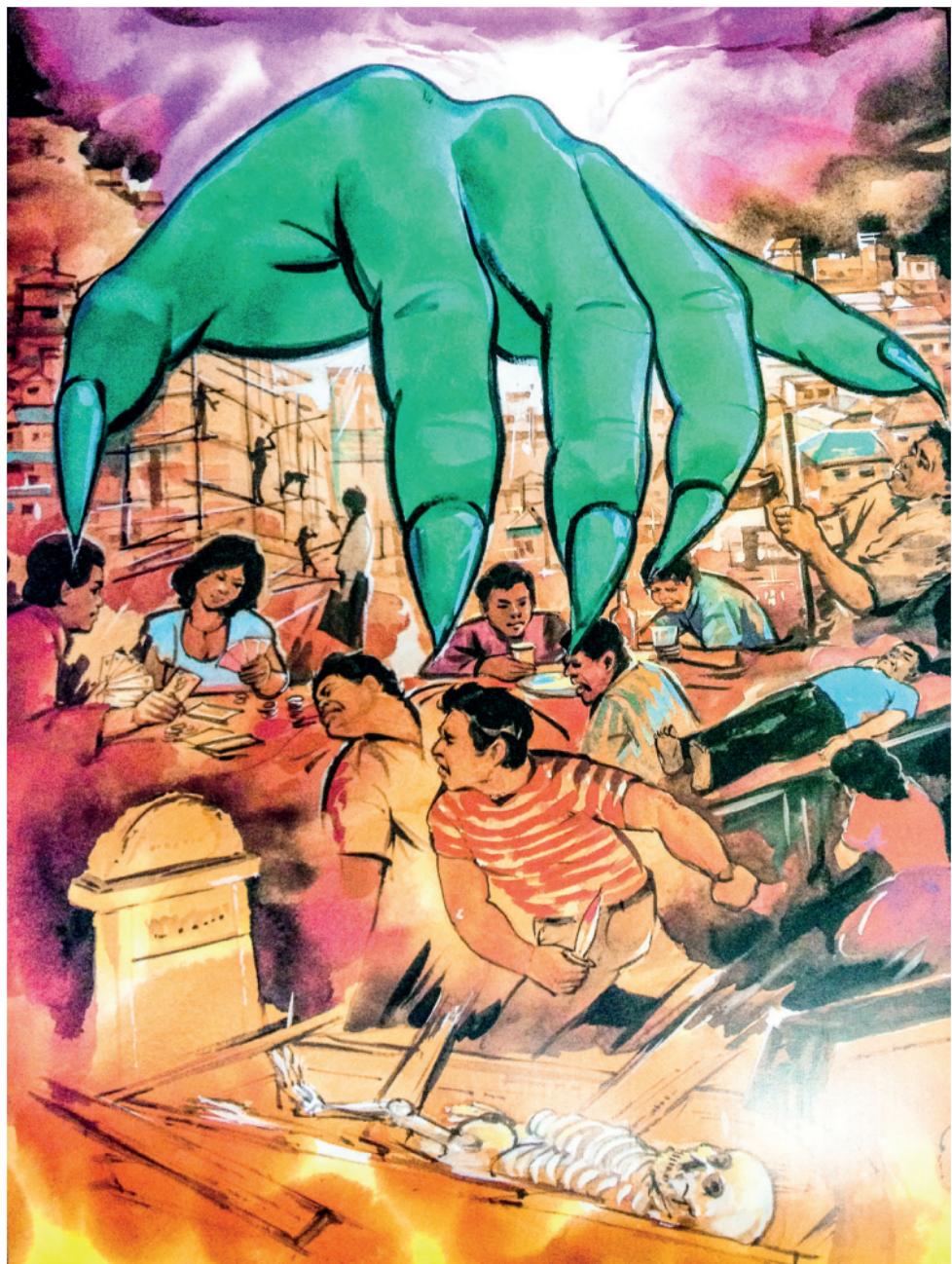
The Human Heart is Unclean

From the beginning man disobeyed God and we still do, so we fall under the power of sin and Satan dominating our thoughts, minds, and actions.

The heart itself is the source of evil thoughts, sexual sins, murder, theft, greed, corruption, lewdness, deception, lust, jealousy, gossip, arrogance and foolishness. All these evil things come from within and make a person unclean. in the sight of God. (Mark 7:21-23).

The Black Heart,

The human heart is full of sins which can be symbolized by animals: **Dog** - represents stealing, sexual unfaithfulness and lust. Snake with a fast tongue and poisonous bite: lying, deceit, crookedness, cheating, gossip and cursing. **Tiger**: hate, anger, revenge and murder. **Turtle**: laziness. **Pig**: gluttony and greed. **Goat**: stubbornness, doing it my way and not listening to others. **Peacock**: pride, arrogance, looking down on others. **Grey Star** is our hardened conscience. “**Green Demon**” represents the Devil controlling us and blinding the eyes of our minds (2 Corinthians 4:4). **Dove**: The Holy Spirit and **Open Bible**, are beginning to shine light into your life.



Humans Become Slaves of the Devil

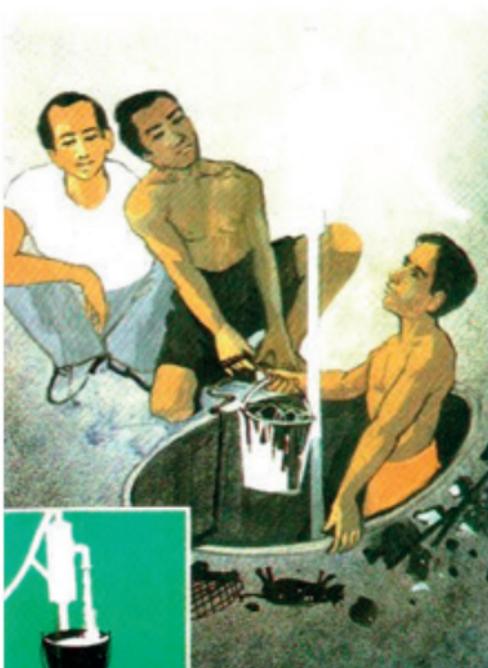
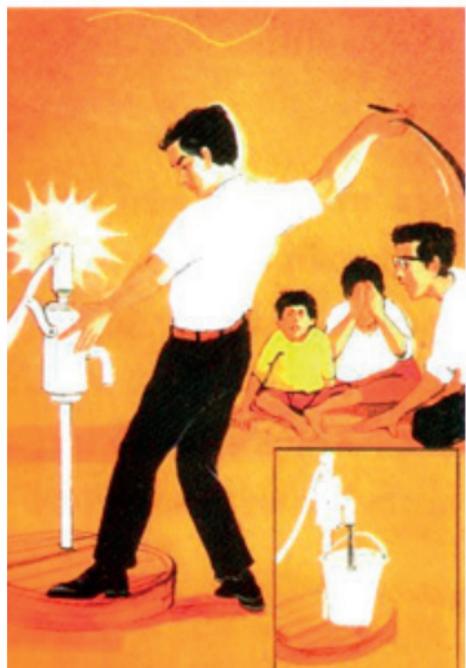
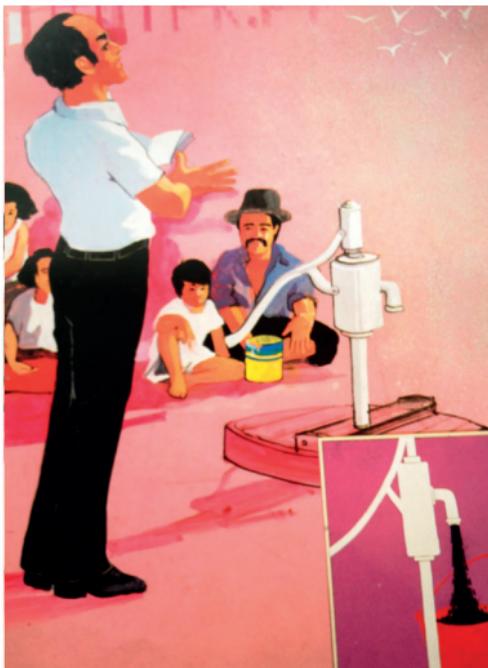
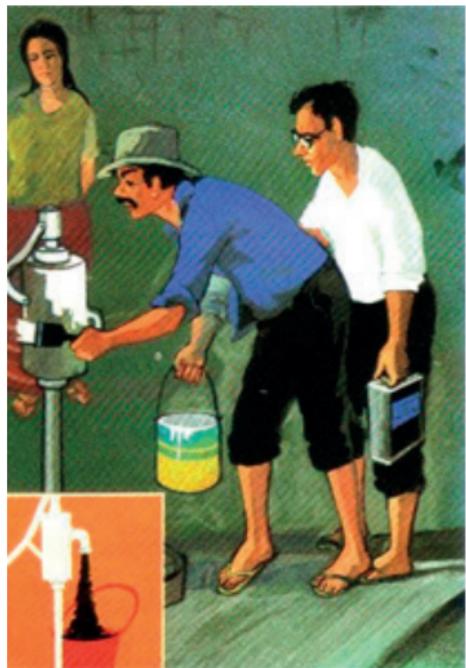
We live according to the evil ways of this world; According to the evil powers of the air; the spirit that operates within the person who disobey God. (Ephesians 2:2).

We are not fighting against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, the authorities and world powers of darkness; the spiritual hosts of evil in heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:12).

Even though this world is in the hands of the devil. God still has power over evil. (1 John 5:19) Yet because we sin, we cannot escape the power of the devil by ourselves.

Whoever continues in sin belongs to the devil. For this reason, the Son of God came into this world in order to destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3:8).

**Life under Satan's domination
is a life full of Suffering,
Tribulation and Death.**



Human Beings Cannot Correct Their Own Evil State of Mind

Jesus rebuked the teachers of the law and the religious leaders of that time, saying that they were hypocrites; presenting themselves as good and righteous, but they were like tombs painted white and looking beautiful on the outside, but inside they were full of putrid bones, corpses, wickedness and deceit (Matthew 23:24-28).

Four Pictures: Everyone is excited to get a water-well pump, but the water is smelly sewage.

Pic. 1: They try to paint the outside, but the water is still smelly like our trying to dress up and look nice but our inside is still dirty. **Pic. 2:** They try to give the well good teaching but the water is still undrinkable. **Pic. 3:** They call the headman to beat the pump so it will be good, but it does not help, like we arrest and punish criminals, but their hearts do not change by themselves. **Pic. 4:** Finally the villagers open the well and clean out the filth. The well gives good clean water that blesses everyone. The well cannot clean itself, It has to have help from above.

Likewise, our lives must get help to be cleansed.

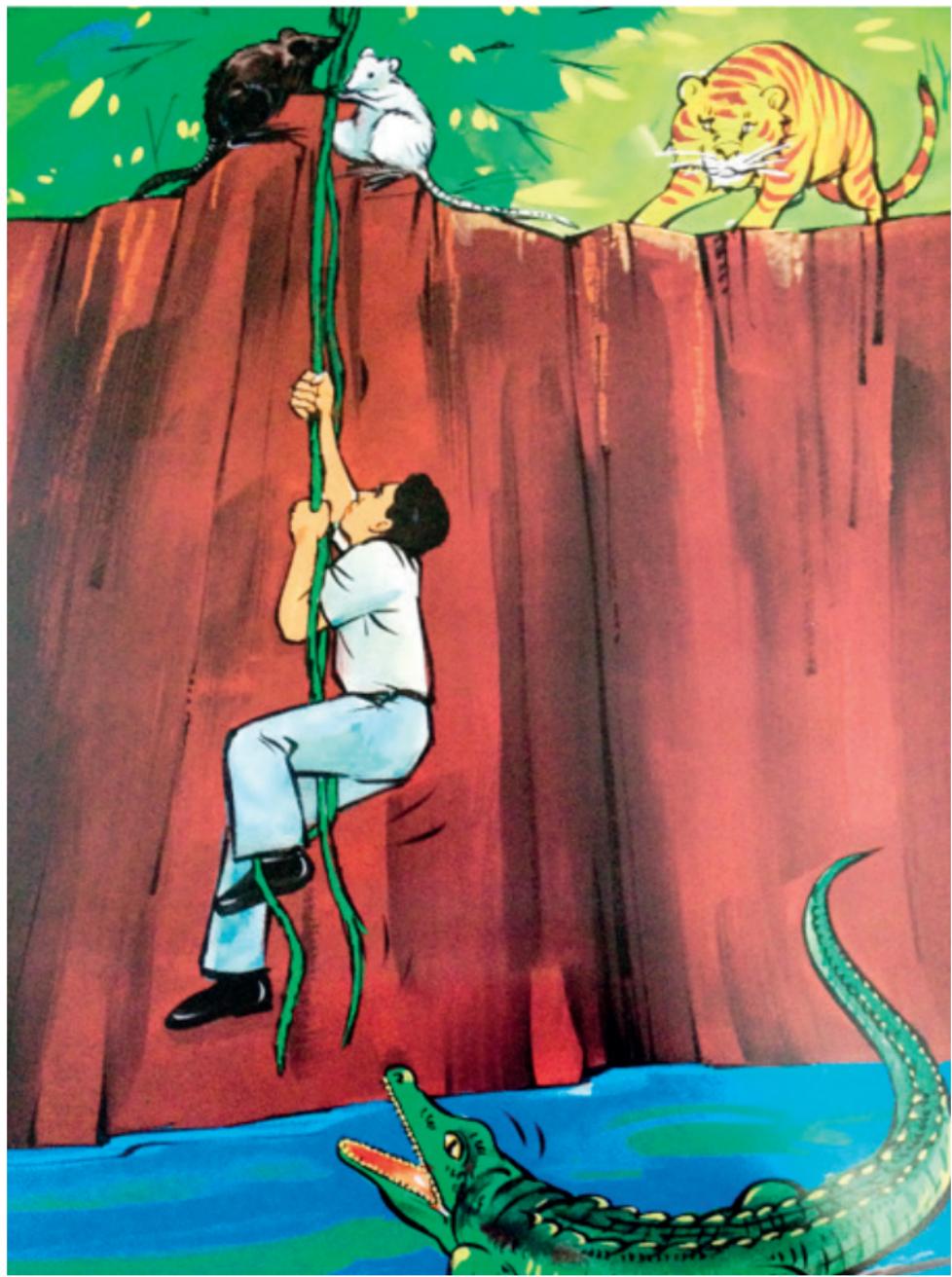


We Must Suffer Many Troubles Because of Sin, And We Cannot Reach God By Our Own

We know deep inside that heaven is a holy place, and we know that we are not pure and holy, so we have no right to enter heaven.

We try to purify ourselves by listening to good teaching, performing various ceremonies, making merit, giving alms, doing good, but even then we still have bad thoughts, tell lies, do bad things etc. We know we must face judgement. (Romans 5:12); Ephesians 2:1; Hebrews 9:27; Isaiah 64:6).

Rules or laws do not make us good, on the contrary, they become a clear measure whether we have followed the law or not. Actually, laws really expose the power of sin over our lives. (Romans 3:20; Ephesians 2:8-10).



We Are Sinful and Must Die. Then We Will Face Judgment for Every Wrong Thought and Deed. (Hebrews 9:27)

Picture of a dream: The man is chased by a tiger. He sees a vine and tries to jump on it and escape. When he looks down though he is shocked to see a crocodile with its mouth open wide waiting for him. He is caught between a tiger and a crocodile, as the Thai love to say. Then two mice, one black and the other white, come and begin to gnaw at his vine. Slowly, the vine gets smaller and smaller. It will soon break. **What can he do?**

When the man awakes trembling, he remembers the laws of religion that he has been taught and this dream is about his own life. The tiger chasing him represents his accumulated bad deeds, words, and thoughts (The Thai call it his Karma) The vine is his own lifeline and the waiting crocodile is his death. The two rats symbolize night and day. Each day his life is getting shorter. One day the vine will break and he must fall into the jaws of death. Then he will face his final judgement, his Karma. **He cannot escape.**



The Bible Gives Us Hope

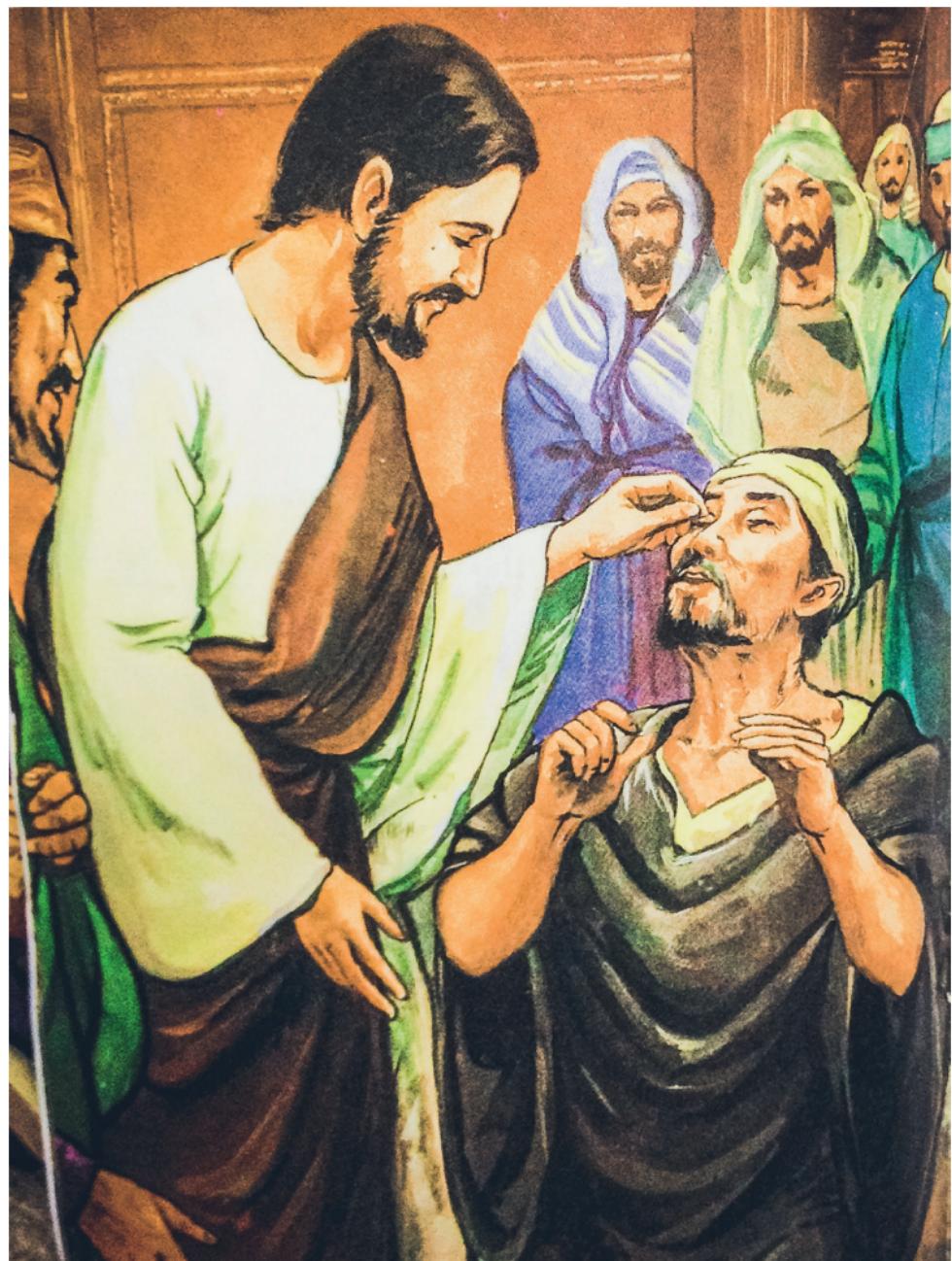
“Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.” (Acts 17:29-31).

“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.” (Romans 3:23-24).

Jesus Christ is the hope

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16).

God sent his son to be born in a manger where everyone could come easily. He sent angels to call the shepherds, the poorest of the poor, who ate and slept with the sheep in the fields, and He sent a star to lead wise, rich men on camels to find the baby Jesus.



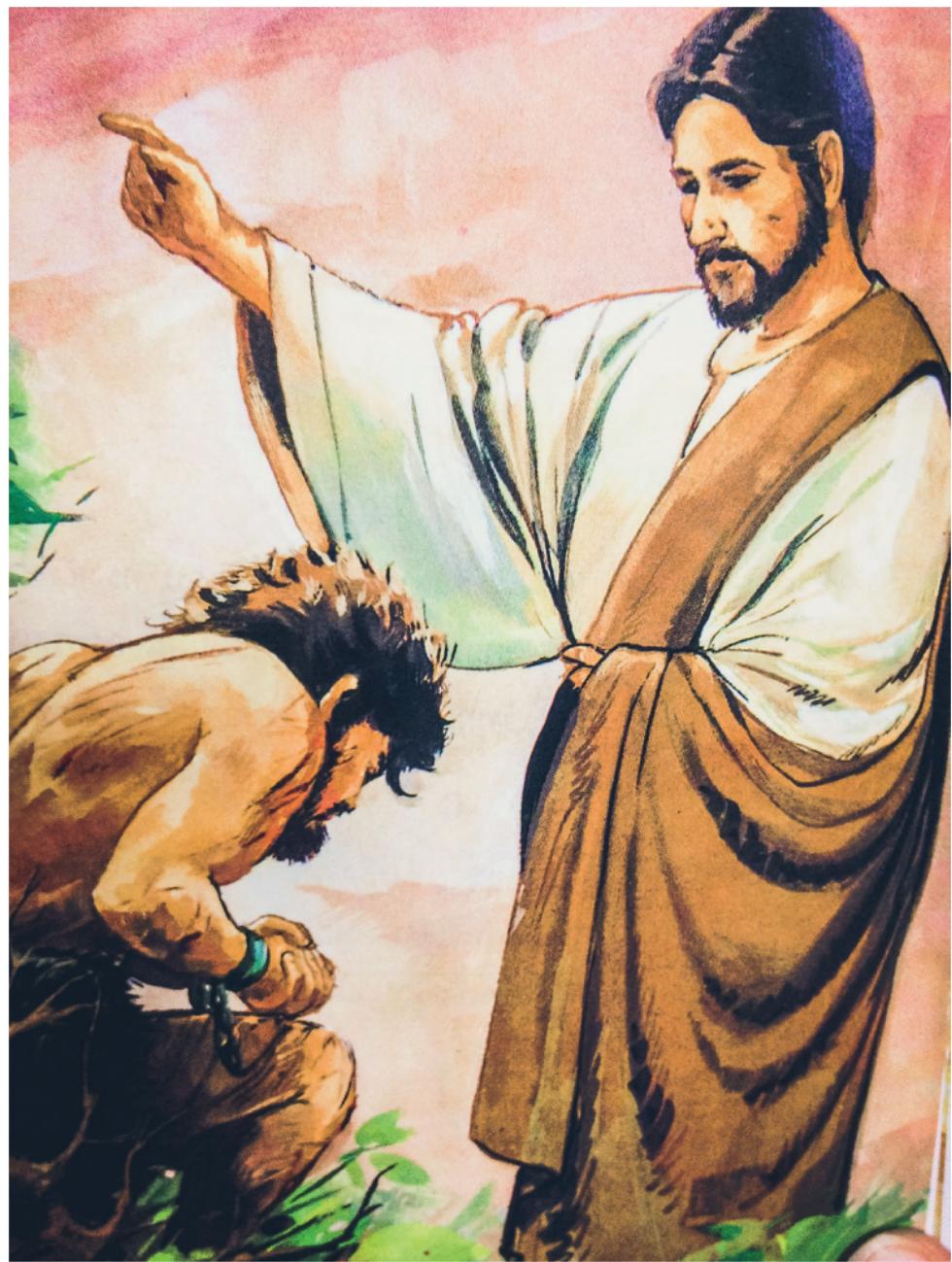
Jesus Has All Authority in Heaven and on Earth

“... God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. (Acts 10:38).

“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.” (Matthew 9:35).

When John sent his disciples to ask Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?” Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. (Matthew 11:2-5).

After Jesus rose from the dead he told his disciples, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20).



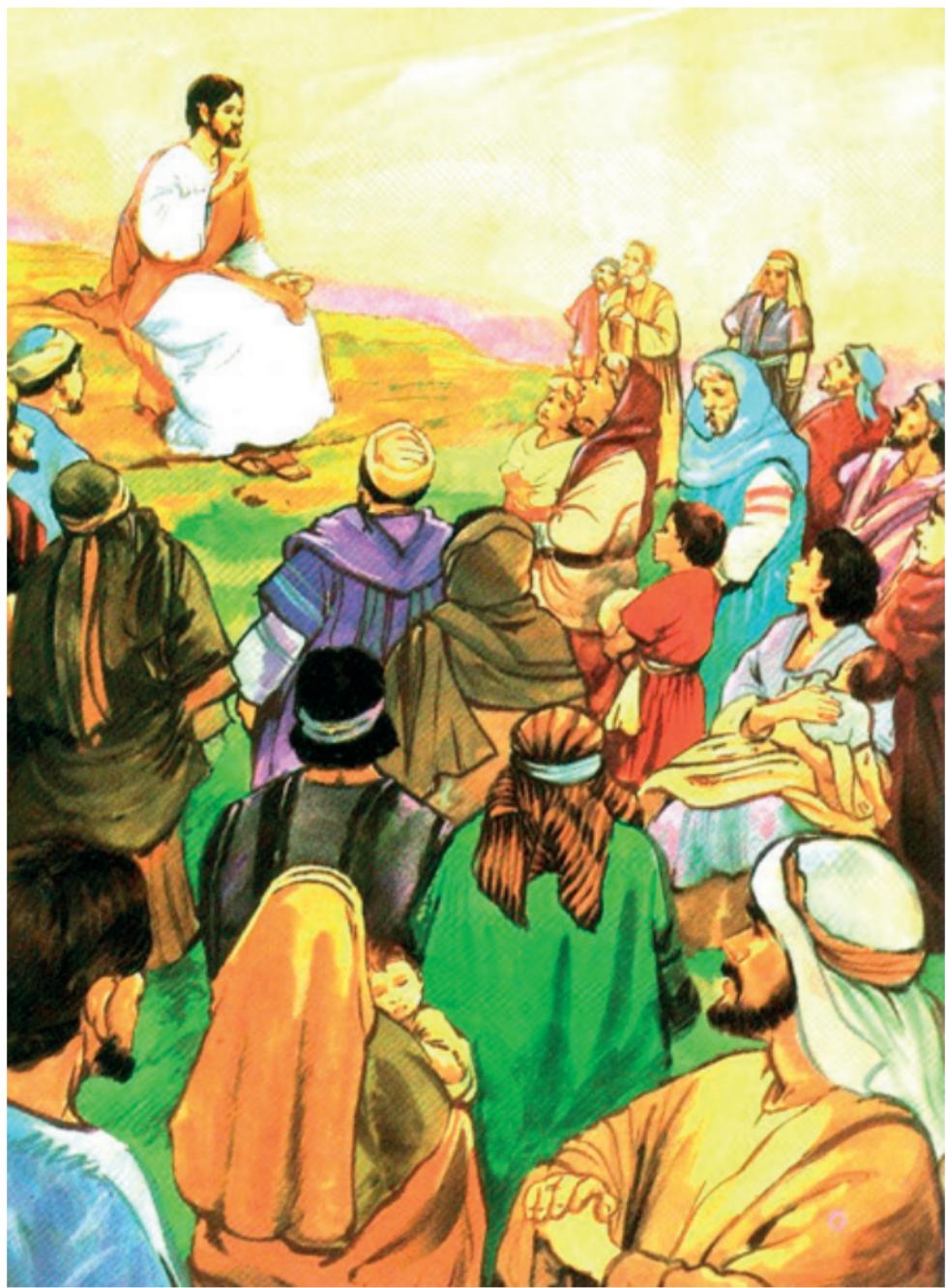
Jesus Has Authority Over Demons

Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. . . . Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” News about him spread quickly “That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons,” (Matthew 11:21-34).

“When Jesus had called the twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” (Luke 9:1-2).

“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.” He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” (Luke 10:1, 17-18).



Some of Jesus' Main Teachings

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12).

“I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved... I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10).

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30).

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” (Luke 6:31).

“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. (Matthew 6:14-15).

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil....Do not take revenge,... but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:17-21 from Paul's writing).

Jesus teaching can be summed up as, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ And ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ (Matthew 22:37-39).



Jesus Was Crucified and Died on the Cross

“When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. . . And Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.” (Luke 23:33-34, 44-46).

Why did Jesus Die?

“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.” (1 Peter 2:24).

“...God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though **God were making his appeal through us**. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Corinthians 5:18-21).

“..God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having **disarmed the powers and authorities**, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. (Colossians 2:15).



Jesus Rose from the Dead

“ On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, **“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!”** (Luke 24:6-7).

He appeared to many. “For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.” (1 Corinthians 15:3-8).

“...Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.” (Revelations 1:17-18).



Through the Cross Jesus Freed Us from the Hands of Satan

Jesus has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. (1 Peter 3:22).

He has victory over the power of sin, evil, death, judgment and hell (Colossians 2:15).

Jesus Christ Gives Us a New Life

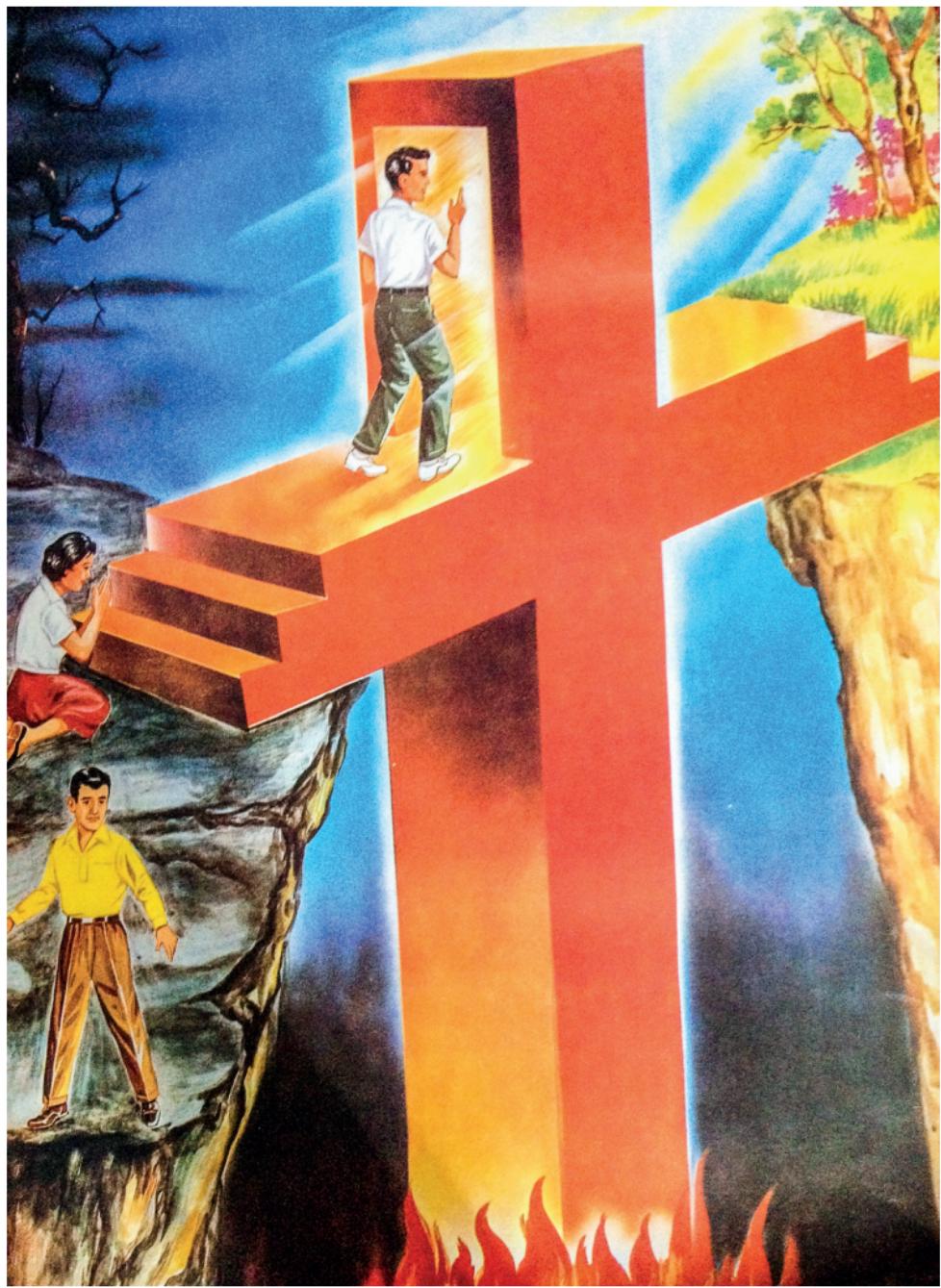
But because our lives were dominated by the power of sin, we were powerless to change our lives. So Jesus Christ sends his Holy Spirit into our lives to change us and help us grow in His Spirit as we follow and strive to be like Jesus. (John 14:15-26).



When we trust in God we do not have to fear death
(John 10:9; 14:1-6).



Saved in the loving hands of God
(John 3:16; Romans 8:38-39).



Jesus is the Way to God in Heaven Through the Cross

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. . . I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:1-4,6).

“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” (Acts 2:38-39).

Surrender Your Life to God

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:1-2).



Jesus Gives New Life

When we pray to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. He will come into our lives to forgive us and cleanse us. He drives out our sins and the evil power - the animals and the demon in the picture. Our conscience is cleansed (the star). We are forgiven (the cross). The Holy Spirit dwells within us (the dove). We keep the bible teachings in our heart (the open book). Our eyes are opened to the truth and our mouth is opened to share and testify and invite others to open their hearts and receive the power of Christ.

We Are Born Again

“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.” (John 1:12-13).

God Makes His Appeal Through Us

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. **We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.**” (2 Corinthians 5:17-19).



Jesus will come back for us with the trumpet call

“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And **so we will be with the Lord forever.**” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

The final Judgement

Those who choose the way of Christ’s love and grace will be saved. Everyone else will be judged by their own thoughts, words and deeds.

“Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. . . . Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:11-15).

A new heaven and a new earth

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” (Revelation 21:3-4).

Jesus speaks to believers “I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come to him...” (Revelation 3:20).

Would you like to invite Jesus into your heart?

You can open your heart right now and receive Jesus’ loving forgiveness and begin a new life with him. You begin by talking to God in prayer.

Prayer is not a magic formula, but it is sincere humble talk with the God, your loving heavenly father.

When Jesus comes into your life He will wash away all your sins and transform you into a new person. You will become a child of God. You will be with Him forever, and He will direct your daily life.

You can pray the prayer below right now.

Dear God. Thank you for sending Jesus Christ to die on the cross to save me. I want to open my heart to receive Jesus Christ as my Lord. and Savior. You know I have done many wrong things. Please forgive me, cleanse me, and drive out the evil in me. Give me your new life according to your will and lead me in your way now and forever. Amen**

**** The word “Amen” in the original language of the Bible means “Let it be like that.”**

Jesus Christ Saves and Delivers Us from:



Jesus Christ Saves and Delivers Us from the Following:

- ① **Sin. We are justified by faith.** (Romans 3:23-25; Mark 2:10).
- ② **The power of the devil, Satan.** We become children of God (1 John 3:8; John 1:12-13).
- ③ **Death. We receive abundant eternal life.** (John 3:16; 10:10).
- ④ **Daily suffering.** Jesus Christ helps us find peace in the midst of suffering by sending His Spirit to live in our lives and bring us through to victory. (John 14:16-18; 26-27; 16:33; Romans 8:18, 26; Philippians 4:6-7).
- ⑤ **Life without purpose.** We escape boredom, and loneliness into a hopeful, meaningful life with God. (Ephesians 1:4, 11; 2:10; 1 Corinthians 15:57-58; Romans 8:28; John 14:18-20; 15:15-16).

When You Receive Jesus Christ You Can Begin Your New Life By:

1. Praying and talking with God about everything, everywhere, and at all times.
2. Reading the Bible in order to understand, obey and follow God's will better.
3. Joining in fellowship with fellow Christians both in the church and in the community
4. Sharing your experiences with Jesus to others and invite others to receive Jesus into their hearts as well.
5. Asking the church to instruct and baptize you according to Jesus' command in Matthew 28:18-20.

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