

The Very Best Friend

Have you ever wanted a friend that would be closer to you than a brother? Or a friend that would love you to the end? Or a friend that would never leave you nor forsake you? One that knows everything about you, but still will love and help you through all of life's trials? One who says, "**cast your care upon me for I careth for you**" **1 Peter 5:7** I want to tell you about Him. He is my best friend and He wants to be yours.

He came for one purpose: to die for you and me. Why did He die for us? To make a way for us to escape punishment. What punishment?

Have you ever tried to keep the law, but realized you couldn't. Maybe you got fined by the police for not following the rules of the road. What happens if you cannot pay the fine? Maybe someone will have mercy and pay it for you. Have you always kept the rules in your religion? No. Neither have I. **Sin is the transgression of the law (1 John 3:4)**. And **the wages of sin is death,(Romans 6:23)** which is physical death and an eternity in the lake of fire, which is called hell. So the payment that a person must pay for sin is eternity in hell, but there is someone who has paid the price so that you do not have to pay it.

Jesus Christ shed his blood and died on the cross for you. He became sin for us, who knew no sin. **For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened in the Spirit. (1 Peter 3:18)**. He was without sin and died for the guilty, you and me. He paid our sin debt for us, so we could live with Him in Heaven forever. And he is offering it to you as a free gift.

Are you tired of trying to be good, and feel there is no hope? Do you feel like you are under a burden too great to carry? Jesus says, "**Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**"(**Matthew 11:28**) Do you long to be set free from the burden of sin? Jesus Christ says, "**And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.**" You may be asking, "how can I know how to be free from my burden?"

Many of us try very hard to do many good deeds and yet these good deeds will not save us from punishment. For **not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us.(Titus 3:5)** You will receive Jesus Christ's payment for your sin by repenting of your sin and receiving Jesus Christ by faith into your heart.

When you do this, Jesus will live in your heart and be the very best friend you could ever have. **He will never leave you nor forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)** He will care for you and be with you during the trials of life. When you die, you will go to live with Him in heaven. If Jesus Christ died to pay for your sins already, surely he is the very best friend you could ever have, right?