

## An Illustration

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Well, let's say you are driving home this weekend and you are cruising. You're going say, 105 mph. You're just flying. You get busted, the cop has you on radar and you're done. They impound your car, and bring you straight to the courthouse to face the judge. Well the good news is that the county you got busted in just happens to be the county in which your dad is the judge. So you're thinking that you're golden. He loves you, he'll let you off, everything will be fine. But just as you are entering the courthouse, you remember that your dad is a really good judge. He never punishes the innocent. He always punishes the guilty. He is a good and just judge. Now you're a little nervous. Which is going to win out, his **love** or his **justice**? He's your dad and he loves you so he'll want to do good to you. But he's a good and just judge and therefore he'll want to follow the law and render a just verdict. What do you think he'd do? Which would win, love or justice?

So he looks at you and says, "That will be \$500 or a week in jail. Guilty as charged." And he bangs down the gavel. Well you don't have any money, so the bailiff comes to take you away so you can start serving your time, when your dad, the judge stands up and says, "Wait a minute, bring him back here." Then he stands up, takes off his robe and walks down from behind the bench. Then he reaches into his coat pocket, takes out his checkbook and writes the court a check for \$500, the exact amount of your fine. Then he offers it to you. Do you receive it? That is exactly what God has done for you.

## Favorite Bible Verse

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*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. - Eph 2:8*

## My Testimony

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I became a Christian the day before my senior year of high school. A friend told me about Jesus Christ and what He did for me. I had never heard this before. My parents were alcoholics and I came from a broken home. To hear how God loved me and what He did to forgive me was almost too good to be true! Then, to hear that He could heal my broken heart and wounds and give me a new life with Him that would last forever. Forgiveness, a relationship with Him and eternal life. How could I not receive that?! Since then, I have walked closely with Him every day.

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## From My Heart

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If I am giving you this tract it is because you are my friend and I care for you. It is about how I became a Christian when I was 17 years old, and the difference it has made in my life. Since I care for you, I want to share all the good things in my life with you and this is by far the best thing in my life. A relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Please read it and think about what I am saying. If you don't agree or don't want to become a Christian, nothing changes between us. I still am your friend and I will always do my best to be a good friend.

The reason I am writing this is any talk about God can get personal and even controversial,, I suppose. By writing this down I feel better knowing that you will be able to understand Christianity better and know that the only reason I am sharing this it this way is because it is from my heart. Jesus is actually God's gift to us from His heart.—Erv



*Friends are friends forever*

You Can Know For Sure That  
If You Died Today You Would  
Go To Heaven.

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### Realize That God Loves You

God loves you and has a plan for your life..

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

### The Bible Says That All Men Are Sinners

Our sins have separated us from God.

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

God made man in His own image. He gave man the ability to choose right from wrong. We choose to sin. Our sin separates us from God.

### God’s Word Also Says That Sin Must Be Paid For

“For the wages of sin is death....” Romans 6:23

Wages means payment. The payment of our sin is death and hell, separation from God forever. If we continue in our sin, we shall die without Christ and be without God forever.

### The Good News Is That Christ Paid For Our Sins

All our sins were laid on Christ on the cross. The Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross, and He arose from the dead. He is alive forevermore.

“But God commends His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” Romans 5:8

### We Must Personally Pray And Receive Christ By Faith As Our Savior

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Romans 10:13

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### Let’s Review For A Moment

1. Realize That God Loves You
2. All Men Are Sinners
3. Sin Must Be Paid For
4. Christ Paid For Our Sins
5. We Must Personally Pray and Receive Christ as Our Savior

### Pray Now And Receive Christ As Your Savior

*Lord, I know that I am a sinner. If I died today I would not go to heaven. Forgive my sin, come into my life and be my Savior. Help me live for You from this day forward.*

*In Jesus’ name, Amen*

### Let Me Help You In Your New Life As A Christian

Online Resources

- <https://www.bible.com/>

- App: YouVersion

- <https://thebibleproject.com/>

Bible Study Together

Finding a Good Church

