

# **Live now — Live forever**

A vital Bible message  
that everyone should read

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## **Live now — Live forever**

We are happy to bring to you a vital Bible message, which we think—in fact, we **know**—can change your life.

Do you believe in life after birth? Do you believe in life after death? Do you want to live now? Do you want to live forever?

Some people are not really alive after birth. They breathe in and out, and that is usually a sign of life. But life is more than just breathing in and out. To really live now means to be happy, to be fulfilled; to enjoy life. I recently talked to a woman who was so distressed that she said to me; “When I wake up in the morning, and I realise I am still alive, I’m nauseated! I want to die.” She hated life. In fact, she had twice tried to take her own life. She wasn’t living: she was existing; and this young lady was only in her thirties. It is very sad. But she didn’t live by the Bible at all. We believe that the Bible tells you how to live, both right now, and also how you can live for ever.

The person who belongs to God, who has Jesus Christ as their elder brother, is a happy person. They are free from worry, free from guilt. They have the most glorious future you can imagine because not only are they living now, they have a hope of living for ever. They have “a promise,” as the Bible puts it, “*for the present life and also for the life to come*” (1 Timothy 4:8).

That’s an amazing promise. The Bible tells us how to live now, and if we really live now, we will also live forever. This is really good news, and that’s why it is called the ‘gospel’. The word ‘gospel’ literally means ‘good news’, and the Bible has good news for you!

This good news is that you can live for ever with Jesus and with all the faithful of all ages, in fulfillment of the promises that God made to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob.

### **A sick world**

Now the problem with the world today is that most people are not really living now. They are just existing. They don't live right. Crime, immorality, lying, cheating—these things are so common-place—they have corrupted our society; from top to bottom, bottom to top. It's true in every country of the world.

Earlier today we were talking about this—one person's house had been robbed, another person's car had been stolen, and there are places in our cities where you don't dare walk on a dark night. This is true in every big city in the world, because people are not living right—they are, in the Bible's words, doing “*what is right in his own eyes*” (Judges 21:25). Now you cannot do that! You can't do what is right in your own eyes. You must do what is right in God's eyes! If you will do that, then you will live now, and you will also live forever.

I quoted you just a bit out of a verse, when we said it “has promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.” It is from 1 Timothy 4:7-8. The Apostle Paul is writing, and he tells us, “*train yourself for godliness;*” and he then tells us why. He says, “*bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.*” That's life now and life for ever.

## **Physical exercise or Godly exercise?**

How do you live now and live for ever? You do your exercise. What kind of exercise? As I have travelled around, every time I go out I have noticed joggers, jogging. Jogging is a craze—it is popular all over the world. Wherever you go you find joggers out there jogging. Did you ever look at the faces of those joggers? I have been studying the faces of joggers, and most of them don't look happy. I am not criticising jogging. Paul does not say that bodily exercise is no good, he says that it is little use in comparison to Godly exercise.

What is really important? Paul wants to teach us how to live. It is good to have a healthy body, there is no doubt about it, but when one man I know was asked what he did for exercise, he said that he acts as ‘coffin bearer’ for all his friends who go jogging! So it is possible to overdo some things, isn't it. Bodily exercise to have a healthy body may be important, but Godly exercise is far more important, because then you not only live now, you can live for ever. The best physical exercise that you can do for

this body will just help it live a few more years, but if you practice Godly exercise you can have an endless life! Jogging may be good, but I have never seen a 105 year old jogger, have you?

## **Our goals**

We have two goals to accomplish in this booklet:

1. To show from the Bible how to really live right now. How to live a life free from worry, free from guilt, a life filled with “the peace of God that passeth all understanding.” That's the living now part.
2. To show from the Bible that God has promised you, and all of the happy fulfilled people who are really living God's way now, eternal life in His kingdom, when Jesus returns to set it up on this earth, and rules as King of the world.

## **God must be first**

In order to live both now and forever, we have to put God first in our lives. As long as we put ourself first we are going to be miserable, as the world is proving to us every day.

Let's now look at Mark chapter 10, and we find a jogger, here, just like we've been talking about. He must have been in good condition. I'll tell you how I know he was in good condition. If you ever look at joggers and runners, you will notice that they get out of breath. And this man comes running to Jesus, and he was evidently out of breath—but no, he wasn't. The better you are at jogging, the less out of breath you get. Verse 17 says that he came running, and when he got to Jesus he kneeled down. Now if you are like me, when I jog I need to stand up, because I need to get all the air I can get, and when you kneel down you don't get as much air. So I'd be huffing and puffing, but he could also talk.

He runs up to Jesus, kneels down, and says “*Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?*” That is a really wonderful question.

But before answering, Jesus begins to ask him a few questions. He said, “*You know the commandments*” and he lists them, “*Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.*” The man replies to Jesus in verse 20, “*all*

*these I have kept from my youth.”* (Mark 10v17-20)

Here is a remarkable young man! He’s in top physical condition and he has kept his body pure, which is more that we can say for most people today. I’m sure that you know people who are destroying their bodies with drugs or alcohol. It is very sad. People seem determined to destroy the only body they will ever have. You only get one body issued, and many of us are ruining that body.

### **A fine young man, but...**

This man was in good physical condition; he was trying to do the right thing; and besides all that he was rich. You know, young ladies would think, ‘what a wonderful husband he would make.’ He was healthy, he was being true to his body, and he was rich. And so we are told, in verse 21, that Jesus looked at him and loved him. This shows us that the man was not lying. Many people could walk up and say, ‘I’ve done all these things since my youth,’ but they would be lying. This young man was not lying—this was the truth. So, Jesus loved him, and told him, “*You lack one thing ... sell all that you have!*” Just one thing—“*sell all that you have and give to the poor ... and come, follow me...*”

Well, he wasn’t expecting that. That was more than he wanted to do. He wasn’t willing to really put God first. There were things in his life that he valued more than living for ever. And that is true of so many people. Is there anything in your life that is more important to you than living for ever? If so, whatever it is, that is your god.

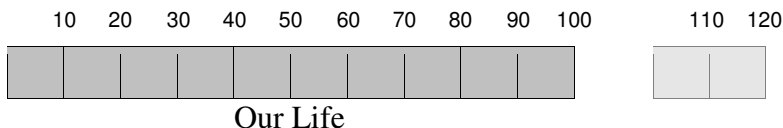
We are told in the Bible that we are not to worship idols. If there is anything in your life that you love more than God, that is your idol. It could be your money, as in his case; it could be your property; it could be your job; it could be your family; it is anything about which you say, “This, God, is more important than you are.” God will not take second place in anybody’s life. That is the problem, you see: people want God on their terms.

“Oh, I want to worship you, God—on Sundays—but the rest of the week is mine;” and God says, “No, that is not the way it is.”

And so this young man was not happy. How do we know he was not happy? Well, the Bible tells us in verse 22 that he was not happy. He was



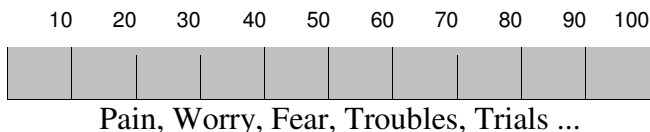
Each square represents ten years. How many of those reading this are over one hundred years old? Not many—maybe not any. So for the vast majority of human beings, this is our life.



This still represents a longer life than most of us will have. The average life span is a little over seventy years. Some of those reading this may be much older, but for nearly all of us, this scale up to one hundred years is more than adequate.

This is your life. No matter whether you are young, middle-aged or elderly, have you ever been sick? Have you ever been tired, have you ever been discouraged? Do you ever feel depressed? Do you ever have problems? These things are common. Everyone has them. The only people who don't have problems are those who are dead. So be thankful you have a few problems—at least they show that you are alive!

But you know you can't have a good time when you are hurting. In the U.S. there is Disneyland. But if your big toe is swollen up and hurting you can't have fun. Even if you are in a fun place, you can't have fun when you're in pain. And this life, at best, is full of pain, trouble, trials—and so this is your life:



And God, through Jesus, is offering you a better life—a longer life—a different life. This present life is going to end, but the life God offers goes on and on and on. It is a different life, with no pain, sorrow, or troubles, and where no one is ever hungry, depressed, or discouraged; and this life goes on, and on, and on. We can't comprehend eternity—living for ever, and ever, and ever and ever.... we can't understand it.

God is telling you and me, “If you'll put me first in this life you can have never-ending life.” That is what God is offering you. It is not me offering it—I don't have it to give! God is offering it. It is the gift of God—if we put God first.

Now let's go to Matthew 19 (which has the same story of the rich young man as Mark 10), where Peter asks the question that may be on your mind. He says (in effect), "We have put God first, what are we going to get, Jesus?" "*See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?*" (verse 27).

And the answer to this question is the title of this booklet. Jesus says in verse 29, "*everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.*" How much did it say he will receive? twice as much? ten times as much? No, it says one hundred times as much! "A hundredfold" means a hundred times as much. "*A hundredfold now in this time ... with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life*" (Mark 10:30)—that's right now. We are told that in this life, right now, those who follow Jesus will receive a hundredfold now, in this time, of houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers and children, and lands. You will also have some 'persecutions,' because everybody that is alive has that. And then, besides that "*... in the age to come eternal life.*"

Isn't that amazing! To think that God is saying to you, through Christ his son, that if you will put him first in your life right now, He'll bless you, right now, one hundred times over, and besides that He'll give you the kingdom. And would you believe that people who have only a little bit of life left, would turn God down and say, "No!—I'm going to do what I want to do when I want to do it, and I choose to die rather than to live for ever!"

## **Throwing life away**

Isn't it amazing to think that people would really put themselves first, turning God down and throwing life away! Can you believe it? And yet it's happening every day. It's happening right now. There are a lot of people who choose not to read the word of God, the Bible, even though they have ready access to it. They are too busy doing other things that are not as important. They are playing cards, watching television, or going to the movies or a great sporting event. We are not saying that these things are sinful, but are they as important as putting God first in your life? You can't be saved by doing those things. They are a distraction from the important things, but if you keep them in the right place, maybe they are all right. However, you want to be careful if you do all that, because that's the



trouble with this world—they only want to do what they want to do when they want to do it, and they have no time for God.

I am pleased that you have taken the time to read this booklet, because we believe that this message is vitally important to your future, which is going to begin right now.

What does your future hold? Do you have God with you? If you haven't said "Yes" to God, you've said "No"! There is no such thing as "maybe" in God's vocabulary. You cannot say, "Maybe I'll do it, God." He's not looking for "maybe," it has to be either "Yes" or "No."

Jesus said, "*Whoever is not with me is against me*" (Matthew 12:30). Now that may shock a lot of people—they don't really want to be against Jesus. But if you are not all out for him, then you are against him, because there is nothing in the middle. If you turn your life over to God, you'll have the best life there is right now, and you'll also have life for ever in his kingdom.

What a marvellous offer he is making you:

PEACE NOW &  
ETERNAL LIFE

instead of

A MISERABLE  
LIFE & DEATH

## With God everything is possible

Proverbs says: "*Trust in the LORD with all your heart.*" That's all there is to it—trust in God. Don't trust in your riches, don't trust in your own ability, don't trust in your own wisdom. "*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths*" (Proverbs 3:5-6). What will he do? He will take care of you!

That's Solomon talking—the wisest man ever. King Solomon, by inspiration of God, says: "*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.*" Don't lean on your own understanding, your own wisdom. You can't do it on your own. Salvation is impossible without God. In Mark 10:27, Jesus tells us, "*all things are possible with God*"—but you and I can't do it alone. Without God and Christ, the Son of God, there is no way you can live for ever. No way at all.

## God in control

Over in Philippians 4:6, we are told, “*Don’t worry about anything*” (Good News Bible). Did you know that the number one killer in the world today is worry? Many of the people in the hospitals are there because of worry. Worry can cause ulcers, heart attacks, and even some kinds of cancer. Worry causes all kinds of problems. Many of the people who are sick and dying, are doing so because of worry, and they are miserable worrying, and then they are going to die. We are talking about both being happy now and living for ever.

So Paul says, “*Don’t worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart.*” Isn’t that beautiful! Don’t worry, just tell God all of your needs in prayer, and “*the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus*” (Philippians 4:7). That is the way to live now: turn your life over to God, and put him first in your life. He’ll take control of it, he’ll direct your paths, and you will have no worries because you know that he is in command and that everything that is happening to you from that moment forward, is working out for your good. Because “*for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose*” (Romans 8:28). It is not just some things, but all things work together for good to those who love God. Is that you? Are you one of those “called according to his purpose”? If you haven’t said “Yes” to God, the answer is “No.” “No—I want this life, I don’t want to live for ever and be happy, happy, happy. I’d rather be miserable”—is that your choice? There are people who love misery. I hope they are happy being miserable, because there are a lot of them!

God is offering you happiness and salvation right now. You don’t have to worry over anything. But to get this, you have to put him first in your life—and that is the hard part, isn’t it? We don’t want to put God first. We want to do what we want to do when we want to do it.

Now let’s look at the second part of the title. We have learnt how to truly live now. The way to live now is to put God first. He will then take over your life and direct your paths. Whatever you want to do, he’ll help you do it, provided that it is within his will. You can’t ask God to help you rob a bank. If you want to do right, ask God to help you, and he will—God and Jesus will always help you. Paul says: “*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*” (Philippians 4:13). You can, I can.

The same Christ that helped Paul is as alive and eager to help today as he was when Paul wrote that.

## **The hope of resurrection**

Now, this same Christ died for you, and he wants you to believe in him so that you can live with him for ever, because he is not, dead he is alive! But he was not alive while he was dead. You know what happened to Jesus. He lived for about 33 years, and then wicked men killed him. Then what happened? The whole world knows what happened: he was placed in a tomb. Three days later he came out of that tomb—he was alive again. He rose from the dead. We are told that he was *“the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep”* (1 Corinthians 15:20). This means that he came out of that grave to live for ever. Paul says that what happened to Jesus can happen to us. We don't need to worry about dying, because if you die when you belong to Jesus, you will live again. But the Bible teaches life after death, not life while you are dead, and there is a big difference. It is a sad thing that many people believe in life while you are dead; and the Bible does not teach that at all. Paul, in a beautiful chapter known as the ‘Resurrection Chapter’, says *“we shall not all sleep”* (1 Corinthians 15:51). The Bible throughout its pages calls death a sleep. What happens when you go to sleep? You are unconscious, and don't know anything until you wake up. That's what death is. It is a peaceful sleep. *“We shall not all sleep,”* says Paul, *“but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.”* (verses 51-52)

Christ is going to return to this earth. You don't need to worry about dying before he comes—if you do, he'll wake you up. If you are alive, wonderful! you will be one of those who don't sleep, but are changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. *“For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory’”* (1 Corinthians 15:53-54).

## **Immortality a future gift, not a natural possession**

The Bible teaches that the faithful are going to receive immortality. They do not have immortality now. That's the message of the Bible, but it

is not the message you get in many churches. They tell you that you have an immortal soul, and that you are alive while you are dead. You will not find that in the Bible at all.

I just want to read you a sad commentary from the Encyclopaedia Britannica. You can look this up for yourself, under the heading ‘Eschatology’. You will read these words: “The traditional concepts about the resurrection were combined with Greek notions about the soul and its immortality.” Isn't that interesting, that the Encyclopaedia Britannica would say that the traditional conceptions about resurrection (that is, the Bible’s teaching), were combined with Greek, not Bible, notions about the soul and its immortality. If you go back into Greek philosophy, you will find that it teaches that you have an immortal Soul. Plato said so. Plato did not believe in Jesus (he lived before Jesus, so he couldn’t), but he didn’t believe in God, either. And he did not invent this doctrine himself—we find from history that it came from the Egyptians, and that the Greeks adopted it from the Egyptians.

According to the historian Herodotus, the Egyptians were the first people to believe in the immortality of the soul. And if you go to Egypt, you can go down into the beautiful pyramids and look at all the places where they put their Pharaohs, and you can also go to their museums and see the boats that they built, the jars of fruit that they left, and all sorts of other things for the Pharaohs to use after they were dead—but they never used them. Why? Because the Bible teaches that when you die, it is like a deep sleep, and you can do, think and know nothing (see Ecclesiastes 9:10). Also, Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15 that if there is no resurrection there is no hope. If you are alive while you are dead, you don’t need a resurrection. But the Bible says there is no hope without a resurrection. Would you like to look up every place in the Bible where the word ‘immortal’ is found? You think that will take you all night? No it won’t—the word ‘immortal’ is only found once in the whole Bible. And that verse says that only God is immortal! (See 1 Timothy 1:17.) However, the word ‘immortality’ is found in five places in the Bible. We have looked at two of them already, right here in 1 Corinthians 15:53-54. In the other three places we are told that immortality is something we must seek for. You don’t seek for something you already have, do you?

Now what about Jesus? In the ‘Resurrection chapter’ (1 Corinthians 15), we are told in verse 20 that Jesus is “*the firstfruits of those who have fallen*

*asleep*". Now if I have an apple tree, when autumn comes and apples come on the tree, what are the firstfruits? Apples! Now what are the second fruits? Oranges? No way! The firstfruits of an apple tree are always apples, the second fruits are apples, the third fruits are always apples. Never mangoes, oranges, lemons or any other fruit! Jesus is the firstfruits of them that slept.

## **The truth about hell**

So, whatever happened to Jesus is just what is going to happen to us. He died and was buried. The Bible says that his soul went to 'hell.' That is what the Bible says. Don't be shocked. The word 'hell' is translated 'grave' and 'pit,' as well as 'hell'. The same words 'sheol' (O.T. Hebrew) and 'hades' (N.T. Greek) are sometimes translated by the translators as 'hell,' sometimes as 'grave,' and sometimes as 'pit'. So Jesus' body, his being (or 'soul'), was put in the grave, in a tomb. Three days later he was out of the tomb, alive again. That is the way it was with Jesus. And the Bible says that is the way it will be with you, if you belong to him. You will be the second fruits. Don't expect your conditions to be different from Jesus.

Jesus died, was buried, rose again, and was given immortality. Three days after he was buried in the garden, Mary saw Jesus and said, "*Master*"; and Jesus says "*Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father*" (John 20:16-17). He had not been in heaven for three days. He even said that he hadn't been. He was in the grave for three days. So don't expect to go to heaven when you die. Jesus did go to heaven after forty days, but the Bible also says that no one else has been there, except Jesus. That's interesting, isn't it. Just check that out (John 3:13). Nobody has gone to heaven except Jesus.

## **Which 'church' is right?**

Now maybe this will shock you a little bit. Actually we want to, because we want you to know the truth. There is no use lying to you. Martin Luther left what he felt were wrong doctrines, and he and men like him were called "Protestants", meaning "to protest". They were protesting against the wrong doctrines they thought were being taught by the church. Martin Luther did not believe in the immortality of the soul. He said so, and he wrote it in his books. Lutherans today are embarrassed by that, and do not

want it quoted; but it is in his writings. You can go to a library and look it up. So either Martin Luther was right and the Lutherans today are wrong, or Martin Luther was wrong and the Lutherans today are right! So how do you know what is right? Look around you, everywhere you go: churches, churches and more churches. What are you going to do? How are you going to pick out the right one? Will you pick the one with the grandest church building, or one with the most dramatic preacher, or the one with the nicest music and choir? Or the nearest? That is the way that many people pick their church.

## **Bible-based beliefs**

Have you ever thought about carefully reading the Bible? After all, it is God's book. He wrote it. Did he write it simply to pass the time because he had nothing else to do? Of course not! If God thinks enough of you and me to write this book, we ought to think enough of him to read it.

Now I want to tell you a little bit about Christadelphians. You may not be familiar with us. When it comes to the reading of God's book, Christadelphians, as a community, have a unique policy. Christadelphians aim to read the Bible right through every year. We have a little chart called "The Bible Companion," which, every day, gives three passages to read, going through the Old Testament once and the New Testament twice in a year. It takes about twenty minutes a day. If God is not worth twenty minutes of your time every day, He's worth nothing to you. If you read the Bible for yourself, you will know what it says. Many people read bits of it here and there, or they read what someone tells them is in there, and they don't even really know. It is a good idea to try to read the Bible through every year. I am in my sixties now, and I've read the Bible through I don't know how many times. I've been doing it since I was a child. My parents taught me to love the Bible and I am very grateful for that, because the Bible is what God said. Not what man said, what God said. So everything that we, as Christadelphians, tell you, has to be checked out against this book, the Bible. If we tell you something that is not in this book, we are wrong. We have to go by what the Bible says. The Bible says that you can live for ever, but that you are not alive while you are dead. The Bible tells us that the hope of the righteous is resurrection—that Jesus is going to return to this earth to raise the sleeping saints who have been unconscious in death awaiting his coming. And all the faithful will get the same reward

on the same day.

## **The hope of the faithful**

God made Abraham a promise almost four thousand years ago; did you know that you can have the same thing that Abraham is going to get, and on the very same day? He doesn't get it even one second ahead of you, because "*God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect*" (Hebrews 11:40). So Abraham has not gone to heaven, and even David has not gone to heaven (see Acts 2:34)—they are waiting for resurrection. Heaven-going is not Bible teaching, so it is not true Christian teaching; it is Egyptian belief mixed up with Greek philosophy, and then worked into Christianity in the early centuries after Jesus' time. Do you ever dissect verses? Have a look at the best known verse in the New Testament:

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."* (John 3:16)

There are two groups in that verse. There is a group that perish, and there is a group that have everlasting life. They don't all have everlasting life, some up and some down! One group has everlasting life, the other group perishes. If you don't believe in Jesus, that verse says that you will perish. Now, maybe you don't like reading that. Back in the days of the children of Israel in the Old Testament, they said to the prophet Isaiah, "*Do not prophesy to us what is right; speak to us smooth things*" (Isaiah 30:10). Yes, you can pack more people into the churches today if you lie to them. The Bible doesn't lie to you. We urge you to check out whatever you hear, whatever you read, with the Bible.

## **'Almost' a Christian?**

In Acts 26 we read that Paul gave a Bible lecture. He was on trial, really. He was speaking to a very important king, and as he talked and reasoned with that king about the things we have been reading about, the apostle Paul finally looked him in the eye and said, "*King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.*" And Agrippa said to Paul, "*In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?*"

“*King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets?*”—do you believe the Bible, do you believe what God says? Do you know what king Agrippa said? I hope you don't say what he said! He said: “*In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?*” (Acts 26:27-28) If we only get close persuade you to be a Christian, we have failed you, because “almost” is not enough. You have got to go all the way for Christ, or not go at all. You can't “almost” be a Christian. Sadly, King Agrippa perished. Paul did not want him to perish. And we don't want you to perish. We are grateful that you have taken the time to go through this book. But we don't want it to end here. If you have read this book and then put it down and forget everything you've read, then we have completely wasted your time. If you say; “Well, you have ‘almost’ persuaded me to be a Bible-based Christian,” we've failed you. You have to go all the way, and then you can live a happier life than ever before. You don't know what happiness is until you turn your life over to Christ. It is the greatest life in the world—right now! Besides that, you have the promise of life to come—eternal life in his kingdom.

However, you have to believe, and before you can believe, you've got to know. We want to help you ‘know’. But if you just say ‘almost’, you haven't said enough. Jesus said, “*Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many*” (Matthew 7:13). You know, there is a traffic jam on the road to death. All of the people who are steering their own way through life, zooming down life's freeway, are headed for death. They are pursuing what they think is happiness. But God's way to happiness is a little narrow way off to the side, and there is almost no traffic on it, because “*the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few*” (verse 14).

It is not that God is not willing for everybody to be saved. He is very willing. He wants you to be saved; but he is not going to force you to be saved. God will not grab any of us by the feet and drag us kicking and screaming into his kingdom. If you don't want to live for ever, you don't have to! It would be foolish to decide not to live for ever, but most people. Most people turn God down.

We hope that among the readers of this little book, there are some honest and good hearts that say: ‘Tell me more.’ We don't ask you to make a commitment this minute. We don't have altar calls, because we believe



that true religion is a combination of knowledge in the head and desire in the heart. It takes both. Some churches only go with the head, some only go with the heart. It takes a combination of your heart and your head to live for Jesus. But if you do, you can really live now, and you can really live for ever.

So the challenge that Moses gave to the people of his day, we leave with you:

*“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.”*  
(Deuteronomy 30:15)

That is what we have done in this little book: we have set before you life and good, death and evil. But Moses goes on: (verses 16 & 19)

*“If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall LIVE!”*

*“I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore CHOOSE LIFE.”*