

'Jesus came to the world to save sinners.' Many people have not yet heard this message. Some know about it and still have doubt. Actually, the fact that Jesus came into the world is indisputable. Both The Bible and historical documents have recorded it.

Now most world calendars are based on the birth of Jesus. For example, the year 2025 A.D. is counted from the day Jesus was born. The much-celebrated Christmas is to remember the birth of Jesus. Besides, the Red Cross sign, which symbolizes the act of rescuing, derives from the story of Jesus dying on the cross. He died on the cross for our sins. He shed his blood to save us from the punishment for our sins – eternal perdition.



So, the whole world uses Red Cross to represent saving. The common saying of 'scapegoat' also derives from the dying of the innocent Jesus in sinners' place. He received God's righteous punishment for us to save us from the angry judgement of the holy, righteous God. However, although we are familiar with the sign and calendar, we have not come to know Jesus who loves us and sacrifices for us. Different countries and races use the sign and calendar. This is actually the wonderful act of God. He wants us to know about the salvation He has prepared, believe in Jesus Christ and get eternal life.



ALL HAVE SINNED

According to the Bible, 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.' (1 Timothy 1:15) and 'for all

have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.' (Romans 3:23) Some people may argue that they have not killed or set fire nor have they violated any law, so they ask how that they have sinned



From the perspective of God, sin is not confined to the external act, but it is about the motive as well. For example, someone hates his enemy and thinks about the way to trap, attack and even stab him with a knife. However, he is too timid to act. Such a man still appears to be a good man because he has not put his evil thoughts into action. However, in the eyes of God who searches our hearts, he has sinned because his heart is filled with malice.

As said in the Bible, 'But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.' (Matthew 5:28) and 'For it is from within, out of a person's hearts, that evil thoughts come-sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person.' (Mark 7:21-23) Wherever there are men, there will be fight and hatred. There are always struggles and competitions among them, with the weak being the prey of the strong. Even though families are supposed to be bound by love, each has its own troubles.

Yes, man has problems. Even the kindest man on earth dare not reveal his thoughts to others. He will be too ashamed of himself if he does so. Before the heart-searching God, who can be blameless? The Bible says, 'The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their

conduct, according to what their deeds deserve.' (Jeremiah 17:9-10)

MAN CANNOT SAVE HIMSELF

Perhaps, some will say, 'I can make up my mind to turn over a new leaf. I will triumph over the power of sin.' He doesn't understand man's real nature. 'For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.' (Romans 7:18) It is like men who can try his best not to be greedy, but when tempted by money, he cannot control himself. Or men try his best to have a clean heart, but their minds are filled with evil desires.

As the saying goes, 'If the caves are low, we cannot but bow our head.' This explains why men's morality declines despite scientific development. The more corrupted men get, the more sophisticated their methods have become. Oh! Men have gone wrong.

JESUS IS THE SALVATION

The Bible says, 'You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ

died for the ungodly.' and 'But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.' (Romans 5:6,8) Oh, God's love is so deep!

When we are deep in our sins, He has sent his beloved son to receive judgement for us, nailed on the cross for the sins we have committed so that we can be saved. Jesus becomes the scapegoat for all of us. He not only saves all those who believe in Him from perdition in Hell, but he also enables them to triumph over sin and all kinds of tribulation in this life.

In history, there were countless Christians who experienced the power of Jesus' salvation and had their life changed as a result. For example, one who got hooked on gambling



would experience a new life after accepting Jesus as his saviour.

Dear friends, Jesus loves you. He understands your needs more than anyone else. He wants to save you and pardon all the sins you have committed in your life. God's eternal life will also be yours, if you repent and turn to Him, sincerely believe in and accept Him to be your personal saviour, you will be saved and blessed in this as well as the next life.

Please follow me and pray, 'Lord Jesus, I believe and accept you as my saviour. I am a sinner. I ask your forgiveness for all the sins I have committed in my life. Please live in me, grant me your life and the Holy Spirit. I will dedicate my life to you. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.'

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