

A GOLD STREET!



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JOHN, WHEN THIS SHORT LIFE IS OVER DO YOU WANT TO GO TO A PLACE WHERE NOBODY EVER DIES - NOBODY GETS SICK, AND NOBODY HURTS OR CRIES? WE'LL WALK ON A GOLD STREET! WE'LL BE FILLED WITH JOY, AND WE'LL ENJOY PLEASURES FOREVER!*



SURE DOESN'T SOUND LIKE HELL, KATHY. IT MUST BE HEAVEN, RIGHT?

KATHY- WHY DID YOU ASK ME
IF I WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN?
OF COURSE I DO! AFTER
ALL- DOESN'T EVERYONE GO
THERE?



JOHN, I WISH I COULD TELL
YOU THAT EVERYONE GOES TO
HEAVEN - BUT THE BIBLE (GOD'S
WORD) SAYS THAT ONLY A FEW
FIND LIFE, WHILE MANY GO TO
DESTRUCTION*



THE BIBLE ALSO SAYS,
"ANYONE NOT FOUND
WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF
LIFE WAS THROWN INTO
THE LAKE OF FIRE."*



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*Matthew 7:13-14

*Revelation 20:15

KATHY - THAT LAKE OF FIRE
SOUNDS LIKE A BUM TRIP! MY
NAME MUST ALREADY BE WRITTEN
IN THE BOOK OF LIFE BECAUSE I'M
SUCH A GOOD PERSON!



JOHN - LET'S SEE IF
YOU'RE GOOD ENOUGH TO
GO TO HEAVEN. HAVE YOU
KEPT GOD'S TEN COMMAND-
MENTS?



SO WHAT ARE GOD'S TEN
COMMANDMENTS? WHATEVER
THEY ARE - I MUST HAVE KEPT
THEM!



JOHN, THE FIRST COMMANDMENT
IS, "YOU SHALL HAVE NO
OTHER GODS BEFORE ME."
HAVE YOU EVER LOVED ANYTHING
MORE THAN YOU LOVE GOD?



WELL, KATHY - I GUESS I LOVE CANDY,
SOCCER, BASEBALL, BASKETBALL,
VIDEO GAMES, SWIMMING, MONEY, BICY-
CLING, PLAYING, AND SKATE BOARDING
MORE THAN I LOVE GOD!



I THOUGHT SO, JOHN!
LET'S CHECK OUT A FEW
MORE OF THE 10 COM-
MANDMENTS:
"HONOR YOUR FATHER
AND YOUR MOTHER."
TELL ME - DID YOU EVER
DISOBEY YOUR MOM OR
DAD?



WELL, SURE, KATHY - BUT NOT
OVER 50 OR 60 TIMES! I'M A
LOT BETTER THAN I USED TO BE!
MANY OF MY FRIENDS DISOBEY
THEIR PARENTS, TOO!



JOHN - I'M AFRAID THAT I'VE
ALSO DISOBEYED MY PARENTS,
TOO! LET'S CHECK THIS ONE
OUT: YOU SHALL NOT BEAR
FALSE WITNESS AGAINST
YOUR NEIGHBOR. TELL ME,
JOHN - DID YOU EVER TELL A LIE?



WELL, SURE, KATHY. I SOMETIMES
LIE TO TRY TO STAY OUT OF
TROUBLE - BUT THEN I FEEL DIRTY
AND UNCLEAN AFTERWARD! I KNOW
OTHERS LIE, TOO. DON'T YOU?
HOW ABOUT YOU, KATHY? DID
YOU EVER TELL A LIE?



JOHN - I HATE TO ADMIT
IT - BUT I'VE LIED, TOO!
HERE'S ANOTHER ONE: "YOU
SHALL NOT STEAL." DID
YOU EVER TAKE SOMETHING
THAT DOESN'T BELONG TO
YOU - EVEN SOMETHING
SMALL?



YEAH, KATHY! I THOUGHT
THE THING I STOLE WOULD
MAKE ME HAPPY - BUT
INSTEAD, IT MADE ME
MISERABLE! THEN I HAD TO
LIE SO PEOPLE WOULDN'T
KNOW I TOOK IT!



WELL JOHN, I'VE DONE
THAT, TOO. YOU AND I ARE
LYING THIEVES. WE ONLY
HAVE TO DO IT ONCE TO
BE GUILTY!



HEY, KATHY - I THOUGHT I WAS A GOOD PERSON BEFORE YOU SHOWED ME THOSE COMMANDMENTS. NOW I'M AFRAID THAT I DESERVE TO GO TO HELL!

YOU'RE RIGHT, JOHN! EVEN IF YOU ONLY BREAK ONE OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, - YOU'RE GUILTY OF ALL 10.* ALSO, "ALL LIARS WILL HAVE THEIR PART IN THE LAKE WHICH BURNS WITH FIRE"*



*James 2:10 Rev. 21:8b

THE BIBLE SAYS

ALL HAVE SINNED

AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD

(Romans 3:23)

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THE PUNISHMENT FOR SIN IS DEATH. (Romans 6:23)

KATHY - SO FAR YOU'VE GIVEN ME
A LOT OF BAD NEWS - ESPECIALLY
THAT LAKE OF FIRE! DON'T YOU
HAVE ANY GOOD NEWS? MAYBE IF I
NEVER SIN AGAIN, THEN GOD MIGHT
LET ME INTO HEAVEN. WHAT DO YOU
THINK, KATHY?



JOHN, EVEN THAT WOULDN'T
GET YOU INTO HEAVEN!
THE BIBLE SAYS, "ALL OUR
RIGHTEOUSNESSES (THE
GOOD THINGS WE DO) ARE
LIKE FILTHY RAGS."*




*Isaiah 64:6



HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS, JOHN!

GOD KNEW
WE COULDN'T
GO TO HEAVEN
BECAUSE OF THE BAD
THINGS WE'VE DONE
- YET HE LOVED US SO
MUCH HE MADE A WAY FOR
US TO BE FORGIVEN SO WE
COULD GO TO HEAVEN.

HERE'S
HOW HE DID IT:
GOD SENT HIS SON,
JESUS TO LIVE ON
THE EARTH, HE NEVER
SINNED. THEN HE TOOK
THE PUNISHMENT FOR OUR
SINS BY DYING IN OUR
PLACE ON THE CROSS!
HIS BLOOD CLEANSSES US
FROM OUR SINS.*



**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)

*Hebrew 4:15 Roman 5:8 I John 1:7



HE WAS DEAD, SO THEY BURIED HIM IN A TOMB, HE WAS IN THE TOMB THREE DAYS.*

I AM ALIVE FOR EVERMORE!*

THEN HE CAME OUT OF THE TOMB, OVER 500 SAW HIM ALIVE! FORTY DAYS LATER, JESUS ROSE UP INTO A CLOUD TO RETURN TO HEAVEN, JOHN.*

NOW WHEN WE PRAY HE TAKES OUR PRAYERS TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.*

**BEFORE JESUS DIED
ON THE CROSS HE
SAID...**



**IN MY FATHER'S
HOUSE ARE MANY
MANSIONS. I GO TO
PREPARE A PLACE
FOR YOU.***

*John 14:2



**MY FRIEND, WOULD YOU
LIKE TO BECOME A CHILD
OF GOD RIGHT NOW?***

*John 14:1-6



IF SO YOU NEED
TO TURN AWAY
FROM SIN - TAKE
JESUS INTO YOUR
HEART AND LIFE
- AND FOLLOW
(OBEY) AND LOVE
HIM.*



JESUS SAID:
...I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK;
IF ANYONE HEARS MY VOICE AND
OPENS THE DOOR, I WILL COME
IN TO HIM.*



*Revelation 3:20

*Luke 13:3
John 1:12, 10:27
1 Cor. 16:22

PRAYER

**YOU CAN PRAY THIS PRAYER NOW -
IT SHOULD BE A PRAYER YOU MEAN
WITH ALL YOUR HEART:
(ADULTS ALSO CAN PRAY.)**



Heavenly Father,
I admit that I've sinned by breaking your ten commandments. I believe that your Son, Jesus Christ, died in my place for my sins and rose again. I now open the door of my heart and life to receive Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I turn from my old ways to follow (obey) and love Him. I pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

YOUR NAME

DATE

NOW TELL OTHERS!

Jesus said: ... whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. (Matt. 10:32)

HERE'S HOW TO KNOW YOU NOW HAVE JESUS IN YOUR HEART, AND THAT YOU WILL LIVE FOREVER:

IF ANYONE HEARS MY VOICE AND OPENS THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN TO HIM.

(Revelation 3:20)



I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU.

(Hebrews 13:5)

AND THE BIBLE SAYS:

"...HE WHO HAS THE SON (JESUS) HAS THE LIFE (EVERLASTING LIFE); HE WHO DOES NOT HAVE THE SON OF GOD (JESUS) DOES NOT HAVE THE LIFE." (1 John 5:12)

"HE WHO OVERCOMES... I WILL NOT BLOT OUT HIS NAME FROM THE BOOK OF LIFE."

(Rev 3:5)

BUT KATHY - WHAT
IF I MAKE A MISTAKE
AND SIN AGAIN - WILL
JESUS LEAVE ME?



"If we confess our sins, He is faithful
and righteous to forgive us our sins and
to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9


NO, JOHN - REMEMBER HE SAID:
"I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU." BUT
TO BE FORGIVEN WHEN WE DO
SOMETHING WRONG, WE SAY A
PRAYER LIKE THIS:

DEAR FATHER GOD, I KNOW I HAVE
SINNED AND I'M SORRY. PLEASE
FORGIVE ME FOR THIS SIN:

(name the sin here)

HELP ME NOT TO DO IT AGAIN.
THANK YOU FOR FORGIVING ME
AND CLEANSING ME FROM SIN. I
PRAY THIS IN JESUS' NAME.

AMEN



JOHN - NOW THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED JESUS INTO YOUR HEART, YOU'RE LIKE A BABY SPIRITUALLY. YOU NEED TO GROW STRONG SO THAT YOUR LIFE WILL BRING OTHERS TO JESUS. DO YOU WANT TO GROW STRONG OR STAY WEAK LIKE A BABY?*

I WANT TO BECOME A STRONG POWERFUL CHRISTIAN, KATHY!

GOOD ANSWER, JOHN!
HERE ARE 5 THINGS YOU
CAN BEGIN DOING RIGHT
AWAY:

I Cor. 3:1
II Peter 3:18

JOHN - YOU SHOULD READ THE BIBLE EVERY DAY. READ AT LEAST A CHAPTER A DAY - IT'S ONLY 2 PAGES AND TAKES LESS THAN 10 MINUTES. BEGIN READING THE NEW TESTAMENT FIRST (THE BACK 1/4 OF THE BIBLE). READ JOHN FIRST. AFTER YOU READ THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT 3 TIMES, THEN READ THE OLD TESTAMENT. NEVER STOP READING THE BIBLE EVERY DAY OF YOUR LIFE.



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THEN, JOHN - YOU SHOULD PRAY EVERY DAY AND EVEN SEVERAL TIMES A DAY. TALK TO GOD LIKE YOU WOULD TALK TO A FRIEND. THANK HIM FOR ALL THE THINGS HE DOES FOR YOU. PRAY FOR OTHERS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED JESUS INTO THEIR LIVES YET BECAUSE THEY ARE HEADED FOR HELL WITHOUT JESUS. PRAY TO THE FATHER IN JESUS' NAME (GOD'S SON) BECAUSE HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO TAKES OUR PRAYERS TO HIS FATHER.*



THE BIBLE SAYS, "FOR THERE IS ONE GOD AND ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MEN... CHRIST JESUS." (1 Timothy 2:5)



JOHN, THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT WE SHOULD MEET TOGETHER WITH OTHER BELIEVERS SO WE CAN ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER.* GO TO A CHURCH THAT TEACHES ONLY FROM THE BIBLE AND ONE THAT TEACHES THAT ONLY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST CAN WE HAVE OUR SINS FORGIVEN. IF YOUR CHURCH DOESN'T TALK ABOUT JESUS - GO TO ONE THAT DOES.



JESUS SAID THAT WE SHOULD BE BAPTIZED IN WATER. FIND OUT WHEN YOUR CHURCH DOES THIS AND BE BAPTIZED!*



JOHN, EVERY BELIEVER WILL APPEAR BEFORE JESUS TO GET HIS REWARD. OUR ETERNAL LIFE IS A GIFT BUT WE EARN OUR REWARD. IF YOU WANT TO HEAR JESUS SAY, "WELL DONE" - YOU NEED TO OBEY HIS COMMAND. HE SAID, "YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES"* AND "GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL (GOOD NEWS) TO EVERY CREATURE."* TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND OTHERS HOW THEY, TOO CAN OPEN THE DOOR OF THEIR HEART TO RECEIVE JESUS. ORDER THESE BOOKLETS TO SHARE WITH OTHERS (SEE BACK PAGE).

WELL DONE
GOOD AND
FAITHFUL
SERVANT!



JESUS SAID: "LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN."

(Matthew 6:19-21)

*Acts 1:8 *Mark 16:15 Matt. 25:21

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