

We Are Without Excuse

For all the problems we face worldwide that are the result of our wrong and selfish decisions.

How did we get ourselves into such a drastic and painful situation?

Who can save us and give us hope for a brighter and peaceful future?

The clear answer to both these questions is found in the Christian Bible.

How have we caused such pain, suffering and oppression in society?

Ignoring our Creator God always leads to a downward spiral in life.

Please read with me the wise words that are found in the Christian Bible.

Romans 1:18 [Message Bible Translation] “... *God’s angry displeasure erupts as acts of human mistrust and wrongdoing and lying accumulate, as people try to put a shroud over truth.*”

How have our intellectual leaders put “a shroud over truth”?

By promoting the theory of evolution [remember theory means a speculative thought **not** based on facts], which does away with a Creator God.

And by ridiculing anyone who questions this theory.

Yet very simple questions can shoot holes in this theory, such as how can creatures that are so dependent on other creatures have existed if they were **not** created in their present form at the same time?

Why have we so eagerly swallowed such a lying theory?

To acknowledge a Creator God would mean we all have to give account to Him as to how we conduct the life He has given us and sustains day by day.

Romans 1:19-20 [Message Bible Translation] “*But the basic reality of God is plain enough. Open your eyes and there it is! By taking a long and thoughtful look at what God has created, people have always been able to see what their eyes as such can’t see: [because they are unwilling to see] eternal power, for instance, and the mystery of His [God’s] divine being. So nobody has a good excuse.*”

That which is invisible, the eternal Creator God, who is spirit and not discernable to our physical senses, is clearly shown by what He has created.

Let us continue to read in the Christian Bible, which also reveals our Creator God and His Plan for all human beings.

Romans 1:21-22 [Message Bible Translation] “*What happened was this: people knew [the existence of a Creator] God perfectly well, but when they didn’t treat Him like God, refusing to worship Him, they trivialised themselves into silliness and confusion so there was no sense or direction left in their lives. They pretended to know it all, but were illiterate regarding life.*”

How many people even ask the question about life, ‘Why were you born?’ let alone know the answer to that question.

Please read our article with that title on this website, listed under main heading 'Evolution', for our eternal life depends on the response we make to knowing why we have received life, why we were created as human beings?

Let us continue to read in the Christian Bible, for this is the only place we can find eternal truth.

Romans 1:23-25 [Message Bible Translation] *“They traded the glory of God who holds the whole world in His hands for cheap figurines you can buy at any roadside stand. So God said, in effect, ‘If that’s what you want, that’s what you get!’ It wasn’t long before they were living in a pigpen, smeared with filth, filthy inside and out. And all this because they traded the true God for a fake god, and worshipped the god they made instead of the God who made them.”*

Most human beings have been deceived in this way.

Making their god something that has been made by other human beings, their car, their house and home.

Or their god is their work, wealth, prestige, looks, club, sport or vocations.

Anything that takes up the major part of our life in time or talent, is the god we worship.

Where does such worship of physical things lead to?

Let us continue to read the truth in the Christian Bible.

Romans 1:26-27 [Message Bible Translation] *“Worse followed. Refusing to know [or acknowledge] God, they soon didn’t know how to be human either, women didn’t know how to be women, men didn’t know how to be men. Sexually confused, they abused and defiled one another, women with women, men with men, all lust, no love. And then they paid for it, oh, how they paid for it, emptied of God and love, godless and loveless wretches.”*

Only when we understand why God created men and women.

Why God chose to continue the human race by sexual union of a man and woman in the safe confines of a marriage.

Only then do we understand why God is so angry with wrong sexual practices.

The breakdown of peaceful human relationships did **not** stop here, things get even worse.

Let us continue to read the explanation of today’s society in the Christian Bible.

Romans 1:28-32 [Message Bible Translation] *“Since they didn’t bother to acknowledge God, God quit bothering them and let them run loose. And then all hell broke loose: rampant evil, grabbing and grasping, vicious backstabbing. They made life hell on earth, with their envy, wanton killing, bickering and cheating. Look at them, mean-spirited, venomous, fork-tongued God-bashers. Bullies, swaggering, insufferable windbags! They kept inventing new ways of wrecking lives. They ditch their parents when they get in the way. Stupid, slimy, cruel, coldblooded. And it’s not as if they don’t know better. They know perfectly well. They’re spitting in God’s face, and they don’t care, worse, they hand out prizes to those who do the worst things best!”*

Don’t you think this is the perfect description of today’s society?

Doesn’t this show how leaving our Creator God out of our lives will only bring us pain and suffering in the end and **no** peace of mind.

How can we step out of this downward spiral of morals and avoid the pain and confusion it brings to all society?

Very simple.

Acknowledge our Creator God and the love He has for every human being.

Let us read of this wonderful truth and good news in the Christian Bible.

John 3:17-18 [Message Bible Translation] *“This is how much God [the Creator God who sustains all life] loved the world [every human being who has ever existed]: He gave His Son, His One and only Son. And this is why; so that no-one need be destroyed. **By believing in Him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life.** God didn’t go to all the trouble of sending His Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in Him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust in Him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person’s failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to Him.”*

Let me clarify certain things in this statement and answer questions that will arise in your mind.

Who is this Son of God and how can His coming to this earth make such a difference to our life and offer us eternal life?

1 John 4:16 [Message Bible Translation] *“The person who refuses to love doesn’t know the first thing about God, **because God is love, so you cannot know Him if you don’t love.**”*

The love that is mentioned in this statement is translated from the original Greek word “*agapé*” which means a very deep affection for another person that continues irrespective to the response of the person who is the object of that love. A sacrifice of self, unconditional love.

This is well beyond any form of human love that we can generate for another person.

The character of the true Creator God of the Christian Bible is based on such love.

God created human beings to be the object of this unconditional love.

But before God can offer eternal life in His presence, human beings will have to reflect this love.

Only then will eternity be a life of peace and harmony for everyone.

How is this to be accomplished?

Romans 3:23 [NIV] *“... all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”*

We sin against God by failing to love as God loves.

This statement is very true, not one human being has ever had the type of love that God is.

However hard we try we fail to rise to that high standard of character.

How is God to deal with this unacceptable past that we are all polluted with?

Romans 3:24-25 [NIV] *“And are justified [made just-as-if we had never sinned] by His grace [act of love] through the redemption [to be bought back from bondage of sin] that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Him as a sacrifice of atonement [bearing the penalty that was due to us as sinners] through faith in His blood [sacrifice].”*

As sinners we are in the eyes of God who is love, prisoners of sin on “*death row*”.

To free us from this enslavement Jesus Christ offers His own life, the shedding of His own life blood, as a substitute for our deserved death.

How can the death of one person be a substitute for the deserved death of billions of human beings?

John 1:1-4 [NIV] *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.”*

Who is the Being called the Word?

The One who created everything that exists.

The One who is the source of all life.

The One who illuminates all truth.

John 1:14 [NIV] *“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

All people in the western world know the Christmas account of the birth of Jesus Christ.

This same Jesus Christ was murdered by being crucified on a cross and died from a total shedding of His blood.

Hebrews 12:2 [NIV] *“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

But this same Jesus Christ was resurrected from the dead and is once again at the right hand of God the Father.

Matthew 28:16-20 [NIV] *“Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Jesus Christ now has all authority over everything that happens in heaven and earth.

Hebrews 4:15-16 [NIV] *“For we do not have a high priest [one who intercedes on our behalf] who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”*

Jesus Christ knows exactly what it is like to be a human being.

How do we generate this love that God is and gives?

We don't, we receive it as a gift.

Galatians 5:22-25 [NIV] *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”*

One of the results [fruit] of our allowing the Holy Spirit to dwell in us and direct our lives is love [“agapé” – the God type love].

This love and the other characteristic qualities of God listed here “*rub off*” on us as we live in fellowship with the Holy Spirit [who is also one of the Persons of the Triune God].

How do we receive the Holy Spirit in our lives?

Luke 11:13 [NIV] *“If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”*

Ask God for the active presence of the Holy Spirit, but remember that the Holy Spirit is God and will only dwell in us on His terms.

For more details, download the article on this website, ‘*Are You Ready To Receive The Holy Spirit?*’ listed under main heading ‘*Holy Spirit*’.

This is the good news that Jesus Christ brought from God the Father, so that He could fulfil the very reason we are human beings.

Genesis 1:26-27 [NIV] *“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”*

All human beings are created in the “*image*” [Hebrew means shadow **not** real substance] but **not** in God’s “*likeness*” [Hebrew means two for one, son, manner, referring to character].

We have been given life and an offer of an intimate relationship with God on an hour by hour basis for His character to “*rub off*” on each of us.

Out of gratitude for what God has done for us through Jesus Christ **what should be our response.**

Romans 12:1-3 [Message Bible Translation] *“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: take your everyday, ordinary life, your sleeping, eating, going to work, and walking around life, and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him [just as God in Jesus Christ sacrificed His life we should offer ours as a living sacrifice].”*

*“Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognise what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you. I’m speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you [to love you as God loves you]. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it’s important that you **not** misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what He does for us, **not** by what we are or what we do for Him.”*

Please do not pass by this opportunity.