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## DEDICATION

I dedicate this book to you and to everyone who will find it worthy to receive Jesus Christ, to live for Him and avoid hell.

## INTRODUCTION

The issue of going to Heaven or Hell must not be left to assumptions or to gainsay. It must be answered precisely.

If you have known me you would agree with me that I am a guy who doesn't like to live or work with assumptions but truths.

And I thank God that God's Word is truth. In it we find all the answers to our life questions.

However, this book does not intend to answer all the questions on Hell or Heaven. But I have written this book to help you have your life to be on Heaven's course and thereby escaping Hell.

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Honestly you don't want to continue journeying to a destination you don't know.

Enough of the assumptions. Enough of guesswork. And enough of gainsay.

It is the right time you know where you are heading; whether Heaven or Hell, the choice is yours. Do you realize that many people have died and gone to Hell ?

Some chose to be ignorant and left this issue to assumptions and chance. They thought God is love and He will not let them get to Hell.

That's true, God is love. But they didn't realize that all their lives they had tied God's hands with their wrong decisions and choices! God couldn't help them. They lived the way they wanted, they didn't dare to agree with God and they rejected His ways and died in their sins.

The Bible makes it clear, hell was never intended for mankind. It was created for the devil and his angels:

"Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons" (Matthew 25:41).

But unfortunately humankind still go there. Some are on their way to Hell but they don't know it.

And some know they are going to Hell and don't even care about it because they think that there is fun in Hell. Satan deceived them but the Bible will save them if they choose to believe it.

Everyone in his right mind must know where he is driving to. You cannot just continue traveling to an unknown destination.

You must know where you are going and how to get there. There are maps, and GPS systems that can show you the way to where you intend to go.

You can't just get into the car and drive north thinking you'll get to the south pole. You need the right map or GPS system to be able to know the right direction, or the right way to the south pole otherwise you won't get there. Many are lost in life. They are driving to Hell unknowingly and the devil is cheering them up to continue on the path of the lost.

Instead of reading the compass of life, (the Bible) to know the right direction to take, many have resorted to the devil's compass the horoscope, fortune tellers, star gazers, necromancers, witchdoctors, astrologers and to the signs of the zodiac to determine their way of life.

But at the end they'll find themselves in Hell and still wonder what was their sin.

All their lives Satan was leading them through Ouija boards, stars of the zodiac and such other seemingly unharmful demonic means and they didn't know that they were on the highway to Hell until it was too late.

This book is a masterpiece that will help you to escape and or to avoid going to Hell. Its very short, simple but powerful book.

I took quality time to write this book hoping it will save the whole world of the lost.

There are those who when they hear about the message of going to Heaven or Hell, they'll quickly say, "No one knows whether we will go to Hell or Heaven. We shall know when we die."

Such sheer ignorance is not just sensual but demonic.

The Bible shows us who will go to Heaven and who will not. This is not judging or condemning anyone. This is the truth.

Every man knows himself clearly only through the light of God's Word.

If you read the Bible you'll know whether you are going to Hell or Heaven.

It's not judging or condemning yourself but it's enlightening yourself with God's Word in order to make necessary adjustments in life.

"But when he (John the Baptist) saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance" (Matthew 3:7-8)

It's time to get into the Word of God and be enlightened more to bring forth fruits meet for repentance and if you are not saved it's time to give your life to Jesus Christ.

God is a good God. He is a good Father and He doesn't want you to go to Hell. That's why He made salvation a free gift. You don't have to be perfect, good or holy to receive it.

Just the way you are you can be saved and avoid going to Hell. Just receive Jesus Christ Now. Say this prayer:

"Lord Jesus come into my heart. I believe you died for me and rose from the dead for my salvation. I receive you into my heart and confess that you are now the Lord of my life. Thank You Lord Jesus Christ, I am now saved. Amen"

### **CHAPTER 1**

# HELL'S NOT GOD'S WILL

People of God: There is a heaven to gain and there is a hell to shun.

You don't have to go to Hell. Jesus went there for you and I and defeated Satan, death and all demons and rose from the dead on the third day. He did all that for you and I so that we will not have to go to hell if we accept and receive Him as our Lord and Savior.

This may seem old-fashioned to some, but the old fashioned Gospel is still true today. Jesus came to save us from our sins and He did.

It takes more than belonging to a church and more than being baptized in water to miss hell and go to heaven!

What it takes is to be born again, to be saved, that is, to receive Jesus Christ in your heart.

God has not destined anyone to perish in hell. In 1 Timothy 2:3-4 the Bible shows us this truth, "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have <u>all men to be saved</u>, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

The Lord wants everyone everywhere on earth to be saved. Don't believe that they are those whom God has created to go to Hell.

Hell is a horrible place of torment that you don't even want your enemies to go there. Trust me on that one.

Never think that there are people who are in Hell because it was God's will. The Bible says it's not. People go to hell yet God doesn't want them to go there. God wants everyone in Heaven. Maybe you've been asked this question a lot of times or have asked it yourself: *"How can a God of love send someone to Hell?"* 

Let me respond quickly by saying God does not send someone to Hell. People send themselves to Hell.

And I know you may not like to hear that because of one or more reasons you have. But the Bible shows us that people choose either to go to Heaven or Hell.

But God has already told us to choose Heaven. In Deuteronomy 30:19 He says,

"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore HEAVEN OR HELL

choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live"

He tells you to choose life and not death. He says choose a blessing and not a curse. Heaven is life.

Heaven is a blessing and that what He told us to choose so make that right choice.

#### **CHAPTER 2**

### WHAT IS HELL ?

According to the Bible, hell is a place of the dead, where wicked people are sent to be punished eternally when they die. It is a place of torment, anguish and gnashing of teeth where "Their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched" (Mark 9:44)

Jesus mentioned hell in forty-six verses, and eighteen of those verses were regarding the fires of hell. He warned people not to there.

Hell is real. It exists otherwise Jesus wouldn't have taught much about it. I am aware there are those who don't believe that there is a Hell.

But the Bible has taught us that there is a Hell. We have many scriptures in the Bible on hell for example, talking about Jesus, in Acts 2:31-32 the Bible says, "He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses."

So Jesus went to hell when he died at the cross and defeated Satan there before He rose on the third day. That's one of the many proofs that there is a place called hell.

In the Gospels the word used for hell in eleven instances is Gehenna.

Gehenna was just outside the walls of Jerusalem and was the city dump that burned continually.

Somebody said, "the unclaimed dead bodies were thrown into that

fire, and the wild dogs and maggots ate the flesh. The smell was extremely putrid and foul."

This is a graphic picture that Jesus wanted the people to whom He spoke to see in order for them to recognize He was giving them a severe and sobering warning of hell.

Hell is not the "Lake of Fire" we read about in the book of Revelation chapter 20.

Though hell is a place of those who died without God where there is fire, worms and gnashing of teeth; the Lake of Fire is the final destination of hell, all those in hell, Satan, his agents, and demons. "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death." (Revelation 20:14)

"The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever." (Revelation 20:10)

Hell, the Devil, the Beast and the False Prophet all were cast into the Lake of Fire and they will forever be there.

Take note that those who will be in Hell will be cast into the Lake Fire with it.

But you have to know that demons are not being tormented in Hell now. They are the ones tormenting those who are in there. HEAVEN OR HELL

In Matthew 8:29, where Jesus cast the devils out of the two men in the tombs, the demons said, *"Have You come here to torment us before the time?"* 

It shows us that demons are aware that their time to be tormented shall come and it will be in the Lake of Fire.

They will nolonger be able to torment men for they themselves will be in eternal flames of fire being tormented day and night. (Rev. 20:10).

Until then, the demons seem to have free rein on the earth and are also in hell. They are able to torment people in both places.

Hell is also called sheol in other translations and portions of the

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Bible. It's a place of the dead. (Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:17; Matt. 25:41; Rev.12:4-8).

## **CHAPTER 3**

# WHO WILL GO TO HELL

Those who will die without God will go to hell. Demons will escort them to hell.

If Jesus hadn't come to die in our place, we would all end up in hell. Thank God that Jesus came to save us from going to such a horrible place.

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Heaven is a perfect place that cannot be inhabited by sinners, that is, by people who are not born again.

(Read my book *"The New Man In Christ"* to understand the difference between a sinner and a Christian).

Only the brand new spirits, the new hearts, the new creatures in Christ will be allowed to enter Heaven.(2 Cor. 5:17)

God will not let the unregenerate into heaven, as they would corrupt or defile heaven just as we have the earth (Rev. 21:27).

Am trying to answer why does those who die without God go to Hell ? It is because they died in their sins and sin must be punished, and hell is a justifiable punishment in God's eyes.

God is so holy and just. He cannot let sin go unpunished. That is why He punished His Son severely for it on the cross for you and I.

Jesus had no sin. He never sinned but He took our place, and our sins and He was punished for us. He was our substitute.

It therefore doesn't make any sense for you to reject Him and what He did for you and I at the cross. If you don't believe in Him you've just condemned yourself.

In Matthew 7:13, Jesus said, *"Wide is the gate and broad is the*  way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it."

Most do not understand that everyone who is not born again and living for Jesus Christ is already on the road to hell (Matt. 18:3; 19:14).

You must be *born again* because we are all born in sin and are already condemned.

John 3:18 states, "He who does not believe is condemned already."

Psalm 51:5 says, "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me."

This is the reason you need to be born again and become the righteous of Christ. (2 Cor. 5:21) The Bible says if we do not believe Jesus is the Son of God, who came in the flesh to die for us, no matter who we are, we shall die in our sins and go to Hell (John 8:24; 1 John 4:2-3).

"I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." (John 8:24)

The Bible explains further that those who're not born again are *"children of wrath";* that means they're appointed to the judgement of God (Ephesians 2:2-3).

This should get you thinking about your friends, loved ones, relatives, colleagues, and associates that don't know Jesus; they're your responsibility. Don't let them die without God, for if they do, they'll go to hell, and that's not the will of God for anybody.

The Bible says He's unwilling that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

Revelation 21:8 says, "But the ... unbelieving ... shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone."

Moreover, if you want nothing to do with God, then there is a place prepared that has nothing to do with His goodness and that place is Hell. You'll go there.

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 says, "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power."

God is not trying to keep people out of heaven but to get them in and the only way you can be assured you won't go to Hell is to become a new creature and live for Him.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (2Corinthians 5:17)

If someone ends up in Hell, it breaks the heart of God but somehow many still reject God's solution, and they end up in Hell. Let me tell you a short story.

I grew up going to various churches all my life but I was not saved.

All my teenage life I thought going to church was enough to make Heaven. I used to have scary dreams of hell at night so I didn't like to go there.

So each Sunday I would go to any church near me and just sit there, hear a sermon which I didn't like anyway, and then go home.

A time came when I stopped going to church because of the new friends I had met. They didn't like church and they always said bad things about the church and pastors. Since I didn't like the sermons in all churches I visited, I thought it was better to stop going to church and join my new found friends in riotous living.

We started drinking alcohol but I didn't like it. Alcohol made me sick, and I never attempted to smoke. I hated it but all my new friends were chain smokers. At that time I was 16 years old.

I began to be a DJ, someone who mixes and plays music at parties, and so forth. I seemed to enjoy that but one thing I never tried was to sleep with a woman.

I never did till I married my wife at the age of 28. But all my friends were sexually active and they would talk about it each time we met. Somehow God kept me from this sin.

One Sunday morning in November year 2000, I woke up very early and took a bath, dressed well and waited for my mum to prepare breakfast before I go out. I wanted to go out and have fun with my friends.

As I sat there in my mother's kitchen, I heard a voice that said, *"Get up, and go to church!"* The voice was so strong that I couldn't ignore it. I was alone in the kitchen. My mum had gone out to the sink outside to fetch water.

I wondered who said that. And before I got up, the voice said the same thing again, *"Get up, and go to church!"* You see, I hesitated to go because it had been a long time without attending church and I didn't like the messages church people preached. But the Holy Ghost wanted me to go to church.

This is what he said in Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

The voice didn't tell me which church to go to. It just said go to church. I got up, left my breakfast untouched and went to a church that was about 3km from home.

I didn't know this church and I was never there before. I just heard people singing and praying behind the walls of a durawall and I went inside. I sat down in that small church and the Pastor there said if you want to be born again come upfront. I didn't think twice about it. I just went up front to the altar and that man of God told me to do something I didn't like.

He told me to confess all my sins to the church loudly. He left me with no option but to just do it.

I tried to narrate all my sins one by one on top of my voice but I had forgotten some of them. He persuaded me to try to remember them and to confess the more.

I tried and when I was done confessing all my sins I could remember, he then made me to say the sinners prayer after him. It was only later in life when I read my Bible that I understood that reciting all my sins before the church was unnecessary.

What was necessary was to confess Romans 10:9-10 the sinners prayer only and one will be saved.

Anyway, after making the sinners prayer, the Pastor told me to stop playing with my old friends. He charged me to look for new Godly friends in church and at home. I obeyed him but I didn't even know his name.

I never asked for his name and till today I don't know him or his name. I can't remember his face. I didn't consider to take a picture of him. In fact I had no cellphone or camera in those days. However, I went back home and told my old friends that I got born again that day and if they want to continue being my friends they should receive Jesus Christ as I did. All of them laughed at me and refused to be born again.

I left them and never walked with them again. They thought I was joking and I would go back to my old life again sooner or later. But years went by and I still didn't turn back.

I got myself new friends who went to ZAOGA FIF and others to Eternal Word Ministries and I didn't go back again to the church where I got born again.

I started going to ZAOGA FIF Budiriro 5 district in Harare full time and I loved it. The people there loved me and they taught me to pray and to fast. That was enough for me.

But my old friends who rejected Christ began to do more wickedly. They lived in my same area a few houses from ours.

So I could see them and hear about them almost everyday. A couple of years went by and still they didn't want to receive Jesus.

One of them got so sick and died in his sins. They said he was a womanizer above the rest of his other friends and he got HIV. We buried him.

And I knew he went to hell. He didn't want to hear anything about Jesus, God or church. He made fun of those who were devoted to Christ. It's so sad he died in his sins.

### **CHAPTER 4**

JESUS: THE ONLY WAY

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

No one ever spoke like Jesus, not even any of the religious leaders of the world ever talked like Jesus.

After promising them Heaven, Thomas said, *"Lord, we don't even*  know where you are going! How can we know the way?"

And in verse 6 of John 14 Jesus answered and said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life! Without me, no one can go to the Father."

"No one comes to the Father except through me," says the Lord Jesus!

None of the religious leaders of the world ever said that. This is because, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4v12 NIV)

It must be preached everywhere that there is no any other way to Heaven except Jesus. This is reality. I wish there was another way to Heaven besides Jesus. In fact I wish if there are many other ways to God but there is none. Only Jesus is the Way to the Father.

The Bible also says, "For there is one God, and <u>ONE MEDIATOR</u> between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." (1 Timothy 2:5-6)

Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and men. All other mediators like Mary the mother of Jesus are man made religious ways that won't take you to Heaven.

There is nowhere in the Bible that suggests that Mary is the mediator between God and men. She is not the Way to Jesus or to God. She also was waiting to saved by the blood of Jesus just like everyone of us.

If Mary was not saved she was not going to enter Heaven. This is not to disrespect or demean her. But it's Bible truth.

Jesus is the ONLY MEDIATOR between God and men. All other mediators are fake!

God knows where He lives than anyone of us. He knows how to get there. He perfectly knows the way to His house so if He tells you the Way, the Truth and the Life you better listen and receive it.

Don't try to create your own way because you don't know whether it leads to God's house or not. In fact it won't lead you to God's House since God the owner of the House has already told you that there is only ONE way to His house and apart from that way you won't get to his house.

And guess what ? That way is a person, He is Jesus Christ (John 14:6).

There are only two choices - we either accept the Way or reject it. But be rest assured before you die that if you reject the Way you'll go to Hell, a place of eternal torment.

Here on earth we divide people into many different classes based on geography, race, education, and wealth.

But on the day of death, and on the final Day of Judgment, there will be only two classes: the saved and the lost.

The saved will go to Heaven, the lost will go to Hell. Whether you believe this or not it doesn't change it. It's the truth anyway.

There is only heaven and hell. There is no purgatory or middle space for souls waiting to go to Heaven.

Purgatory is believed to be an intermediate state after death in which some of those ultimately destined for Heaven must first undergo purification prior to entering Heaven.

This teaching is false and is not from the Bible. There is no scripture that teaches this and Jesus never said there is a purgatory.

He said there is Hell countless times. So don't be fooled. Follow the teachings of Jesus in the Holy Bible and not the doctrines of men or some denominations.

Many people erroneously believe that if you are a good person, you will go to heaven, and if bad, to hell. This is not what the Bible teaches.

Salvation is the only ticket to Heaven. If you are not saved, no matter how good you are you'll not go to Heaven. Salvation first then good works second. Keep it in that order and you'll get to Heaven.

It's not because your good works have secured a place for you up there but because salvation did. However, anyone who is saved is obviously expected to do good, to live the life of Christ. (Ephesians 2:10)

In Matthew 12:37, Jesus Himself said, "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

If you refuse to receive Jesus, it will be your words that will condemn you to Hell fire, not God.

Heaven is a free gift; we can't earn it. The only way to heaven is the Lord Jesus.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). HEAVEN OR HELL

I am here to dissuade you from believing anything other than what Jesus just said. He is the only way to the Father in Heaven. There's no any other way even in all religions of the world combined!

## **CHAPTER 5**

## GOD'S NOT SENDING ANYONE TO HELL!

"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me." (Psalm 51:5)

Because of the nature of sin in the unregerate men, all of them are already on the road to hell automatically (Matt. 7:13-14; John 3:17-18).

They don't have to sin to go to hell. But the nature of sin in their hearts in enough to take them to hell.

God's reason for sending His Son to Earth was to get us off that road (John 6:40; 12:47).

So the truth is God is not sending anyone to hell!

A lot of people think that God is mean and He's sending people he created to Hell. They think this way because they don't really know Him.

All they know about of God is what they think He is. But the Bible gives us a correct picture of who God is.

Psalm 145:8-9 says, "The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works."

God is not mean, He is good, gracious and full of compassion and love. God is love.

He has provided a way for all to live with Him in heaven for all eternity.

We are the ones who are mean and unloving for not receiving His Son and for not living for Him. It's not God's fault if you miss Heaven. It's your fault if you miss it.

Think of it, God has made all provisions for us to go to Heaven free and available as long as you are in this earth.

Listen, we only have one life here on earth, and the decision for Christ must be made before we die.

Hebrews 9:27 states: "It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment."

If you died without Jesus in your heart then you are doomed forever. You can't come back to make things right with God. The truth is faith is of no use in Hell. Repentance is of no use in Hell. You have to use your faith now, you have to repent now and not after you die.

Hell is not for few years, it's not temporary, the Bible says it's everlasting fire and once in there you can't escape.

In one way or the other we all have made some bad decisions in this life and have regretted them. But you don't want to make a mistake about this decision, as this decision is permanent. There is no second chance, no turning back, and no appeals court. So get this one right!

"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment..." (Hebrews 9:27) As you read this book right now there are many people in Hell who are regretting their wrong decision! Some are your relatives, friends and collegues who died without Christ.

While being tormented in hell, they remember all the times when someone shared the gospel message with them and they didn't respond to it.

They remember how often they were warned by God and all the opportunities they had to listen to the Gospel but refused.

Their humbling in hell is only coming as a result of seeing and experiencing the horrors of hell not by faith and trust in Jesus. If they had faith and trust in Jesus they would have received Him long before they came to Hell and they could have avoided going there.

There are some people here who feel so important that they cannot receive Jesus, follow Him or to attend church services.

They feel that they don't need to go to church because they have money for everything. But hell will humble them one day.

After being saved you need to be part of the church of Christ to grow in Him, to be taught the Word, to fellowship with others and to make sure you won't backslide.

Remember the rich man during the times of Lazarus thought he was very important person who didn't need the Pastor or church but he got deceived by his riches, and ended up in hell.

Riches won't save you from death or hell.

"There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by

the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead. (Luke 16:19-31)

# **CHAPTER 6**

REFUSE TO GO TO HELL

The Bible makes it clear, hell was never intended for mankind. It was created for the devil and his angels:

"Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons" (Matthew 25:41). We are held accountable for our decisions in life, whether to go to hell or heaven it's our decision to make.

God loves us, and He sent Jesus to save us and has given us the choice to have a relationship with Him and be blessed and avoid Hell, or to ignore Him and die and go to Hell.

In Romans 5v8 the Bible says, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Christ died for all sinners. All they need to do is to receive him and escape the horrors of hell.

The Bible is clear that God requires faith to be saved (Eph. 2:8-9). There will be no faith needed after one goes to this place of torment. It will be too late but it will be obvious that the Bible was indeed true.

God's method of salvation is spelled out in the Bible, and He will not violate His Word (Ps.89:34; 119:89)

God has provided a way to Heaven and that way is Jesus Christ. The problem comes when you reject that way and try to find your own other way.

There is no any other way to Heaven. Only Jesus is the Way. If you reject Him you'll go to Hell.

Just accept the way God has provided for your salvation and stop being arrogant. HEAVEN OR HELL

It is stubbornness and arrogance of you to desire to go to heaven and yet demand your own terms of access.

If you want to live in Heaven, then you have to come by His way and not your own.

### **CHAPTER 7**

## HE WENT TO HEAVEN

In John 14:2 we are told that Jesus went to prepare a place for you in Heaven. This shows He doesn't want you in Hell.

There is a place prepared for you in Heaven. Accept it.

God didn't prepare Hell for you so reject it.

You're the custodian of God's message of salvation to those in your world so don't keep quiet.

Preach the Gospel like never before. Intercede in prayer for lost souls.

When Jesus hung on that old rugged cross, he was punished for our sins. He took all the punishment for our sins and died for us there. He did this so that you and I will not be punished for our sins in Hell.

But God's wrath is revealed on those who reject this sacrifice of Christ for humanity. They will burn in hell fire and they never die there because they are already dead. This means they are eternally separated from God and His presence and they are in torment. Hell is not a place to go.

Spiritual death means to be separated from God, and to be separated from Him is to be separated from all good.

Hell is so horrific because God's Spirit, goodness, mercy and presence are not there.

You have to realize that the good we all enjoy is from God.

In James 1:17 the Bible says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights." Without God there is no good thing. That is why there is nothing good in hell.

The leaders of our country are not mean for constructing prisons and God is not mean for constructing Hell either.

This is because Hell was not prepared for human beings but for the devil and his angels (Matt 25:41).

It's your choice to go to Hell; but you don't have to go there.

Make it your life's purpose that the sinners in your world won't die without God; and they're not going to keep living without hope.

Don't let people go to Hell while you watch. Share the Gospel with them. Let them know that eternal life is available from God now; therefore, they don't have to wallow in sin and die in their sins.

Let them know that the righteousness of God has been made available for them, and it's imparted freely to anyone who receives the Gospel and affirms the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Jesus made a way out. Jesus went into the region of Hell and spent three days and nights there to pay the sacrifice required to free all of mankind from the penalty of sin (Matthew 12:40; Ephesians 4:8-9).

Then He took the keys of hell, death and the grave, and literally made a show of Satan in his own domain, stripping him of his authority over mankind (1Corinthians 15:55-57; Colossians 2:15; Revelation 1:18).

The price for your sins and for all the sins of the world has been paid in full. Now mankind can be restored to the direct access and relationship with God that Adam the firt man severed through disobedience.

What it comes down to is a choice. When a person chooses to receive Jesus as Lord of their life, they become a brand new creation and a citizen of Heaven (2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:19).

Being born again in the image of God is the choice that replaces the sin nature with God's nature once again and assures us that we will spend eternity in heaven with Him. It is not God's will for anyone to go to hell, but people will only go as a result of their own free will by refusing to accept Jesus into their lives. I have said this many times now.

Let me tell you a short story of someone who went to Heaven.

This was around the year 2002. On a particular day, I was preparing to go for an all night prayer at Faith World Ministries in Harare township when certain brothers in Christ called me to pray for a young man who was dying. He was in his early thirties.

I went down with them to pray for him. We reached his house and found him lying down on the bed very sick and in pain. He couldn't eat or walk for many days. He got so thin that you would think a strong wind will blow him away into the sky if he ever gets outside.

His condition was serious and as a young boy in the faith, I was scared to pray for him. I didn't think I could pray for him.

Everyone who came with me there were waiting for me to pray. They believed I had healing power from God. I sure had, but I was young and scared.

Well, I knelt down and began to pray at the other corner of his room before I turned to lay my hand on him. Barely 30 seconds of my hand laid on his head, I head God saying, "Ask him if he is born again."

God knew he was not saved but he wanted him to admit it and to confess the Lordship of Jesus Christ over his life.

He had refused to receive Christ all his life but his bad condition had humbled him. He got himself there and God had nothing to do with it.

I asked him, "Brother, Are you born again ?" He didn't hesitate to reply, "No, I am not!"

Then the Lord said to me, "Ask him if he wants to be saved." I did and with a small voice he replied, "Yes, Reverend, I want to be saved". You know, in those days I was called Reverend by those brothers who worshipped with us.

I then led him to make the sinners prayer. I had known this man for some years because we lived in the same neighbourhood.

I knew how wicked he was. He had done so much bad things in the area but he was never arrested. Probably because people were afraid to report him to the police.

However, he received Jesus that day around at 4.30 pm. Though still in pain we left him happy and with a bright countenance.

I didn't know whether he got healed or not, I just believed God head my prayers and left. Around 5pm that day we were in the train going to that all night prayer service at Faith World Ministries.

Before we arrived in town, the Lord whispered into my ears, "The brother you prayed for an hour ago has just passed on into glory and we have just received him here in Heaven!"

Instead of being sad, I screamed right in that passenger train in joy. I was so happy that though he didn't get well as we wanted, he made Heaven and God told me.

In those days we had no cellphones to call home for confirmation, so we waited to get back home the following morning to hear this news from his family. After the all night prayer we headed back home in an early morning train and the first place we passed was that sick brother's house and we were told that he had passed on about an hour after we prayed for him. That was the exact time the Lord said he passed on.

From that day to this, I've never felt sorry for someone who dies in the Lord, whether they're young, middle aged, or old. Yes, I know healing belongs to us, but we're all going home sometime.

I've never felt sorry for any Christian who died, because I know where they went. But, oh, it's a sad story for those who don't know the Lord and die in that state!

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