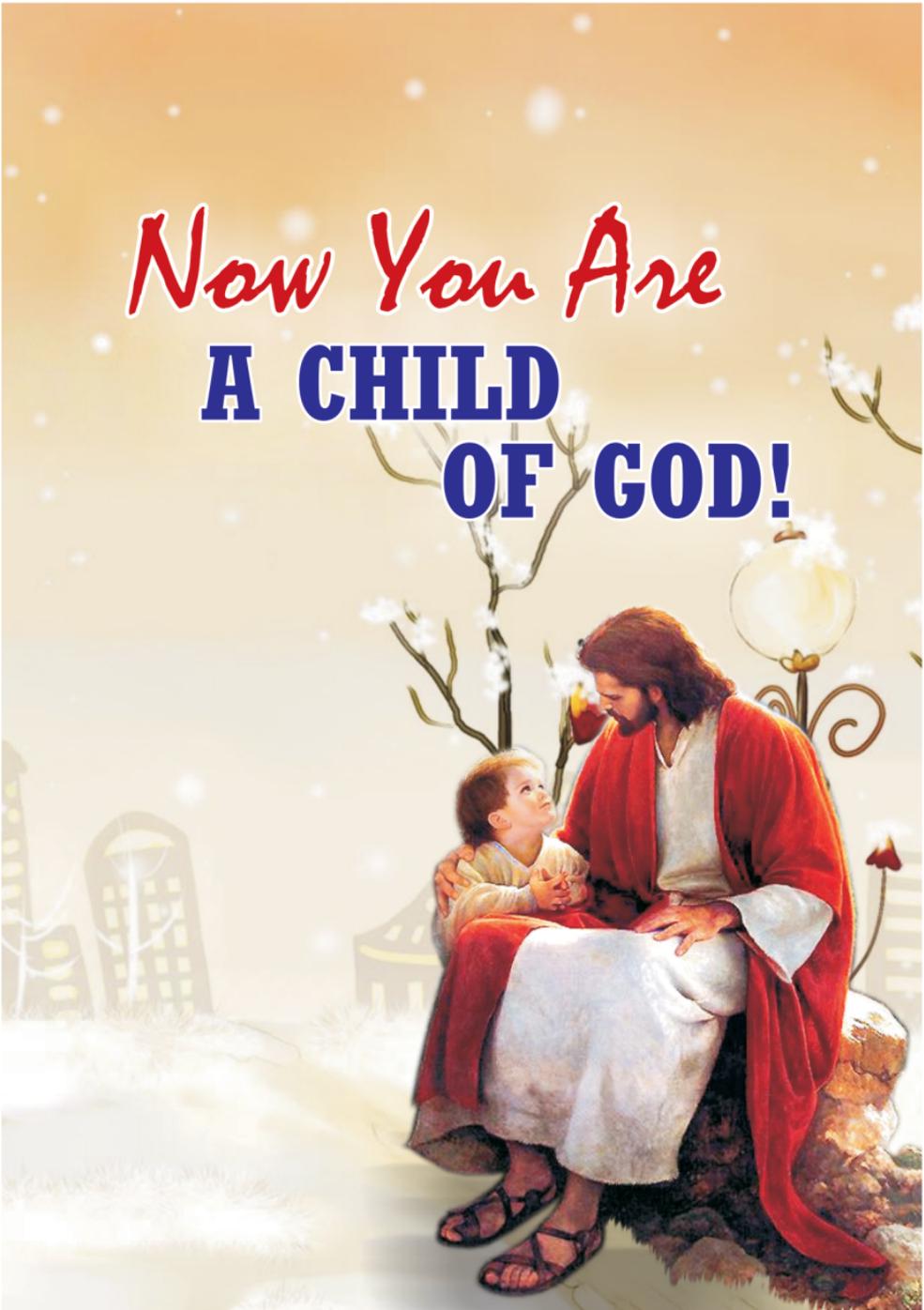


*Now You Are*  
**A CHILD  
OF GOD!**



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## NOW YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD! YOU ARE BLESSED!

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Blessed are you, who have accepted Jesus in your heart, brothers and sisters!

Jesus loves you so much that He has made it possible for you to attend this 'Jesus Redeems' meeting in which He has met you.

**“You did not choose me, but I chose you”**, says Jesus in **John 15:16**. Today, Jesus has chosen you as a child.

When the servant of God was delivering the message, it was Jesus who was speaking to you through Him.

That is why you came forward to repent and be delivered from your sinfulness and accept Jesus in your heart.

Obedying the word of the Lord, you decided to accept Jesus into your life, and this is an unforgettable and significant event in your life.

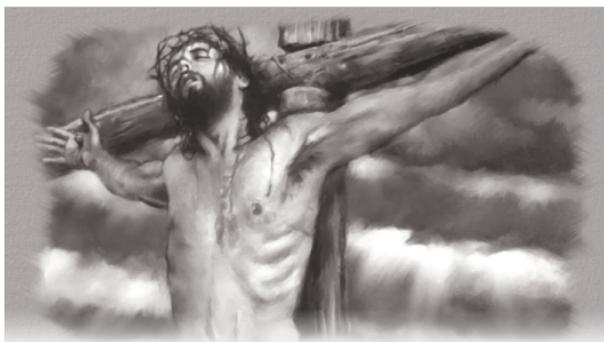
When you took the decision to dedicate your life to Jesus Christ, what was happening to you? It is necessary for you to learn about this, to receive God's blessings. So, please continue to read with prayer.



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## **YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN!**

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Since you repented and accepted Jesus, **all your past sins that you have committed so far have been forgiven.** He has forgiven the original sin that you are born with, and all sins that you have committed intentionally or unintentionally from childhood.

Because He himself bore all your sins on the cross, all your sins are forgiven through Christ. **(I Peter 2:24) You should believe this.**

**“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy”. (Proverbs 28:13)**

According to the verse, **“... the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin” (I John 1:7)**, as you have confessed your sins and prayed, God has been merciful to you. The blood of Jesus has removed all your sins and has purified your

heart. **Now, you have nothing to do with your sins of the past.** However drastic or however dreadful your sin might have been God has forgiven and forgotten all of them.

**“As far as the east is from the west, so far has he (Jesus Christ) removed our transgressions from us”. (Psalm 103:12)**

Believe in this verse and praise Jesus.

“Dear Lord, I praise and thank you for forgiving all my sins! Thank you for having cleansed my sins with the holy blood of Jesus! Thank you for removing my sins away from me, as far as the east is from the west!” Praise the Lord !

Hereafter, you need not tell God about your past sins in your prayers.

A little girl broke a glass jar kept on the table, when she was playing at home. Nobody noticed it; for a moment she was tempted to run away quietly from the place. Then she realised: “Oh my God, it is wrong. In case they find out that I am the culprit, I will be punished. So, I myself shall admit to them about the mistake” She collected the broken glass pieces and went to her mom.

With tears in her eyes she told her mother, “Ma, by mistake I have broken this glass jar. Please forgive me.”

Her mother was happy that the child confessed and repented for her mistake, and took

the broken glass pieces in her hands and said,  
“Dear daughter, I have forgiven your mistake;  
Be careful not to repeat such blunders again.”  
The child happily ran away to play.

Two days later, when the child was  
playing on the road, she saw the broken glasses  
in the dust bin.

In case she again picks them up and  
brings them to her mother and says, “Ma, I broke  
this glass jar two days ago. Please forgive me,”  
how would the mother feel?

Just think about it! She might tell her in a  
painful tone: “I have already forgiven your  
mistake. Why do you bring again the broken  
pieces which I have thrown away in the dust  
bin?”

The Lord who loves us more than our  
mother does, will feel sad about us.

**Your sins are forgiven.** God has  
forgiven and forgotten your past sins. He will  
never ever think about them. He has hurled all  
our iniquities into the depths of the sea. (**Micah  
7:19**)

Never mention those sins in your prayers  
again. Praise and thank God for forgiving them.

Jesus Christ has come into your heart.  
Not only are your sins forgiven but also is Jesus  
in your heart now. What a great joy is this! The  
Lord who has made the heaven and earth has  
come to reside in you now. **Believe this!**

**Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door (of the heart), I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.” (Revelations 3:20)** Jesus Christ who has said this has now come into your heart.



When the servant of God was delivering the message, through him Jesus knocked at the door of your heart.

You heard the knock and opened the door for Him when you prayed, “Jesus, come into my heart.”

Jesus has accepted your invitation and has come into your heart.

Believe this and praise Him with gladness. “Thank you Jesus, for coming into my heart; thank you for abiding with me”: Thus you praise him!



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## **YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD!**

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Now, you are a child of God. **“Yet to all who did receive him (Jesus Christ), to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1:12)** You too have become a child of God according to this

verse, as you have believed in Him and received Him. Believe this and praise Him!

What a great privilege is it to be a child of God! Once, you were a child of the devil but now, you are a child of God.

You have been awarded the privilege of addressing the Lord, who created the heaven and earth, as Abba Father. Praise him saying “Lord, thank you for making me your child.”

## **BELIEVE!**

Repentance, receiving forgiveness, salvation, being born again, becoming a child of God, receiving Jesus in your heart – all these are indicators of the same great experience. Now, you have been granted this experience. By faith you should confirm this experience.

**“All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.**

**But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.**

**For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:3, 4, 5, 8)**

Believe that **your sins are forgiven.**  
Believe that **Jesus is in your heart now.**

Believe that now you are the child of God.  
When you believe and praise Jesus, you will realise that the joy of salvation fills your heart.

From now on if someone asks you, “Are you saved?” you can tell them with certainty, “Yes, I am saved. Jesus has forgiven my sins.”

**Never ever doubt that you have experienced salvation.**

Hereafter, in prayer meetings, when the call is given for salvation, do not raise your hands. If the altar call is given to come forward to commit yourself to Jesus, please do not go.

You have already accepted Jesus! Your sins are forgiven. Now, Jesus is with you.

So, you need not go to the front; you should keep praying for the others who are yet to receive salvation.

**Salvation is a one-time occurrence.** We need not receive salvation in every meeting. As birth happens only once, being born again happens only once in our lifetime.

But to safeguard our salvation and forgiveness from sin, we need action.



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## WHAT SHOULD WE DO NEXT?

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### **SIN NO MORE!**

A sinful woman was brought to Jesus. She repented for her sins.

Jesus forgave her sins and said, “...go, **and sin no more.**” (John 8:11) Christ Jesus has forgiven your sins. **Now, you have to be careful to protect yourself from sinning again.**

Detach yourself from all sinful contacts. If you have friends who tempt you to sin, keep out of their company.

Jesus Christ will be your good friend. You should **be extremely careful in order to safeguard the priceless salvation** that you have received.

A poor young man was friends with a rich young man. One day, the rich man took the poor man for gambling. Unexpectedly, the police

arrived on the spot, arrested them and took them to court. They were fined Rs. 1000 each. The rich man's dad paid the fine and took his son home.

The poor young man was shut up in the prison. His mother was a widow and she was educating her son working as a domestic servant.

For the poor widow Rs. 1000 is a huge amount. However, to release her son from the prison, she started working hard as a stone cutter in a quarry.

Working day and night, she earned the money and paid for her son's release.

When the young man was back home, he noticed that his mother had scars on her hands and on her foot. She had grown weary and thin. The son asked her, "How did you get these wounds?"

His mother replied, "It was for you my son. To release you from the prison, I worked day and night and these are the result of my hard work." She said this happily. The son took his mother's hands and cried, "I will never engage in such wrong activities again."

After a few days, his rich friend came to see him. "Come, let's go for gambling," he called him. The poor young man declined. The friend asked, "Are you afraid of the police? Even if we are caught, we can pay the fine and escape."

The poor friend replied, "You got your freedom easily. But my freedom was earned by

my mother's wounds and the blood that she shed for me. I don't wish to hurt my mother again.” He said this and left.

**The forgiveness and the deliverance that you are enjoying are not ordinary matters.** For your sake, Jesus was crucified on the cross with nails and He shed His holy blood for your sins.

**Protect the salvation that you received through His suffering.** Don't forget His love. Don't inflict pain on Him by sinning again.

**“... abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.” (Acts 15:20)**

**Abstain from food offered to idols.** From now on there is no association between you and the idols. Jesus Christ whom you have accepted is not an idol, unable to see or hear. He is the living God dwelling in your heart.

Your body is the temple where Jesus Christ is dwelling. So, **keep away from adultery.** Don't consume the blood of any animal or bird.

God says, **“But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.” (Genesis 9:4)**

Life is in the blood. When an animal is strangled, the blood clots in the body. That is why the Bible asks us not to eat strangled animals.



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## **WORSHIP OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

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Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is the God who saved us. **We should worship and thank only Him.** Our trust should not be on anyone else. Jesus Christ is the true God. He is the only one who died for us on the cross and rose alive on the third day.

You might have been saved through a servant of God. But you should never glorify the servant of God but only glorify Jesus Christ who saved you through the ministry of the servant of God.

**“Thou shalt have no other gods before Me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.**

**Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them.” (Exodus 20:3,4,5)** Thus says the Lord.

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## READ THE BIBLE AND PRAY!

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Now that you are a child of God, you should talk with the Lord, your father, and also listen to His words.

Through prayer you can talk to Him; You can listen to His words, when you read the Bible.

**Every day, at least for one hour, you spend time alone to read the Bible and pray.** In the morning as soon as you get up, first, speak with the Lord. For a minimum of one hour, or, if not possible, for half an hour in the morning and half an hour in the evening, spend time at the feet of the Lord.

First, read the Bible and meditate on it. If you don't own a Bible, you can buy one for yourself. First, read the New Testament and meditate. The Bible is the word of God and so, read prayerfully and if possible, read the Bible on your knees. Through the Bible you can hear God speaking to you.

After meditating on the word, pray. Praise Him for saving you and for making you His child.

Pray to the Lord: “This whole day, please protect me from committing sin.”

Pray for your family members who have not yet experienced salvation. Pray for your relatives and friends to be saved. Pray for your family. Through your prayers Jesus will do miracles. When you pray at night, reflect on the day's activities, probe into your heart, surrender yourself and pray. If you had committed any sin or mistake on that day, as revealed by the Holy Spirit, confess and pray.

**“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (I John 1:9)**

Earlier, whatever sin you committed would not have affected you much, as you were living in sin. But now, even a simple sin would afflict your conscience. A mere losing of temper or a simple lie would disturb your peace. You will feel the guilt and you may exclaim, “Alas, I have sinned!” The reason is that the Holy Spirit will point this out to you.

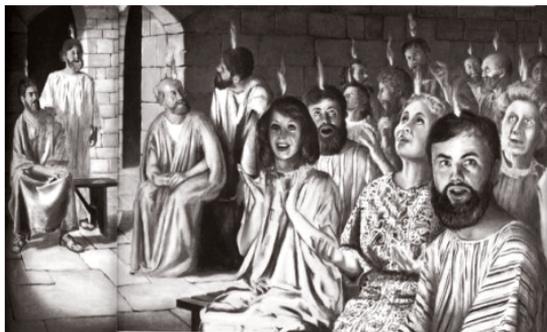
On the spot itself, you confess and pray, “Lord, I have committed this sin, please forgive me.” The Lord will forgive you at once. Pray for the divine strength not to repeat the sin. It is not possible to attain holiness in a day. **Only when you read the Bible and pray and pray incessantly and grow spiritually in the Lord, you can keep growing in holiness.**



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## RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT!

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You have received salvation only through the Holy Spirit. When the servant of God was delivering the message, through him the Holy Spirit spoke to you and gave you the realisation of your sin and helped you repent and change.

**“In Christ you also trusted after you heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation, in Whom also after you believed, you were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise”. (Ephesians 1:13)** When you received salvation you received the seal of the Holy spirit.

However, this experience is not enough; you need the overwhelming anointing of the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the experience explained by Jesus Christ: **“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth, whom**

**the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.” (John 14:16, 17)**

Only when you receive this anointing of the Holy Spirit you can lead a successful, holy, Christian life.

It is the Holy Spirit who gives us the strength to overpower sinfulness, tide over problems, and win over Satan.

In 1972, our Lord saved me; however, I was struggling to lead a holy life. In 1974 the Lord filled me with the Holy spirit. Only after that I was able to lead a successful holy life.

You shall also desire the anointing of the Holy Spirit and pray for it. Our Lord will anoint you too.

Jesus Christ says, **“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me...”**. (Acts 1:8)



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## HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH THE CHILDREN OF GOD!

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In Christian life it is important for the children of God to come together and worship the Lord. In case you are not going to any church now, become a member of a church that is good for your spiritual growth, and have fellowship with other children of God and worship Him. **Do not give up coming together as a church.**

Every Sunday do not fail to attend the church and worship the Lord. You can grow spiritually only as you keep listening to the truthful word of God in the church. Attend meetings where the word of God is preached. If the children of God gather together and pray, be a part of it.

Whichever church you may be from, love all children of God. **Do not underestimate anybody.** Love all servants of the Lord.

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## DO SOMETHING FOR JESUS CHRIST!

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Keep doing something for Jesus Christ who redeemed you from sin and curse. Share with others about the salvation and the joy of forgiveness that you received from the Lord.

Whenever you get the opportunity, share your testimony about the good things that you have received from the Lord and glorify Him. Tell all members of your family, friends and relatives about what Jesus Christ has done for you.

As and when you get the chance, join the company of servants of the Lord and do ministry. **You can support God's ministry by your offerings.** In all possible ways keep doing something for Jesus Christ. He shall bless and elevate you.



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## ABIDE IN JESUS!

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Jesus says, **“But he who endures to the end shall be saved.” (Matthew 24:13)** You, who are saved, should be firm and abide in Jesus till the end.

The life of a Christian is not a bed of roses. It is a path laid with stones and thorns. It is true that the Christian life is filled with happiness, peace and blessings. At the same time, it is full of turmoil!

**Do not be afraid of the turmoil; Do not grow weary of the troubles.** The Lord who saved you will be with you and guide you through.

In your own family you may be rebuked and be put into difficulties! Because you have accepted Jesus you may have to face troubles in the place of your stay or work. Don't feel upset.

**“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)** Think about these words of Jesus. **“We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God,”** says the word of God in **Acts 14:22.**

So, do not backtrack when you face tribulation. **Do not loosen your grip on Jesus.** Abide in Him. Only those who abide in Him will enjoy the blessings of heaven.

Even in your troubles, Jesus will help you. In the midst of the people who torment you, He will elevate you. He shall give you victory and shall not put you to shame.

Jesus Christ has given you the promise: **“...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)** Till the end He will be with you, bless you and safely guide you.



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## JESUS WILL COME AGAIN!

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**Jesus Christ**, who died for us and was resurrected again for us, **is going to come back to the world.** At that point, the world will come to an end.

Now, Jesus Christ is preparing a place for us in Heaven. He has given us the promise: **“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.”** (John 14:3)

This world is not a permanent abode for us. **The trials of this world are for a short while.** But in the Kingdom of Heaven we shall eternally enjoy ourselves with Jesus. There is no death, no illness, no tears and no suffering.

Jesus is coming again to take us to this joyful place. If we have to rejoice during His

second coming, we should abide in Him. Only those who have accepted Jesus as their Saviour and their Lord, those who have been absolved of their sins and lead a holy life can enter the Kingdom of the Heaven joyfully.

**“And now, little children, abide in Him (Jesus), that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.” (I John 2:28)**

**“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you *is* faithful, who also will do *it*.” (I Thessalonians 5:23, 24)**

**Grace be with you!**

**Amen!**







### *About the Author...*

Born in a devout Hindu family and brought up with great fanaticism for the religion, **Bro. Mohan C Lazarus**, at the age of 14, suffered from enlargement of heart and lost his ability to walk. **When the doctors gave up hope, Jesus touched and healed him through a miracle.**

Later, Jesus led him through an experience of salvation, anointed him and called him to do His work, and now He is powerfully using him. Through the **Jesus Redeems Ministry**, the Lord is reaching out to thousands of people of several regions of the world and has been blessing them in body and spirit.

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