TO BE BORN AGAIN TODAY Pray the following prayer from your heart:

Thank you God for opening my heart to the truth about me. I understand my problem. Please forgive me and help me to turn from my sin. Thank you, God, for opening my heart to the truth about Jesus. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for accepting the punishment for sin that I deserved. Thank you for taking my place on the cross. I acknowledge you as the Lord (boss) and Savior of my life. As best I know how, I make the CHOICE to receive you by faith into my life. Help me to know you and love you more perfectly. I trust my life into your eternal care. IN YOUR NAME I PRAY AMEN.

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TO LIFE'S MOST **IMPORTANT QUESTION**

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WHEN I DIE, WHERE WILL I SPEND ETERNITY?

In all honesty, can you think of a more important question? GOD DESIRES THAT YOU KNOW THE ANSWER. This short message contains the answer and will take you five minutes to read. God wants everyone to know the ANSWER and BE SAVED. PLEASE INVEST 5 MINUTES IN YOUR ETERNITY!

THERE ARE THREE BIBLE TRUTHS THAT GIVE US THE ANSWER

TRUTH #1 - KNOW THE PROBLEM-THE TRUTH ABOUT YOU AND ME

If we are honest with ourselves, we know that there is something deep inside of us that is wrong. We struggle with calling it what it really is but the Bible calls it SIN. By one man (Adam), sin entered the world and death by sin, for all have sinned (Romans 5:12). When Adam and Eve disobeyed God (eating the forbidden fruit) their clean hearts became dirty with SIN (Genesis 3). We see this PROBLEM (a dirty-sinful heart) being passed down to the next generation when Cain killed his brother Abel (Genesis 4). Psalm 51 reminds us that SIN has been passed down through the generations to us for ALL have been born in SIN (with a dirty heart). This explains WHY we are so inclined to do the wrong thing. If we measure ourselves using only THREE of the TEN COMMANDMENTS: we begin to understand that we have a PROBLEM. The Bible says: YOU SHALL NOT LIE- but what do we do? We speak things that are untrue. The Bible says; YOU SHALL NOT STEAL- but what do we do? We take things that do not belong to us. The Bible says: HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER-but what do we do? We dishonor our parents. God gave the Law to be our SCHOOL MASTER (Galatians 3:23-25). We discover that we cannot keep God's standard (God's law) or any other standard (man's law). The reason SIN is a problem for us is because GOD IS HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS and we cannot live in God's CLEAN HEAVEN with a DIRTY HEART, SIN SEPARATES US FROM GOD AND KEEPS US OUT OF HEAVEN.

TRUTH # 2 - KNOW THE SOLUTION-THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS JESUS PERFECTION is the SOLUTION for our PROBLEM. Through

His perfect sacrifice (death on the cross) we can be BORN AGAIN and prepared for ETERNITY (John 3:3).

PERFECT BIRTH: Jesus was like us in many ways, but different from us in one very important way. The Bible teaches that Jesus was born from the VIRGIN MARY (Matthew 1). God Himself put the "seed" in Mary's womb. This means Jesus was born with a CLEAN HEART, perfect and WITHOUT SIN.

PERFECT LIFE: Even though Jesus was tempted to sin (Matthew 4; Hebrews 4), He made the CHOICE to obey every commandment of the Bible. Jesus perfectly fulfilled the LAW OF GOD (Matthew 5:17).

PERFECT DEATH: God requires both a PERFECT SACRIFICE (Leviticus 1:3-4)and a BLOOD SACRIFICE for SIN (Hebrews 9:22). John the Baptist referred to Jesus as "the Lamb of God who takes away the SIN of the world." (John 1:29). The Bible says in 2 Cor. 5:21: "He (Jesus) who knew no SIN, became SIN for us (guilty of our Sin), that we might become the righteousness of God (Born Again), through FAITH in His finished work on the cross (death, burial, resurrection). BY FAITH we exchange our imperfection (SIN) for the perfection of Jesus (HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS). Because God is a God of JUSTICE, PAYMENT for sin (death) had to be made before FORGIVENESS could be given. God accepted Jesus's DEATH as PAYMENT IN FULL for your sin and mine.

TRUTH #3 - KNOW THAT OUR CHOICE DETERMINES OUR ETERNITY

Through the Holy Spirit, God reveals the truth about YOU: Your SIN separates you from Him. God reveals the truth about JESUS: Through His death, burial, and resurrection, you can be FORGIVEN and included in God's FOREVER FAMILY. God reveals your CHOICE: You can CHOOSE to reject God's truth or receive Jesus by FAITH (Trusting God). Without FAITH it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). For by GRACE we are saved through FAITH (Ephesians 2:8). THIS IS THE CHOICE THAT DETERMINES YOUR ETERNITY. It is a CHOICE each of us must make for ourselves, as God opens our HEART. When you CHOOSE to bring your UNDERSTANDING and FAITH together (Hebrews 4:2) God enables you to enter into a forever relationship with Him and be BORN AGAIN.