

Dear Friend,

We would like you to accept this little brochure as a gift from us. If you belong to another faith, please be assured that we respect you and we mean no disrespect to you. But if you want to know something about the basic beliefs of Christians, we hope this brochure will help you to do that. We would be happy to discuss this with you if you would like to contact us, and if there is any other way we can help you we'd be pleased to do our best for you.

God bless you

**Take a
Look!**



*'Look to me
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Just as the old Chinese proverb says that a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, so Christians can say that the journey of a lifetime, in fact the journey to heaven, begins with a single look. Jesus Christ says: 'Look to me, all the ends of the earth, and be saved' (Isaiah 45.22), and for thousands of years those who have looked to Him have come to know and love Him as their Lord and Saviour.

Why should we look to Jesus? A lot of people say they do their best to live according to the Ten Commandments, but if we are honest with ourselves we will admit that we have actually broken those Commandments. That means we live in rebellion against God, and rebelling against God is called 'sin'. The Bible tells us that 'all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God', and that 'the wages of sin is death', so something has to be done to restore a right relationship between us and God our Creator. That's why He tells us to look to Jesus. He came down to earth from heaven to live for us and die for us, and when we look to Him, God receives us as His children who are trusting in Jesus.

What does it mean to 'look to Jesus'?

Most people look within themselves or to anyone or anything else but Jesus. We like to think that we're in charge of our own destiny and that we're able to help ourselves and make ourselves right with God. Or else we turn to other philosophies or religions to try to

make ourselves right with God through them. But when we 'look to Jesus' we are acknowledging to God that we have rebelled, or sinned, against Him, and that we're not able to put things right between us and Him ourselves, but that we need

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Him to restore our relationship with Him as our loving Heavenly Father; we acknowledge that He has done everything necessary to restore our relationship through the Lord Jesus' perfectly obedient life and the offering of His life on the

Cross of Calvary to pay the penalty which we should have paid but cannot because of our sin.

How do we 'look to Jesus'? Looking isn't a hard thing to do, is it? And strangely enough, it's a kind of looking that's best done with your eyes closed! If you're sick and tired of trying to make yourself better and failing every time, or of trying to make yourself right with God but not getting anywhere near Him, or if you've tried to follow other philosophies and they haven't worked for you, find a quiet place. Settle down, close your eyes and focus on Jesus, who loved you and gave Himself for you. Thank Him for coming down to earth from heaven and dying for you. Tell Him how sorry you are for all your sin and rebellion against God. Ask

Him to forgive you, to be with you, to help you to live your life to please God. When you 'look to Jesus' like that you're setting out on a whole new journey through life which finally will bring you to heaven to be with God forever; you're saved! Find a Christian friend or go to a Bible-believing church, and they'll be pleased to help you in your new life in Jesus Christ.

Keep on 'looking to Jesus'. This journey which starts with a look and leads us all the way to heaven isn't always easy or pleasant. Some people might give us a hard time or try even harder than they did before to lead us astray, and we need all the help God gives us to keep living His way.

In Hebrews 12.2,3 we read: '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. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.'

By reading the Bible we learn more and more about Jesus. By going to church we can worship God with Christian friends. By praying we can ask for His help in everything we do. May God bless you as you look to Jesus to be saved and begin the great journey of faith throughout this earthly life, which takes us all the way to heaven.

