

LIFE BEYOND FOREVER

The Good News
Of
Jesus Christ

For
Busy People

If you want a job done, trust it to a busy person.

You make tons of decisions every day.

If you're wrong, you bear the consequences.

If you're right, you profit from the victory.

So you stay informed about options.

Deciding about God is the biggest question of life.

This book is the information how God works.

But it is your choice.

Three weeks. A page a day. A minute a day to read.

Then mull it over.

Talk to the friend who gave you this book.

Let your heart speak.

DAY 1

No matter how bad life seems,

No matter how bad you've acted,

GOD LOVES YOU

That's WHO HE IS, Perfect Love.

He has NEVER left you. He didn't make the things go wrong. In fact, the reason you know things are wrong is because you have His spirit inside you to compare things to.

That little voice that says life can be better is Him speaking. If things didn't go wrong, you couldn't tell the voice was there. The voice would not be different.

The God who created everything is trying to love you into letting Him finish the wonderful project that you can be.

DAY 2

God doesn't waste His time.

God doesn't make junk.

You are special to Him.

You have special talents, given from the womb.

But you live in a wicked world.

You need God's help so you can become all He made you. The wickedness is called "sin." The help He gives is called "grace." And He wants you to have it. Because He wants you to be part of the solution to the world's wickedness, and just because He loves you.

He wants to give you real, complete life.

Life beyond sin. Life beyond all space and time.

But you have to make a choice so He can do it.

DAY 3

OVERCOMING SIN

To let God help you overcome sin, you have to be worthy of His help. This worthiness is called “righteousness.” There are two ways to be righteous before God:

1. You can obey all God’s commands perfectly, and never make a mistake.

OR

2. You can accept the righteousness earned by Jesus.

The first plan was tried and it didn’t work. No one could ever not make a mistake. That first plan is what the Old Testament is about. Which is why God sounds so punishing there.

That there is a second plan is why this book is GOOD news. You don’t have to do anything. God does it all. You just have to let Him.

DAY 4

JESUS OF NAZARETH

Carpenter, born about 6BC.

Traveling preacher from age 30 until His death.

Arrested and killed by the religious authorities.

Because HE was RIGHTEOUS before God.

Represented God perfectly. Never made a mistake.

Dead and buried over 40 hours,

ROSE FROM THE DEAD

Ascended to Heaven in full view of dozens of
people.

These are historical facts.

DAY 5

The Hebrew word is Messiah.

The Greek word is Christ.

The English word is anointed.

In all history, Jesus of Nazareth was the only one.

A human, but righteous, without sin. More than a man, He is the Son of God. His whole life was in perfect harmony with what God wanted, and the way God wanted it. His role in history: Messiah, Christ, the anointed emissary of God. His job: set it all right; make it be the way God wanted it.

His method: Become one of us. Represent God so perfectly that the world would hate Him. Take all the evil the world could dish out. Let them kill Him with a horrible death. Then rise from the dead, and take His human body back to heaven with Him. So God would let us in with Him because now a human WAS righteous, and had overcome sin by paying the ultimate price evil could ask for it.

DAY 6

There are two “kingdoms.” They work like parallel dimensions. Every person starts out in the first. But anyone can choose to transfer over.

In the Kingdom of “this world,” the rules are things like:

Be nice if it suits you.

Get even when you have to.

Act in your own best interest.

Take what you can.

Sickness and evil happen pretty much at random.

The one who finishes with the most toys wins.

In the Kingdom of “Jesus Christ,” there really aren’t “rules.” It’s more of a relationship. Jesus lives in you, and mobilizes all the best God wants you to have. You become part of the anointed of God operating to correct the evils in the world. As part of the solution, you become more loving, more joyful, more at peace, and richer in the things that really count in life.

And then you get to go to heaven when you die, and be happy with God forever.

DAY 7

TRANSFERRING KINGDOMS

Because of what Jesus did, full righteousness before God is available to anyone who wants it. And with it, all the benefits of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

There is a price: You have to let Jesus be your “Lord.” That’s the word most Believers use. It is an old word, like “boss,” only more inclusive. It means that whatever Jesus wants you to do, you will do. That sounds like a lot, but remember who Jesus is: He’s not out to “get you,” abuse you, or anything else. He just wants all the best that you were created for. And because of who He is, He has the power to make it happen.

There is one other price. Once you enter this kingdom, Jesus will begin to live in you. The world will hate Him in you, and try to kill Him again. That may mean some persecution for you. But Jesus promises, and millions of His followers can testify that God will make it all work out.

When you’re ready, turn the page. If you’re not, skip it and come back when you are.

THE TRANSFER OF KINGDOMS

To enter the Kingdom of Our Lord,

Simply tell Him this and mean it. Or use your own words.

It's your intention and His love, not the words, that make it happen.

(and yes, He is always listening)

“Lord Jesus, I know I haven't always done what I thought best, and I know I haven't been perfect. But, I believe what I've been reading, and I want you to be my Lord. Take my life, and make it yours. Bring me into the Kingdom where you rule. Whatever it takes, Lord, I'm yours. Amen.”

And whether you felt anything or not, if you meant it, it worked. God keeps His promises. You are now a new creation. Christians call this getting “saved.”

DAY 8

To do any job, you must communicate with the boss. Communicating with God, or Jesus is called:

PRAYER

There are lots of books on how to pray. But it is way simpler than many of them make it sound:

Talk to Jesus often.

Tell God whatever is on your heart.

Wait for Him to answer in your heart.

You know it's Him by the joy and peace.

His answers don't always seem to make sense. But remember, this is a new Kingdom with rules you don't understand yet. Whatever He says always works, and works better than anything you could have come up with. Test Him in that. When you have more time, you can read the Bible to learn how the new rules work.

DAY 9
THE BODY OF CHRIST

When you enter the Kingdom of Our Lord, you become a member of a group called “The Body of Christ,” or “The Church.”

The members of this group are all followers of Jesus, past, present, and future, because time is meaningless to God.

Jesus is God’s relationship of love with us. God is relationship. Jesus is relationship. So we follow Him in relationship.

After prayer, the next most important way to follow Jesus in this lifetime is to network with other people who are serious about doing it also.

You already have the friend who gave you this book. You need to find more of the same. Anyway that works is good. If you can’t join a church, make informal relationships, use internet, telephones, whatever.

DAY 10
FORGIVENESS

The single most important relationship technique.

You don't have to like a person who hurts you.

You don't have to keep working with him.

But you have to forgive him.

Tear up the mental I.O.U. Don't make him pay you
back.

Why?

Because God forgave you.

Because God wants to forgive Him, and now God
lives in you.

How?

By trusting God to make it work out.

DAY 11
CONFRONTATION

It's okay to be angry, but not to nurse violence.

If he did something that offended you, go to him to straighten it out.

If you hear you offended him, go to him and straighten it out.

If he doesn't listen to you, take a friend. Then take his/your whole network of believers.

If he won't change, avoid him.

Why?

Jesus says to.

All followers of Jesus are one body. We must get along or we will separate the limbs of the body and become useless. This is love in action.

The second most important relationship technique.

DAY 12

The believers you share your life with are your church.

(This is not the same use of the word as on day 9)

Each person is called to different types of people.
That is why there are different churches.

The business of the church is:

1. Worship
2. Empowerment
3. Evolving a common prophetic vision
4. Manifesting Christ in the world

Each church does these in different ways, because people are different.

God will show you where you are called.

DAY 13
WORSHIP

The use of human communication to praise God.

Our joyous duty.

God's right to receive.

Transforms US. Individually, and as a group.

Acts of worship train the body/mind complex for
ministry.

Includes, but not limited to:

Praying written prayers together;
Singing;
Dancing;
Composing original works;
Sharing money, time, and talents;

Each church has its own way. Only that community
may determine what is right and wrong for its
members.

DAY 14

EMPOWERMENT

The Body of Christ contains and manifests the power of Christ.

Christ is the anointing of Jesus to transform the world.

Only Jesus can empower His people.

Since Jesus lives in each of us, we can let Him use us to empower each other.

Common techniques include:

Encouragement in ministry;
Sharing past experiences and knowledge;
Correction if we are wrong;
Prophetically calling forth our next steps with God;
Using rituals to affirm a calling;
Counselling and reassurance in times of doubt.

Known by effectiveness.

DAY 15

PROPHETIC VISION

The world groans in agony awaiting the revelation of the children of God.

Faith is the ability to know what God is doing to change a given situation, before it is visible.

Prophecy is the ability to speak it to one another, so we can work together.

Each church receives an evolving prophetic vision.

Encourage it.

Wait for it.

You know it by the peace, excitement, and that everyone in the church has a part unique to them.

Each person's role is their "ministry."

DAY 16
SIDETRIP: THE BIBLE

Loveletters from God.

The plan of the universe from God's perspective.

Ageless wisdom.

The Boss' instruction manual.

Written down by people, dictated by God.

The history of God working.

Teaching for perfection.

Like a hologram, every verse contains every part.

Read the book. Download from internet. Listen to tapes of it being read. Take a course. Watch Christian television. Whenever, however. Meditate on it. Let it direct your thoughts to what God may want to say.

DAY 17
THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit gives joy to follow Jesus.

Jesus' presence in heaven caused special outpouring
on earth. Physical part of new Kingdom opening.
(approx. Late May, 28 AD)

Fullness of Spirit guaranteed to be given to anyone
upon asking.

Fullness of spirit mobilizes God-given abilities.

Miraculous abilities common in early times, and
again since about 1900 AD:

Miracles, healing, prophecy, knowing others'
problems and needs.

(As of today, raising of dead and multiplying food
relatively uncommon, but happens.)

Special language called tongues, bypasses brain,
and allows prayer at angelic level.

DAY 18

TRANSFORMATION OF SPIRIT

Ministry: Making Christ present to a sinful earth.

Earth groans in agony awaiting the revelation of the glory of the children of God (that's us).

We each are a spirit, with a mind that directs a body that interacts with earth.

Sin is in our bodies so we may know earth's needs.

The Holy Spirit operates in our Spirit so we may know God's plans to fill those needs.

God forgives our sin. Because of Jesus, He treats us like it never happened.

We are to be transformed by the renewal of our minds. The Bible, and our experience, alerts us to what the Holy Spirit tells our spirits.

Revelation of the Holy Spirit transforms our spirit. We choose to let that transform our minds.

DAY 19
TRANSFORMATION OF MIND

Mind is the ability of the soul to direct the body.

The Holy Spirit inspires our thoughts to be God's.

The Bible tells us God's thoughts, so we may be
certain of what we are hearing.

Our church and experience affirm the thoughts
correct.

Correct thought causes us to do correct actions.

Correct actions cause the world to change.

God's thoughts cause God's plan to manifest in the
world.

From His Spirit, to our spirits, to our thoughts, to
our actions, God uses us to change the earth.

Through us, the glory of God changes the earth.

DAY 20
CHRISTIAN LIFE

We are God's children. His emissaries to earth.

Like Jesus. In fact, His Body. And His Bride.

God inspires. We risk following. The glory of God appears. Earth and us are transformed. We return in prayer to God more open to deeper understanding. The cycle repeats. The glory increases. Our relationship with Him increases. Each day, more joy, more love, more peace, more glory around us.

Jesus in us transforms lives. Our hearts in His.

And earth hates Him in us. They are in the other Kingdom.

But we always know He will work it out.

We defeat death by becoming fully alive. Jesus makes us fully what God created us to be.

DAY 21
CHRISTIAN DEATH

The Bible says each person dies once.

You died when you entered the Kingdom of Our Lord. You became a new creation.

For a Christian, what the world calls death is simply going home, perfect healing, final perfection, total glory.

Jesus will return as King one day, to trumpets, heavenly phenomena, in power and full of glory.

We shall reign with Him on earth. We shall judge angels. We shall destroy sin, death, and evil. We shall be part of a perfect city.

We die as we lived – we in Jesus, Jesus in us.

And our life, His life, goes on beyond forever.