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Welcome to CrossCheck

Many people want to know if God will accept them.

Despite all the fun, activity and success (and some disappointments), most people feel that there must be 'something more' to life - and it would be amazing to know God as a friend, if that was possible.

The good news is that you can know God! You can experience His love, forgiveness and peace. It's not only possible - but God actively wants you to be His friend.

CrossCheck is an easy way to see how and why you can find a relationship with God through Jesus.

Already, many people have found this explanation helpful, and have put their trust in Jesus.

God says there is more to life and He wants you to find it.

The first half of this book tells the story of the gospel.

The second half helps you to CrossCheck where you are in the story.

Why not read this with an open mind?

One

God is the ruler - He wears the Crown. He has all power and all authority, so just by speaking He can make things happen.

He spoke into nothing and created the sun, moon and stars, and this world, and us, as men and women, to be on this world, and to look after it for Him.

When God created us, He did so in such a way that there could be a clear and open road of communication between God and people. God wanted them to be His friends.

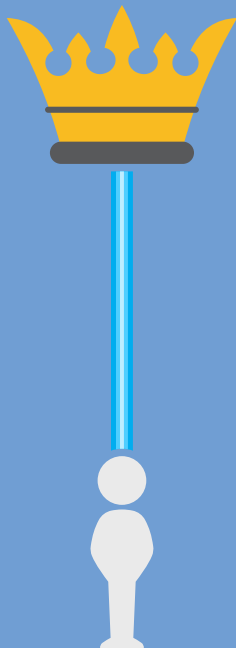
God would tell them how to look after the world. And most importantly, God did not make people just to be servants, but to be true friends with Him, included in His family.

When God had seen all that He had made, including human beings, He pronounced that it was all, 'Very good'!

So, we have a very special role in God's universe as we read in [Genesis 1 v 26-27](#).

Genesis 1 v 26-27

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” ²⁷ So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.



Two

God makes the rules, the laws of nature and how human beings should behave, because He is the ruler. But very soon people disagreed: 'No, I want to run this world as I choose. I want to be in charge and do things my way'.

This is still the biggest problem in the world. The big 'I'. You will find it in the middle of 'pride': it is the centre of 'sin'.

Sin blocks the road of communication between God and people. Sin creates a cloud which separates us from His love as we read in [Isaiah 59 v 1-2](#).

Effectively, we have decided to be the rulers instead of God. We have declared ourselves - masters of our own destiny.

The result of this communication gap is that people can no longer fully understand God's messages. They cannot see how God's design for the world works, or how best to manage their lives.

We try to do the best we can but because we do not understand God's design, we all make our own contribution to the mess that the world is in.

Nobody is able to live a completely upright life. We live separated from God's friendship until the time our body dies. Then we must give an account of our rebellious actions to God.

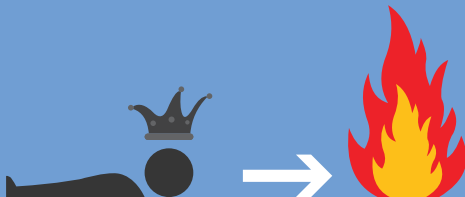
Read this in [Hebrews 9 v 27](#).

Isaiah 59 v 1-2

¹ Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear. ² But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.

Hebrews 9 v 27

²⁷ Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgement.



Three

God loves all that He has made.

Amazingly, He even loves people - despite their personal rebellion, selfish nature and inability to live a completely good life!

He loved us so much that He did not want us to suffer in the final judgement. It grieves God that our sin cuts us off from His love. He knows that without external help we are doomed to face eternal death.

So God prepared a plan, even before He made the world and things went wrong.

His plan was to send Jesus (who was God in a human body) to become a man, in order to bring mankind back to God.

Read this in [John 3 v 16](#).

The way in which Jesus did this is amazing and is described in [1 Peter 2 v 24](#).

When Jesus died, He accepted responsibility for all the sins of everybody (taking them upon Himself - into His own body). He took all the sins of every person in the world - past, present and future.

Jesus was punished instead of us.

Being God the Son, He had no sins of His own to pay for. So His death could pay the penalty we all deserved.

Jesus chose to do this because He loved us.

John 3 v 16

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1 Peter 2 v 24

²⁴ He himself carried our sins in His body on the tree (cross).



Four

But Jesus did not stay dead. He rose from the dead (having satisfied God's justice that rebellion must be paid for).

When Jesus rose from the dead, He left behind an empty cross. For the first time, since the beginning of the world, a new clear road of communication was opened between God and man - just as God had always intended.

It was always God's purpose that human beings should live in harmony with Him, according to His instructions; but now there is a special obligation since Jesus has given His life for us, as we read in [2 Corinthians 5 v 15](#).

However, despite all that Jesus has done in dying for us, most people still insist on wearing their own crowns. They run their lives as though Jesus had never died.

People who remain in rebellion against God are prevented from enjoying His friendship. They do not know how to do what is right and they remain liable to face God's judgement.

But everybody will have to account for their own actions. Especially if they have persisted in rebellion even after forgiveness has been offered; as the Bible says in [Acts 17 v 30 & 31](#).

2 Corinthians 5 v 15

¹⁵ And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.

Acts 17 v 30 & 31

³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising Him from the dead.



Five

God wants everybody to have His new life. He has opened a new way for us to communicate with Him... through the death of Jesus on the cross. It is as though, at the foot of the cross, there is a doorway leading into our lives. We read about this in [Revelation 3 v 20](#).

Jesus is standing outside of our heart's door, and knocking to come in. He promises that if we repent and open the door, He will come into our lives. He will make His home with us ('eat' with us).

This is not only a welcome meal, but also a business deal. He promises (the sacrifice of Jesus is payment enough) to forgive all our sins. He personally accepts responsibility to rebuild our lives. It is as though God puts up

a sign indicating that the business is under new management.

The sign is, 'God and Sons', because of what Jesus says in [John 1 v 12](#).

When Jesus comes into a person's life by the Holy Spirit, He does not come in to control us like robots but to be the senior partner in the Father's business and to make us junior partners with God!

He still leaves us with the responsibility of the day to day management of our lives, but gives us His instructions in the Bible and His powerful presence with us.

Jesus has promised to be with us always, as He says in [Matthew 28 v 20](#).

Revelation 3 v 20

²⁰ Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will go in and eat with him, and he with me.

John 1 v 12

¹² Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.

Matthew 28 v 20

²⁰ "I am with you always"



Six

CrossCheck for yourself.

In the first half of this booklet, we've seen the story of God's good news.

But many people like to check out for themselves where they are in the story. If you would like to do that then here is a simple check list to help you.

The next few pages will help you think through the steps.

Accept

Believe

Consider

Do Repent...
 Receive...

Accept

Accept - boxes 1 & 2

Box 1

Do you accept that:

- God is the ruler
- God is the only maker of all things
- God has created men, women and children to look after His world
- When God created human beings there was a clear road of communication with Him

Box 2

Do you accept that:

- God has the right to make the rules
- Selfishness and sin exist
- Sin stops us being friends with God
- Sin is rebellion against God's authority
- People want to run their own lives
- It is reasonable for rebellion to be called to account
- God will judge rebellious people

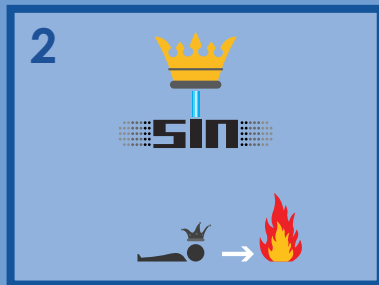
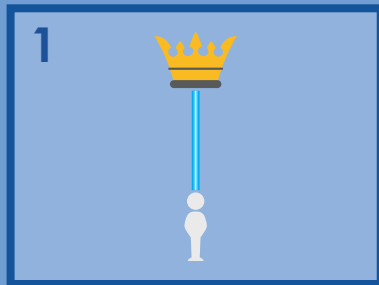
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Receive...



Believe

Believe - boxes 3 & 4

Box 3

Do you believe that:

- God loves all that He has made
- God wants to save people from their rebellion and its consequences
- Jesus Christ is God
- Jesus lived on earth
- Jesus physically died on the cross
- Jesus died to pay the penalty of everybody's sins

Box 4

Do you believe that:

- Jesus was raised from the dead
- It is possible to have a real friendship with God
- God wants people to live for Him and not for themselves
- Most people still want to run their own lives - despite what Jesus has done
- God commands everybody to repent and live for Him

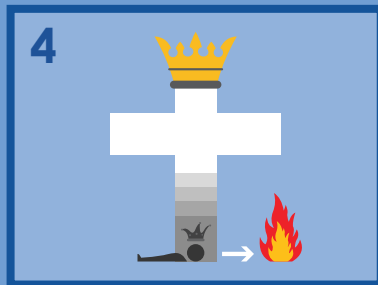
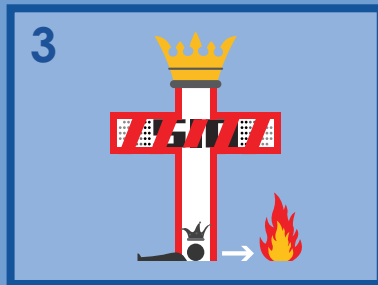
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Consider

Consider - removing your crown

Have you considered that taking your crown off means:

- Accepting that God is the ruler
- Admitting previous rebellion
- Welcoming the authority of God
- Choosing to live the way God says
- Choosing not to continue sinning

If you agree, check this box:

Accept

Believe

Consider

Do Repent...
 Receive...

Do Repent Receive

Box 5

Have you:

- Heard Jesus knocking on your heart's door
- Opened the door to Jesus
- Received Jesus into your life
- Let Jesus clean up your life
- Started to co-operate with the Holy Spirit in living a new life

If you have checked out this list and agreed with each box then you may already know Jesus as your Lord, Saviour and personal friend.

If you have not yet welcomed Him, turn to the next page!

If you agree, check this box:

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Consider

Do Repent...
Receive...



A Decision - a decision to be made

If you know that Jesus is knocking on your heart's door, and you are willing to take off your crown - then now is the time to invite Him in.

You may find it helpful to do so using this prayer:

Dear Lord God,

Thank you that You are always right and good.

I'm so sorry for my sin, my rebellion against Your authority, my contribution to the world's mess.

You are right to hate my sin, but I thank You for being full of grace in loving me.

Thank You for sending Jesus to be judged instead of me, to pay for my sin.

Thank You that Jesus is alive today, commanding me to repent.

I am truly sorry. Please forgive me all my sins.

Please come into my life today, I welcome You Jesus; and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit to teach me how to live Your new life.

Thank You for coming into my life.

Amen.

If you have repented of your sin and
invited Jesus into your life:

He has come in!

And that is a **promise.**

One last thing...

Do tell another Christian that you are now
part of God's family, and ask for help as you
learn to live your new life as a true Christian
(someone with Christ-in).

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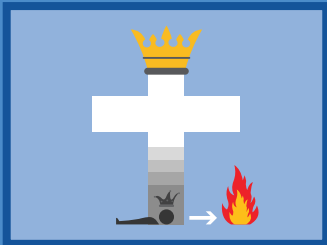
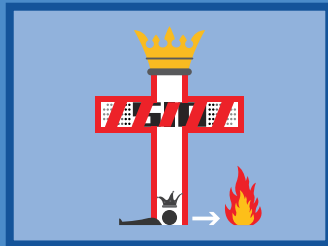
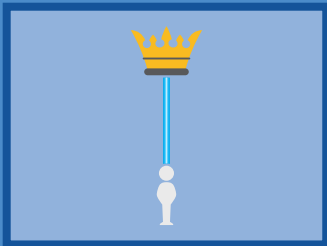
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