## WHY DID JESUS COME?

God who created the heavens, the earth, the sky and the sea created man also. He has given man good things to enjoy – the sunshine and rain, food and clothing – so that man may live and be fruitful upon this earth. But man has turned away from God who gives him breath to live.

God is a righteous Judge. He is the Judge of both the living and the dead. God has already judged man guilty and has condemned him to die an everlasting death. God has appointed a day when he will judge this world with a righteous judgment unleashing his wrath upon all who have turned away from him and continue in their selfish and wicked ways. We, who are mere mortals, dust of the earth need to respect God with all reverence.

God is also most merciful and kind. In his loving kindness the Father has sent his Son to bear the guilt and punishment of all of mankind. His Son, though innocent, bore upon himself the punishment that you and I deserve and should have received. The Son came to deliver us from the wrath of God and from the punishment the dead will receive on the Day of the Judgment of God. All who accept the Son now will have their sins forgiven and be washed clean in his blood. They will be set free from all guilt and punishment. They will not have to give an account on the Day of Judgment. For, their names will be recorded in the Book of Life. But those who do not accept the Son, the wrath of God is upon them. They are guilty and condemned to die.

For, we all will have to give an account to God, for our lives on that Day of Judgment and if our names will not be found written in the Book of Life we will be condemned to suffer everlasting pain and torment in the second death. The guilty will be thrown into the lake of fire – a fire which can never be quenched; a lake of fire, which God has prepared for the Devil and his followers.

Jesus, the Son calls us to be His followers. We are to forsake our sinful and selfish ways. We are to forsake this world and all its pleasures. We are to make a choice to live a holy life for him. We are to choose to suffer ill-treatment and disgrace for his sake.

In exchange we shall receive a new life – a life that can never be destroyed; Divine life and a Divine nature by new birth through his Spirit. Even if we die we shall live. When Jesus comes to take his followers away from this world, those of his followers who would already have had died, will be raised from the dead with new heavenly bodies. Those who will remain alive at that time, will in a moment of time, be changed – they will put on heavenly bodies. Death shall be swallowed up by life. Mortality shall be swallowed up by immortality. They shall be caught up in the clouds where they will meet Jesus.

When the followers of Jesus who will be made holy will be translated from earth to heaven we will live in perfection of love, peace, joy and glory, for days without end. We shall live with our God and He shall live amongst His people. He shall be our Father and we shall be His children. There shall be no more sin, suffering and death.

This is why Jesus, the Son came. He came to save sinners like you and me from the wrath of God and to make us into His image and likeness of holiness as a new creation.

## If you

Fear God,
Choose to forsake your sinful and selfish ways,
Choose to forsake the world and it's pleasures,
Choose to live a pure and blameless life,
Are prepared to suffer for the sake of Jesus,
Are prepared to follow Jesus and live only for Him,

## Then you can

Receive forgiveness of all your sins in the name of Jesus, Be born of His Holy Spirit, Have your name recorded in the Book of Life, Expect to go with Jesus when He comes to fetch His faithful followers.