

# A GOLD STREET!



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JOHN, WHEN THIS SHORT LIFE IS OVER DO YOU WANT TO GO TO A PLACE WHERE NOBODY EVER DIES - NOBODY GETS SICK, AND NOBODY HURTS OR CRIES? WE'LL WALK ON A GOLD STREET! WE'LL BE FILLED WITH JOY, AND WE'LL ENJOY PLEASURES FOREVER!\*



SURE DOESN'T SOUND LIKE HELL, KATHY. IT MUST BE HEAVEN, RIGHT?

KATHY- WHY DID YOU ASK ME  
IF I WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN?  
OF COURSE I DO! AFTER  
ALL- DOESN'T EVERYONE GO  
THERE?



JOHN, I WISH I COULD TELL  
YOU THAT EVERYONE GOES TO  
HEAVEN - BUT THE BIBLE (GOD'S  
WORD) SAYS THAT ONLY A FEW  
FIND LIFE, WHILE MANY GO TO  
DESTRUCTION\*



THE BIBLE ALSO SAYS,  
"ANYONE NOT FOUND  
WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF  
LIFE WAS THROWN INTO  
THE LAKE OF FIRE."\*



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\*Matthew 7:13-14

\*Revelation 20:15

KATHY - THAT LAKE OF FIRE  
SOUNDS LIKE A BUM TRIP! MY  
NAME MUST ALREADY BE WRITTEN  
IN THE BOOK OF LIFE BECAUSE I'M  
SUCH A GOOD PERSON!



JOHN - LET'S SEE IF  
YOU'RE GOOD ENOUGH TO  
GO TO HEAVEN. HAVE YOU  
KEPT GOD'S TEN COMMAND-  
MENTS?



SO WHAT ARE GOD'S TEN  
COMMANDMENTS? WHATEVER  
THEY ARE - I MUST HAVE KEPT  
THEM!



JOHN, THE FIRST COMMANDMENT  
IS, "YOU SHALL HAVE NO  
OTHER GODS BEFORE ME."  
HAVE YOU EVER LOVED ANYTHING  
MORE THAN YOU LOVE GOD?



WELL, KATHY - I GUESS I LOVE CANDY,  
SOCCER, BASEBALL, BASKETBALL,  
VIDEO GAMES, SWIMMING, MONEY, BICY-  
CLING, PLAYING, AND SKATE BOARDING  
MORE THAN I LOVE GOD!



I THOUGHT SO, JOHN!  
LET'S CHECK OUT A FEW  
MORE OF THE 10 COM-  
MANDMENTS:  
"HONOR YOUR FATHER  
AND YOUR MOTHER."  
TELL ME - DID YOU EVER  
DISOBEY YOUR MOM OR  
DAD?



WELL, SURE, KATHY - BUT NOT OVER 50 OR 60 TIMES! I'M A LOT BETTER THAN I USED TO BE! MANY OF MY FRIENDS DISOBEY THEIR PARENTS, TOO!



JOHN - I'M AFRAID THAT I'VE ALSO DISOBEYED MY PARENTS, TOO! LET'S CHECK THIS ONE OUT: YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR. TELL ME, JOHN - DID YOU EVER TELL A LIE?



WELL, SURE, KATHY. I SOMETIMES  
LIE TO TRY TO STAY OUT OF  
TROUBLE - BUT THEN I FEEL DIRTY  
AND UNCLEAN AFTERWARD! I KNOW  
OTHERS LIE, TOO. DON'T YOU?  
HOW ABOUT YOU, KATHY? DID  
YOU EVER TELL A LIE?



JOHN - I HATE TO ADMIT  
IT - BUT I'VE LIED, TOO!  
HERE'S ANOTHER ONE: "YOU  
SHALL NOT STEAL." DID  
YOU EVER TAKE SOMETHING  
THAT DOESN'T BELONG TO  
YOU - EVEN SOMETHING  
SMALL?



YEAH, KATHY! I THOUGHT  
THE THING I STOLE WOULD  
MAKE ME HAPPY - BUT  
INSTEAD, IT MADE ME  
MISERABLE! THEN I HAD TO  
LIE SO PEOPLE WOULDN'T  
KNOW I TOOK IT!



WELL JOHN, I'VE DONE  
THAT, TOO. YOU AND I ARE  
LYING THIEVES. WE ONLY  
HAVE TO DO IT ONCE TO  
BE GUILTY!



HEY, KATHY - I THOUGHT I WAS A GOOD PERSON BEFORE YOU SHOWED ME THOSE COMMANDMENTS. NOW I'M AFRAID THAT I DESERVE TO GO TO HELL!

YOU'RE RIGHT, JOHN! EVEN IF YOU ONLY BREAK ONE OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, - YOU'RE GUILTY OF ALL 10.\* ALSO, "ALL LIARS WILL HAVE THEIR PART IN THE LAKE WHICH BURNS WITH FIRE"\*



\*James 2:10 Rev. 21:8b

THE BIBLE SAYS

**ALL HAVE SINNED**

AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD

(Romans 3:23)

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THE PUNISHMENT FOR SIN IS DEATH. (Romans 6:23)

KATHY - SO FAR YOU'VE GIVEN ME  
A LOT OF BAD NEWS - ESPECIALLY  
THAT LAKE OF FIRE! DON'T YOU  
HAVE ANY GOOD NEWS? MAYBE IF I  
NEVER SIN AGAIN, THEN GOD MIGHT  
LET ME INTO HEAVEN. WHAT DO YOU  
THINK, KATHY?



JOHN, EVEN THAT WOULDN'T  
GET YOU INTO HEAVEN!  
THE BIBLE SAYS, "ALL OUR  
RIGHTEOUSNESSES (THE  
GOOD THINGS WE DO) ARE  
LIKE FILTHY RAGS."\*




\*Isaiah 64:6



HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS, JOHN!

GOD KNEW  
WE COULDN'T  
GO TO HEAVEN  
BECAUSE OF THE BAD  
THINGS WE'VE DONE  
- YET HE LOVED US SO  
MUCH HE MADE A WAY FOR  
US TO BE FORGIVEN SO WE  
COULD GO TO HEAVEN.

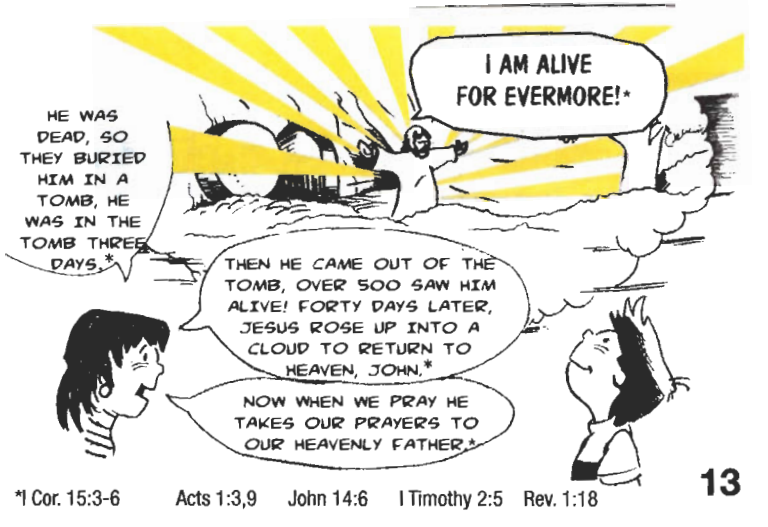
HERE'S  
HOW HE DID IT:  
GOD SENT HIS SON,  
JESUS TO LIVE ON  
THE EARTH, HE NEVER  
SINNED. THEN HE TOOK  
THE PUNISHMENT FOR OUR  
SINS BY DYING IN OUR  
PLACE ON THE CROSS!  
HIS BLOOD CLEANSSES US  
FROM OUR SINS.\*



**FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT  
HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON,  
THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM  
SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE  
EVERLASTING LIFE.** (John 3:16)

\*Hebrew 4:15 Roman 5:8 I John 1:7





HE WAS DEAD, SO THEY BURIED HIM IN A TOMB, HE WAS IN THE TOMB THREE DAYS.\*

I AM ALIVE FOR EVERMORE!\*

THEN HE CAME OUT OF THE TOMB, OVER 500 SAW HIM ALIVE! FORTY DAYS LATER, JESUS ROSE UP INTO A CLOUD TO RETURN TO HEAVEN, JOHN.\*

NOW WHEN WE PRAY HE TAKES OUR PRAYERS TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.\*

**BEFORE JESUS DIED  
ON THE CROSS HE  
SAID...**



**IN MY FATHER'S  
HOUSE ARE MANY  
MANSIONS. I GO TO  
PREPARE A PLACE  
FOR YOU.\***

\*John 14:2



**MY FRIEND, WOULD YOU  
LIKE TO BECOME A CHILD  
OF GOD RIGHT NOW?\***

\*John 14:1-6



IF SO YOU NEED  
TO TURN AWAY  
FROM SIN - TAKE  
JESUS INTO YOUR  
HEART AND LIFE  
- AND FOLLOW  
(OBEY) AND LOVE  
HIM.\*



JESUS SAID:  
...I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK;  
IF ANYONE HEARS MY VOICE AND  
OPENS THE DOOR, I WILL COME  
IN TO HIM.\*



\*Revelation 3:20

\*Luke 13:3  
John 1:12, 10:27  
1 Cor. 16:22

# PRAYER

**YOU CAN PRAY THIS PRAYER NOW -  
IT SHOULD BE A PRAYER YOU MEAN  
WITH ALL YOUR HEART:  
(ADULTS ALSO CAN PRAY.)**



Heavenly Father,  
I admit that I've sinned by breaking your ten commandments. I believe that your Son, Jesus Christ, died in my place for my sins and rose again. I now open the door of my heart and life to receive Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I turn from my old ways to follow (obey) and love Him. I pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

\_\_\_\_\_  
YOUR NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

## **NOW TELL OTHERS!**

Jesus said: ... whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. (Matt. 10:32)

**HERE'S HOW TO KNOW YOU NOW HAVE JESUS IN YOUR HEART, AND THAT YOU WILL LIVE FOREVER:**

IF ANYONE HEARS MY VOICE AND OPENS THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN TO HIM.

(Revelation 3:20)



I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU.

(Hebrews 13:5)

**AND THE BIBLE SAYS:**

**"...HE WHO HAS THE SON (JESUS) HAS THE LIFE (EVERLASTING LIFE); HE WHO DOES NOT HAVE THE SON OF GOD (JESUS) DOES NOT HAVE THE LIFE."** (1 John 5:12)

**"HE WHO OVERCOMES... I WILL NOT BLOT OUT HIS NAME FROM THE BOOK OF LIFE."**

(Rev 3:5)

BUT KATHY - WHAT  
IF I MAKE A MISTAKE  
AND SIN AGAIN - WILL  
JESUS LEAVE ME?



"If we confess our sins, He is faithful  
and righteous to forgive us our sins and  
to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9


NO, JOHN - REMEMBER HE SAID:  
"I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU." BUT  
TO BE FORGIVEN WHEN WE DO  
SOMETHING WRONG, WE SAY A  
PRAYER LIKE THIS:

DEAR FATHER GOD, I KNOW I HAVE  
SINNED AND I'M SORRY. PLEASE  
FORGIVE ME FOR THIS SIN:

(name the sin here)

HELP ME NOT TO DO IT AGAIN.  
THANK YOU FOR FORGIVING ME  
AND CLEANSING ME FROM SIN. I  
PRAY THIS IN JESUS' NAME.

AMEN



JOHN - NOW THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED JESUS INTO YOUR HEART, YOU'RE LIKE A BABY SPIRITUALLY. YOU NEED TO GROW STRONG SO THAT YOUR LIFE WILL BRING OTHERS TO JESUS. DO YOU WANT TO GROW STRONG OR STAY WEAK LIKE A BABY?\*

I WANT TO BECOME A STRONG POWERFUL CHRISTIAN, KATHY!

GOOD ANSWER, JOHN!  
HERE ARE 5 THINGS YOU  
CAN BEGIN DOING RIGHT  
AWAY:

I Cor. 3:1  
II Peter 3:18

JOHN - YOU SHOULD READ THE BIBLE EVERY DAY. READ AT LEAST A CHAPTER A DAY - IT'S ONLY 2 PAGES AND TAKES LESS THAN 10 MINUTES. BEGIN READING THE NEW TESTAMENT FIRST (THE BACK 1/4 OF THE BIBLE). READ JOHN FIRST. AFTER YOU READ THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT 3 TIMES, THEN READ THE OLD TESTAMENT. NEVER STOP READING THE BIBLE EVERY DAY OF YOUR LIFE.



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THEN, JOHN - YOU SHOULD PRAY EVERY DAY AND EVEN SEVERAL TIMES A DAY. TALK TO GOD LIKE YOU WOULD TALK TO A FRIEND. THANK HIM FOR ALL THE THINGS HE DOES FOR YOU. PRAY FOR OTHERS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED JESUS INTO THEIR LIVES YET BECAUSE THEY ARE HEADED FOR HELL WITHOUT JESUS. PRAY TO THE FATHER IN JESUS' NAME (GOD'S SON) BECAUSE HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO TAKES OUR PRAYERS TO HIS FATHER.\*



THE BIBLE SAYS, "FOR THERE IS ONE GOD AND ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MEN... CHRIST JESUS." (1 Timothy 2:5)



JOHN, THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT WE SHOULD MEET TOGETHER WITH OTHER BELIEVERS SO WE CAN ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER.\* GO TO A CHURCH THAT TEACHES ONLY FROM THE BIBLE AND ONE THAT TEACHES THAT ONLY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST CAN WE HAVE OUR SINS FORGIVEN. IF YOUR CHURCH DOESN'T TALK ABOUT JESUS - GO TO ONE THAT DOES.



JESUS SAID THAT WE SHOULD BE BAPTIZED IN WATER. FIND OUT WHEN YOUR CHURCH DOES THIS AND BE BAPTIZED!\*



JOHN, EVERY BELIEVER WILL APPEAR BEFORE JESUS TO GET HIS REWARD. OUR ETERNAL LIFE IS A GIFT BUT WE EARN OUR REWARD. IF YOU WANT TO HEAR JESUS SAY, "WELL DONE" - YOU NEED TO OBEY HIS COMMAND. HE SAID, "YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES"\* AND "GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL (GOOD NEWS) TO EVERY CREATURE."\* TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND OTHERS HOW THEY, TOO CAN OPEN THE DOOR OF THEIR HEART TO RECEIVE JESUS. ORDER THESE BOOKLETS TO SHARE WITH OTHERS (SEE BACK PAGE).

WELL DONE  
GOOD AND  
FAITHFUL  
SERVANT!



JESUS SAID: "LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN."

(Matthew 6:19-21)

\*Acts 1:8    \*Mark 16:15    Matt. 25:21

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