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Roads are everywhere. No matter where you live, you're likely surrounded by a variety of roads, all leading to different destinations — some important, some less so. In fact, we spend much of our lives on some sort of road, whether it be a road to work, a road heading home, or a road leading to some new adventure.

When it comes to getting to our eternal destination, however, there are only two roads — a very wide one, which is full of people, and a very narrow one which is rarely used. Which road are you on?

Inside this little booklet, we'll talk about another road — ***the Romans Road*** — which tells us what the Bible says about the wide and narrow roads we just mentioned, as well as who is on those roads, and where they lead.

Please take a few minutes to read about these roads — your eternal destination may depend on it!

1 “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”

— Romans 3:23

Truly, as we read in Romans 3:23, our first stop on the Romans Road, *“all have sinned”* — that means every person who has ever walked on the face of this Earth — has come short of God’s standard for holiness. In fact, the Bible tells us that all men are, indeed, born into sin, with a “sin nature.”

And God tells us in many places in the Bible that sin cannot be in His presence. That means that any sin a man or woman commits — *no matter how great or small* — disqualifies them from God’s presence, and therefore Heaven.

Today, in our culture, you often hear people qualifying sin — that this sin or that sin is worse than perhaps the one they have themselves committed. But God does not distinguish between sins like we do, because they are ALL disqualifying offenses in front of a Holy God.

“But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.”
— Galatians 3:22

2 “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

— Romans 6:23

As God makes clear to us in this second stop along the Romans Road, all the sins we have committed have “*earned*” us a wage — and that wage is death, meaning eternal death.

Though in our culture many want us to believe that there is no such eternal punishment, no eternal place of suffering, the Bible clearly tells us otherwise. Matthew 25:46 mentions this, in talking about those who were sinful and thus disobedient to God...

“And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.”

— Matthew 25:46

But the good news for humanity begins at the end of verse 23: “...*the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*” And our next stop on the Road defines that gift well.

3 **“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”**

— *Romans 5:8*

In an act of unparalleled love and mercy, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us on a cross 2,000 years ago. That is why Jesus came to this Earth — His suffering and death was no accident!

And what makes the gift so unparalleled is that Christ gave His life for us even while we were continuing to sin against Him!

He knew we could not and would not stop sinning against Him of our own accord and, yet, in His infinite mercy and love, made a way for us to be forgiven and have eternal life.

And that leads us to our final stop on the Romans Road, Romans 10:9...

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4 **“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”**

— *Romans 10:9*

In this verse God gives us the specific requirements for us to be saved. We must confess that Jesus Christ is, in fact, our Lord and Savior, acknowledging therefore that He is indeed God.

And we must believe in our hearts — that is, not just saying it with our lips, but truly in our hearts believing — that Jesus Christ died on the cross and then rose from the dead in victory over death.

How simple this salvation message from the Bible truly is! And yet, God’s Word in Matthew 7:13 tells us...

“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:” — *Matthew 7:13*

Truly, most will chose to spend an eternity in Hell — suffering forever — rather than turn from their own sin and accept Jesus Christ as their Savior.

The Bible makes its message very clear and very simple. In John 14:6, Jesus Himself clarified precisely the only route to Heaven:

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

— John 14:6

There is simply no other path, no other way, no amount of work that can earn our salvation. Only Christ’s sacrifice on the cross is sufficient for our salvation from our sins.

And as we read in that last stop on the Romans Road, Romans 10:9, *“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”*

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