

For those offended with Jesus Christ

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I strive to agree with Jesus Christ in all things, because He loved me and suffered the punishment of my sins. It is possible that I have been mistaken in some matters. However I trust that He will correct me, if I have misunderstood something. I love His reprimand and His comfort because without them I cannot remain in truth. Thus, if there is something wrong in these writings it is the fault of Erkki Kuisma. Jesus deserves the credit for everything that is right.

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Blind's faith

Every man is some kind of a believer. You need faith to adopt knowledge that you cannot get by seeing. So faith is for the blind. A blind man must sensitise his other senses to be able to get reliable information of his environment. In the same way everyone has some kind of standpoint concerning the invisible reality. Therefore the faith of everyman is a blind's faith. On the other hand a blind one can ask a person who is able to see and believe his testimony. Concerning the matters of the hereafter Jesus Christ is the only sighted person. Are you going to believe in Him or are you going to get along with your own faith?

To the narrow-minded

I am wondering how you can claim that you have no evidences of God's existence. You must have blinkers as racehorses. You have closed your eyes to evidences, because you do not want to see God. You have narrowed your visual field so that your vision has no room for God. You are escaping God, because you know that He would rebuke you for your wickedness.

If you want, you would easily get evidences of God's existence with your own observations, but love of sin has blinded you. Sin has made your mind so narrow that God's greatness cannot come into you.

A godless one is narrow-minded, but Jesus Christ expands our mind. He broadens of our consciousness and opens our eyes to look at the reality.

To the mindless

Who is mindless? Is it not you, who doesn't take into consideration the realities of practical life? Everyone sees the consequences of man's wickedness. It is against facts to blame social conditions for wickedness of people. You have evidences of the fact that wickedness of people is the reason for the terrible conditions in the world.

You are mindless when you believe in goodness of people! How have you been able to become so crazy a believer? The answer

is obvious. Otherwise you would have no energy to live. It is too heavy for you to live on facts. You take care of your mental health with positive attitude although it is against the facts. If your faith helps you to feel well, let's allow it to you.. However it is irritating that you press your faith as a fact upon other people.

A godless one is a mindless idealist, but Jesus Christ makes us sensible. His doctrines correspond with reality of practice.

To a modern man

Generally you are right and not wrong. It is so because you are not a sectarian, not a fanatic and not a fundamentalist. You are not old-fashioned and not uptight. Well, what are you? You are tolerant and cultivated. You are a modernly thinking man. It is so because you want to be a part of the majority. What else are you thinking of yourself?

Of course you think that you are on the road to heaven. So you believe in God? Yes, but in your own way. You look down your nose at the Bible and think about it: "They are telling fairy tales to me, but they are not able to deceive me. I know the facts better than the Bible."

You don't want to adopt principles that would make you a sectarian in the eyes of the others. A sectarian dares to oppose the power of the majority. Instead you are so much begging for thanks of everybody that you are not able to do it. A fanatic is a man of principle who takes his matter sincerely. On the other hand your principles are only gloss. You are a meaningless sympathiser, yes-man and a seeker of your own benefits.

However you can find a good principle that is thousands of years old. Do you reject it only for the reason that it is so old-fashioned? Why does being old-fashioned tighten you? Maybe you are uptight because of your modernity that has the following leading thought: "A new one is better than bagful old ones."

Nowadays the power of the majority is greatly honoured. That respect blinds many to believe that the majority cannot be wrong. It is natural that you don't honour the Bible, because there the majority is almost always wrong.. Not until in heaven everybody is right.

A godless one is an unjust reviewer, but Jesus Christ makes upright. His thoughts are just. They are conclusions of a sighted.

Jesus Christ is my eye

Although I don't see God now with my natural eyes, Jesus has removed my inner blindness. One day I will face God. Then I will not need faith any more.

Also you can become a sighted one, if you confess being blind and needing help from Jesus. If you obstinately are going to stand with your own faith, you will hurt yourself badly. The reality is not perfectly according to your own faith, but in the faith of Jesus you will never be put to shame in any point.

Asian tsunami disaster

Maybe you ask: "Why did God allow this to happen?" It would be more truthful to ask: "Why does God allow us to exist here?"

We all are so evil

that God would do right, if He sent a tsunami to drown all of us. Instead He once sent His only Son to atone the judgement of our evilness so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Because God loves us, He allows us to live although we are evil. When allowing us to live He at the same time comes to allow also tsunamis. He is waiting that He could rescue as many as possible from the influence of evilness and would get an opportunity to give us a new life in Jesus Christ.

The Son of God once died for us, not that we would not perish with a tsunami, but that we would not perish with the wrath of God. The death of our body is not the worst thing that can face us. The separation from God is the spiritual death and it is a far more terrible thing.

Therefore do not so much be frightened at a catastrophe that kills your body, but be frightened at the tsunamis of lies which make you an enemy of God. Probably the Asian tsunami killed also some believer of Jesus. For him the event was coming home. If we live for God our death is a victory for us. If we live only for ourselves our death is a great disaster for us.

If someone says he is losing his faith in God when facing a disaster, he only exposes with his statement that he actually never had any truthful faith in God. God's wrath and judgement is a daily reality. If you don't notice this you have very well escaped into the peace of an untruthful religion.

We all are shocked by a death of a close person. Also God the Father experienced that pain, when His only Son was judged, profaned and killed because of our wickedness. My evilness is the

catastrophe from which Jesus has saved me. At my evilness I have been frightened. Therefore the death of Jesus on the cross is for me a death of a close person, which I can never forget.

The mountains will be shaken, the islands will be removed from their places, but God's grace in Jesus Christ will not be shaken. O afflicted one, lashed by storms and not comforted! Look, God will make everything new!

Consider the cost

Most people have estimated they will get into the Paradise of God after they have died. Have they calculated the costs of their salvation right?

Let's calculate costs

People of an affluent society were doing well. They ate, drank, built and were good consumers. They said to themselves: "You have plenty of good things laid up till the days you are a pensioner. Take life easy, eat, drink and be merry." However at one moment the house of their spirit was destroyed and their soul sank into the embrace of death.

They were able to calculate the cost estimate of their house, but they didn't understand to calculate the cost of their immortality. They tried to live without thinking of their death in the same way as they didn't like to think of the repayment of their housing loan.

Concerning all other things they calculated, what does it cost, but they didn't calculate what does it cost to overcome their evilness. They took great pains to fulfil their desires and lusts, but they did little or nothing to find the source of eternal life. Woe to them on the payday of their evilness.

Death is a great unknown to him who doesn't want to know his own evilness. Who confesses his evilness knows that death is due to him as the wage of his evilness. God is a great unknown to him, who doesn't want to acknowledge that God is good. Who praises God knows that life is a gift of God to him. So I hope that you today consider the cost of getting rid of death as the wage of your evilness and of getting a share of eternal life.

Extremely high costs

You were sitting quietly thinking about your death. You experienced pains of loss. You must leave here all that is dear to you - all those things for which you take so much pain. God the creator of the nature that you saw and experienced, He is able to create everything new. Building a new habitation for your spirit

costs Him much. The costs of your eternal life are surpassingly great.

You need not believe in your death and anyway you will face it. In the same way you need not believe in God and anyway you will face Him. You need not believe in the resurrection of your body, but anyway it will happen to you. Instead you can have an influence on the content of these things which unavoidably happen to you. You can have an influence on the way how you will die. You can have an influence on what kind of resurrection you will get. You can have an influence on how God reacts to you when you will meet each other.

It is said that the evil one has a log life. God killed the evil one on Golgotha, in His Son, Jesus Christ. Did you blame your own evilness on God? You cannot do it anymore. He paid the expenses for the overcoming of your evilness. He sacrificed His only Son for the removing of our evilness. You, who are reading this - be careful. God gave an extremely expensive sacrifice to be able to save you. Take care not to despise His sacrifice!

You can consider the cost too high. Maybe you don't consider yourself so evil that God should take such great pains for it. If you think in this way, do make your own cost estimate. Try in earnest to avoid evil and do good honestly. Cleanse your heart from all injustice and gain for yourself the perfect forgiveness. What does it cost you? Maybe you will then notice that you are not capable of being good, and so you will appreciate goodness that is given you as the gift of God.

Wrong calculated costs

The cost estimate of a house can be too low, because a seller told the purchase prices too low. In the same way as there exist unreliable suppliers there are wrong witnesses of God. They say evil is good in the same way as sellers can praise their merchandise to be good although they know it to be worthless.

After the sellers got their money they maybe don't care about the sorrows of a builder. When a builder notices in practice that he has been deceived, he starts to seek more expensive but proper solutions. In the world there are many religious pretenders who

have falsified the cost estimate of your salvation so that they could benefit earthly from you.

What does it cost you to overcome your bad lusts? Many are wondering, what bad lusts? They react in this way because they don't consider their pride, greed and selfishness to be evil. On the contrary they consider them the prime mover of their life. They calculate without pains the costs of their salvation. Just buy a little bit of gloss, that's all. How could they see the value of Jesus! In no way!

You may buy perishable goods from a smooth trader, but do not buy the truth of God from a smooth priest. Jesus is reliable, because He doesn't gain honour for Himself, but for the one who sent Him. The truth of the Son of God is expensive. Buy it so that you could have the property that doesn't perish. If you have tasted God's truth in Jesus, don't sell it away to get some temporal benefit. Buy the truth and never sell it! Be ready to give up all perishable things to be able to own the truth of God.

A wrong calculated cost estimate gives an unpleasant surprise. You don't want to be surprised when you die, do you! Certainly you don't want to face the angry God. You don't want to experience a resurrection into a body of evilness. Look at Jesus Christ who once suffered on the cross for your evilness. That testifies that God wants your salvation and you to become rich through Him who became poor for your sake.

Right calculated costs

God who has built universes with all their details, would He be unable to make a functional salvation for us! All the deeds of God work.

He has bought us free from the power of sin. He Himself has calculated the costs and paid the whole price of your salvation. He estimated that it is possible to produce a functional salvation only so that He Himself comes among us. Therefore God became Man in Jesus Christ. It is a part of the high price.

He also suffered our punishment on the cross. The blood of Jesus that was shed for the atonement of our evil deeds is an expensive part of the price, which God has paid to make it possible to save us.

In Jesus God also sentenced our sinful nature to eternal death. On the cross Jesus experienced how God abandoned Him instead of us. This pain of hell is a part of the expensive price that God has paid. Sharing His death sets us free from the slavery of our lusts. Therefore our sinful nature doesn't rule us anymore, if we have a share in Him. This gives us a victory over sin - now!

God raised Jesus up from the dead and changed His body into the body of a new man. He did it in Himself, He gave birth to the new human being, into whose likeness we are allowed to be changed through Him. This transformation becomes perfect in the resurrection of the children of God, but already now this new nature has an effect on us giving birth to the deeds that are from God. The price of the resurrection transcends all understanding, because it causes the children of God to be heirs of God. How much did the resurrection actually cost God? The heirs will get everything, won't they!

Oh my, how expensive! How shall you escape if you ignore such a great salvation?

Solid foundation

Destroy this world, and God will raise it again. The crucifixion of Jesus was the end of this world and His resurrection built a new nature. Amazing are His deeds!

Did you build your world by crucifying Jesus? Every day many crowds crucify Him. They cannot do it concretely to Jesus, but they have made the same decision in their heart as they who did put into practice the execution of Jesus.

Wherever the name of Jesus has been mentioned there the Spirit of God has testified to His goodness. God's goodness has testified everybody to their own evilness. That moment is fateful to everybody. To humble or to harden oneself? This is the very question of your life!

Did you get angry with God, because He is good? Confessing one's own evilness in the light of God's goodness is turning to life. Defending one's own evilness is turning to death. Who defends his evilness doesn't endure the light of goodness for a long time, but he wants to remove its testimony from his life. Therefore those, who have hardened their hearts, crucify Jesus. Sooner or later they will do it, if they don't humble themselves under the reprimands of God's goodness.

This civilization has been built on the foundation of selfishness, greed and pride. Yet today this building can go on, because the Witness of God's goodness is among us. The world order of the calloused hearts has become harder and harder. The godless hand of the mankind is rising up to knock the witnesses of God out from the world.

The world wide persecution of Jesus' own will be the end of this world. Then the whole mankind faces a great distress. Immediately after those days the sun will be darkened in the same way as it was darkened when Jesus was on the cross. Mountains and islands will be removed from their places and the glory of Jesus Christ appears in the sky.

The judgment of this world doesn't drive you to despair, if you share the divine nature in Jesus Christ. On the contrary it will be a triumph and dressing into an eternal body, in which we can step before God without a shame. Then nothing evil will be found in us, but we can know ourselves perfectly clean and good. Oh what a happy day it will be! Let this world disappear and let the Kingdom of God come!

God is impartial

Partiality is a fundamental feature of our evilness. The gospel of God makes us impartial.

Impartial God and partial sinners

God is not partial. He shows favoritism to nobody. He judges each man's work impartially. He favors nobody and treats nobody more severe than others. He also gives mercy always according to the same grounds. He oppresses nobody and treats nobody more mercifully than others. He handles everyone according to the same principles.

God treats everyone well. He doesn't show favoritism to any nation - not even to Israel - but judges all nations with justice. God is absolutely just and the unbribable Judge and Grace Giver.

God was not selfish by enjoying His godhead at the same time when we suffered from our sins. Because He is love, He had compassion on us, though we had rebelled against Him. Therefore He made Himself of no glory of God and became a man in Jesus Christ so that He could save us. In sufferings of Golgotha He Himself suffered the punishment that He had given us so that He could forgive us. A greater unselfishness cannot exist.

God proved us His impartiality in Jesus Christ. He offered His only Son as the sin offering to reconcile all people to Himself. Jesus died for every human being. Whoever wants is allowed to come and receive life in Jesus. Nobody has beforehand sentenced to hell and nobody has beforehand elected to heaven. It's up to you where you will end up. You should know that your partiality prevents you from being saved.

Partiality is a fundamental feature of our evilness. We are partial to ourselves. It manifests itself in a situation where we condemn the same crime more harshly committed by others than us. We hate those who do wrong against us, but we don't hate ourselves, if we do the same against others. Selfishness is equal to partiality because in the both cases self is treated in a different way than others.

Every person is like a party having only one member. People set up party organizations almost in every range of life, because they are partial to themselves almost in every matter. If their own benefit is a common benefit with others they are organized into a party. The existence of parties proves that people are bad.

The Gospel of God makes us impartial

Jesus died for everyone, but to whom is it speaking? Most people are living in peace given by their partiality and therefore are not asking for mercy of God. They don't consider themselves so bad that Jesus would have needed to die for them. However they may also think that so bad people exist who would need to have mercy from God. When this matter is asked the people who are considered bad, they also blame others but consider themselves good. Their partiality prevents them from being saved.

If someone turns away from his partiality, he confesses his own evilness and doesn't defend himself by blaming others. We can receive power to abandon our partial attitude when we come to know Jesus of the Bible and have compared ourselves with Him. In the light of His goodness you can see the truth about yourself. Which of these you believe, the gospel or your partial heart? The gospel proves also you to be so bad that Jesus had to suffer and to die for you. Your heart that is blinded by your partiality considers you good, which leads you to reject the gospel.

Many have changed their mind and confessed their evilness and admitted to need the atoning sacrifice of Jesus. The gospel has spoken to them so that they have experienced the grace of God and come to faith. If they remain in grace they also remain in impartiality.

Church is not a party

Those people who belong to Jesus are the Church, which is not the party of God but the temple of His revelation. Jesus doesn't want supporters but followers. A supporter only accepts and admires what Jesus does, but a follower also does in the same way as Jesus by complying with His goodness and not with his own evilness. In a party there prevails the spirit of our own and common benefit. In the church of God there prevails the spirit according to God's mind.

In different kinds of conflicts we have used to select our side. Therefore we easily fall to consider the church of God the party that reaches even for political power. Then the world is considered the opposing party, against which is fought and, from which is tried to win fans for own side. For some believers evangelizing is like working for a party. Party-mindedness makes us blind to wrong things of our own party. Therefore party-minded believers are horrified at sinful life of the godless and consider themselves better than others.

The gospel makes us to know our own evilness, as the result of which we cannot consider ourselves better than others. The grace of God and partiality cannot live in the same heart. Therefore partiality is always a consequence of not remaining in the grace of God. All have sinned, except Jesus!

In doctrinal disputes we want to be defenders of truth, if we have the feeling a truth is "in trouble". If we live in the Spirit of God we know that there is no truth in ourselves and therefore we are not able to defend it. Jesus is Truth and it is grace of God, if we are allowed to know Him. When someone attacks the truth, we become sad for him, because we know the truth is so strong that everyone who rebels against it, will hurt oneself.

We need not to defend the truth but the truth defends us, if we remain in that. Instead of defending we should testify to the truth. It has severely damaged the gospel of God when believers have shown partiality for God. If we hide a part of the truth, we are partial. A part of the truth of the gospel has been hidden so that people would get "a more positive" image about God and what it is to be a believer. Only by setting forth the truth plainly we can serve God and represent Him for others.

Remaining in truth protect us from partiality. Jesus Christ is Truth. Therefore it is possible to remain in truth by knowing Him. It is sure that sometimes a truth hurts us. In that pain we should look at the agony of Jesus on the cross. Through it we are allowed to receive strength to remain in truth, because there we experience God's love in truth.

In the church of God the fellowship is based on the love that comes from the gospel. The fellowship between believers is based on our love to Jesus, because He first loved us and died for us. This common object of love causes us to continue in fellowship. A party is held together as long as the common benefit of the party members requires it.

A defender or a witness

Jesus is the defender of His believers in heaven and the Holy Spirit on earth. The blood of Jesus defends us against the wrath of God and the Holy Spirit defends us against our own evilness, the world and the devil. We need not to defend the faith that is originated from God, because it has overwhelming good defenders.

Jesus came down from heaven to bear witness to the truth to us. His followers have the same task: We testify to the truth by doing it. If we don't obey the truth, we are in danger to lose it. In that case we have a need to defend the truth, because our disobedience made us uncertain about what the truth is. Those who belong to Jesus are not defenders of faith but its witnesses. One, who does the truth, becomes certain about what the truth is.

Jesus is perfectly good person. Therefore in Him we see the truth about right and wrong. All wrong-doing is sin. Confessing sins in the light of Jesus means doing the truth. If we confess our sins to Jesus, He forgives us. The peace with God gives us the possibility to examine our own evilness truthfully, because our conscience is clear. Then we have no need to treat our own evilness in a different way as sins of others. Jesus gives us an impartial heart.

Many don't admit their guilt but defend themselves passionately, when Truth rebukes them. Always can be found good pretexts to explain why an iniquity was "necessity" to do. A partial heart is the real master at explaining one's innocence. The wisdom used to harden hearts is the mother of all plotting. Opposing God's reprimand makes us opponents of many other things too, because the rejected guilt causes us to see opponents everywhere.

Do you really want to continue defending yourself or do you humble yourself before Jesus and let Him defend you? When you hardened your heart to the reprimand of God, you obtained the

partial heart. Beg God for mercy that He would rebuke you again. Under His reprimand confess your sins and accept the punishment you deserve and put your guilt upon the sacrificial Lamb of God. Then He will forgive you and you will receive a new heart.

Bitterness or patience

Unhappy events can make us bitter. When we cannot find any man, whom we can blame for the injustice that we experienced, we are angry at God. What you think about God can be hidden insidiously, but the thoughts of your heart will be exposed at a fateful moment of your life. After the same accident the one who stayed patient is beautiful and the other who became bitter is ugly.

Accusers of God

The evil in the deeds of men is obvious. Also deeds that look good often turn out to be purely selfish, when the motives of the deeds are exposed. If somebody claims that man is basically good, his faith has only few visible evidences. There are so many evidences of evil of man in the world. One's deeds are worse than the others', but nobody is pure. The best man is like a thorn bush.

Most men also confess their wickedness at some moment of their life. Therefore one would suppose that great crowds are seeking mercy of God, because the need to get forgiveness of their sins is so great for every person. However, it is not so, because there is bitterness against God in the heart of men.

Are you better than God?

The real obstacle of the salvation is not there that man denies that he is bad, but it is there that he doesn't admit that God is good. He is accusing God of his hard destiny. "Why did God allow it to happen to me?" In the Bible this situation is in the life of Job. He lost all, though he had lived as good life as anybody is able to live. It is so wrong, he thought. *"The LORD said to Job: 'Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him? Let him who accuses God answer Him!'"* Job.40:1-2

The problem with Job was there that he considered himself better than God. He criticised the ways of God and wanted to advise Him. Then God appeared to him and gave Job some difficult questions and said: *"Brace yourself like a man; I will question you and you shall answer me. Would you discredit my justice? Would you condemn me to justify yourself?"* Job 40:7-8

Jesus proved that God is just

Jesus Christ came to prove that God is good and just. If you don't receive His testimony of the absolute goodness of God, you are not able to appreciate the sacrifice for our sins that Jesus gave.

God has presented for the whole mankind the bloody sacrifice of Jesus as the testimony of His goodness. *"He did it to demonstrate His justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus."* Rom.3:24-26 How is it possible that the rude execution proves that God is just? You realise it yourself! "You condemn me to justify yourself." This came true in the sacrifice of Jesus! Jesus is God and He was condemned to be guilty, so that you would get innocence as a gift.

God replies to your unjustified accusals by silence. He doesn't defend himself, but He is suffering quietly on the cross - for you, His accuser, who deserved the punishment.

God bore our guilt in Jesus

God sympathises with people who are struggling with their accusing thoughts. You blame God and come against Him with clenched fist. You shout at Him and hit His face. You hit Him onto the cross that you would be right. He doesn't resist you. This is how Jesus proves for you that God is completely good God.

Many think that this kind of evidence is the presentation of so great weakness that they are despising the crucified Jesus. They are sneerers who are in a big danger: *"Look, you scoffers, wonder and perish, for I am going to do something in your days that you would never believe, even if someone told you."* Acts 13:41 When a proud one hears a God's message which also he actually is longing and waiting for, he doesn't recognise it, because his pride causes him to despise it.

When Job humbled himself, God made his life better. He learnt his lesson. *"I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know."* Job.42:3 What do you think and talk about God? If you obscured God's counsel with your untruthful thoughts, you must despise and be ashamed of your thoughts. When you will see God's

love for you in the crucified Son of God, all your accusals against God will come to nothing!

Accused without cause

A believer applies this attitude of Jesus in practice so that also he is quiet, when he is accused without cause. This kind of silence is golden. If he is accused and he is guilty, he confesses that he did wrong. This kind of confessing is silver.

"But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth. When they hurled their insults at Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly." 1Pet.2:20-23

Grieving God

"The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The LORD was grieved that He had made man on the earth, and His heart was filled with pain." Gen.6:5-6 Very soon after this grieving He decided to destroy with the flood all creations of the earth. There were only Noah and his family and the animals of the ark that found favour in the eyes of the LORD. Only eight persons were saved of the mankind.

Now God is not anymore grieving for that reason, for He has got the atonement of all wickedness of the mankind. Jesus Christ has died for every person and He is the atoning sacrifice for all evilness. *"He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."* 1John.2:2 God's hate against our wickedness hit the innocent Jesus on Calvary and produced the atonement and forgiveness. The place in Heaven is paid and reserved for every man and woman. Nobody is beforehand judged into Hell, but the salvation is prepared for all of us already about 2000 years ago.

God is calling us in the sacrifice of Jesus. He is waiting for the personal answer from everyone. If a man doesn't receive Jesus as

the Redeemer of his own sins, that precious sacrifice will be of no value to him at all. God is not unmoved or unfeeling. Therefore now He is grieving for the fact that many discard His grace. He is serious and sad when He looks at many persons how they are selecting the way of Hell. Why doesn't He force to repent, but allows them to choose their ways?

Grace must be asked for

The character of the grace is such that it cannot be pressed upon anybody. One has to humble oneself to ask for it. Instead of forcing He encourages us to humbleness by forewarning about the threatening danger.

Jesus tells us, what will happen, when that sorrow of God will again change to wrath. *"No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man."* Matth.24:36-39 Now there will be fire instead of water.

Why is it so that only the Father knows the time? Because He decides the moment according to the state of the mankind. His decision depends on the fact, how determinedly the mankind rejects Jesus and discards God's grace. On the other hand it depends on the fact how widely Jesus has been made known to all nations. Peter says that believers are speeding the coming of that day: *"Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire and the elements will melt in the heat."* 2Pet.3:11-12 .

I remind you of the sorrow of God in order to wake up your feelings. If someone starts to mourn over the hardness of one's heart and to be terrified at one's sinfulness, God's Spirit starts to prove God's love in the sacrifice of Jesus. *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."* Matth.5:4 The sorrow that is according to

God's mind brings about submission, which makes room for the grace in the heart. *"Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death."*

2Cor.7:10

Worry about what God thinks about you. All other sorrows are needless compared with it. When you reply God's request for repentance in Jesus Christ, He will be glad of you. Also you will have the same joy in your heart. So make God glad!

The Bible version used in references is NIV

God's feelings

Who cares about God's feelings? Do you think that God is so great that whatever you do, He feels nothing? God is a speaking, seeing, hearing and emotional person. Take His feelings into your consideration!

Feelings come from thoughts

Does He who has planned the ear not hear? Does He who has formed the eye not see? Does He who has created our emotions not feel? God has perfect and pure feelings, because His thoughts are good and complete. Because God created us in His own image, He gave us feelings. Sin has spoiled His image in us. We often feel wrong feelings because our thoughts and attitudes are bad.

God is sad

"The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The LORD was grieved that He had made man on the earth, and His heart was filled with pain." Gen.6:5-6 God is grieving for our evil deeds. If you concern about His feelings, you want to make Him glad. If you regret your sins and confess them to Him, His grief over you is removed.

God has shed tears for you! Do His tears mean nothing to you? Look at His eyes glazed by His tears! He has wept so much for hardness of our hearts that His tears have made like a sea of glass in heaven.

God is angry

When people have deeply enough devoted themselves to their wrong thoughts, God's grief is changing into anger. *"You have kindled my anger, and it will burn for ever."* Jer.17:4 From the justness of God comes out strong anger. It flows out from Him as a river of fire. *"A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before Him."* Dan.7:10 His anger forms the lake of death. *"The lake of fire is the second death."* Rev.20:14

God has been angry with you! Have you no fear of His judgement? Look at His fiery eyes that see and know everything.

God is well pleased

God loves goodness. He is well pleased with those who think, speak and do right. Full of loving emotion He says about Jesus: *"This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I AM well pleased. Listen to Him."*

Matth.17:5 God has expressed His love to us by making Himself known as the Father and the Son. If you don't believe in the Son of God, you cannot feel God's love. Jesus expressed love for the Father by obeying His will. You can express your love for Jesus by obeying what He commands.

God is pleased with a perfect man, Jesus Christ! Look at His loving eyes when He says about Jesus: "This is my Son, whom I love." If you believe in Jesus, the Father will be pleased also with you. Because of your faith the goodness of Jesus is credited to you.

God is gracious

God feels pity and sympathizes with His enemies. He is willing to forgive. Therefore He prepared the salvation for us in His Son, Jesus. He sent down His most precious and most beloved One to meet His enemies. Jesus accepted our guilt and thus had to face the anger of God. He suffered our punishment. *"God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* Rom.5:8

Think about God's feelings on Golgotha! On the cross there was His most beloved one and the one He hated most. On the cross there was the beloved Son of God and the sin that God hates. How much the heart of God the Father suffered pain at that moment! The river of blood came out of Him and obtained eternal atonement for those who believe in Jesus.

God has sacrificed His most precious for you! Don't you reply to Him? Look at His eyes broken by pain. He wants to be gracious to you.

God is glad

When He had got His Son back home He was glad and happy. He exalted Jesus to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name so that Jesus has all authority in heaven and on

earth. When God rejoices, the river of the water of life comes out of Him. Wherever this river flows life will appear.

Jesus said that there will be great rejoicing in heaven when one sinner repents. God rejoices in you, if you receive Jesus as the Redeemer of your sins. Don't you honour God's feelings He had on Golgotha? Are you really able to pass by His great pain? He experienced it for your sake!

God has given you Jesus to be the spring of life! If you reject Him, you love death. Look at His happy eyes. He has destroyed death and He has all power.

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The gift of God

God wants to give you a very valuable gift. If you could know how good it is, you would be very interested.

Eternal life is available for you!

"God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." 1 John.5:11-12

Have you the Son of God, Jesus Christ? Do you know him personally or only through other's testimonies? If you own Jesus, you own Life. Jesus prays: *"Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."* John.17:3

How to know God personally?

"He is atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, 'I know him,' but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him." 1John.2:2-5

The love of God is able to touch you personally. If you know Jesus only according to human mind, you cannot live the Christian life, which is described in the Bible. He first loved you. Your reaction is to receive his love. After that you are able to love Him. To know Jesus, is to love Him! To love Him gives the power to obey Him. God's love is made complete in you, when you receive it. That is how you know you are in God.

Jesus died for your sins. That needs your reaction!

You can learn to know God only on his conditions. He has decided that we can learn to know Him only by believing that our sins are forgiven, because Jesus died for us on the cross. *"For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe."* 1Cor.1:21

The message of the crucified Jesus is foolishness for a conceited man. Many other religious experiences are famous, but they are deceptions, if they are not based on this experience. God has hidden himself from conceited men. He seeks hearts that have humble thoughts of their own deeds. They say in their minds: "What have I done! I cannot accept that." A poor heart hears the voice of the Gospel. *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* John 3:16

God sees you as a perishing person. You are in the danger to be judged into the eternal fire. God loves you, because He tries to save you from your frightful destination. He did not spare his sacrifices, but gave His one and only Son for your rescue operation. Who can accept this?

If you accept your punishment, you can understand God's love! This is the narrow door that leads to the everlasting life. It is so narrow, because you think that you are not so bad, that you earn so hard judgement. You must confess that God makes a right judgement, if He judges you into Hell. If you humble yourself to this, you can see God's love in Jesus Christ. An innocent Jesus suffered the judgement that you can avoid it. How this love can touch your heart, if you don't agree with the judgement of God?

You can receive God's love, if you step into the dazzling spotlight of his hard truth. The crucified Jesus encourages you to confess, "I am guilty". Bible speaks to you: *"If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sins."* 1John.1:7 *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."* 1John.1:9

What is your response message to God? - Were all pains of Jesus in vain for you?

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God's Face

God has revealed His Face in Jesus Christ so that we can meet His look, although we have offended against Him.

Human face

Human face reflects the being of the soul. When we look at the faces of each others we look at the face of our inward man. If we want nobody to look at our inmost heart, we force another expression on our face than what is on the face of our soul. In that way we put a mask over our face which hides our real being.

If we feel that we have done wrong we don't want people to see our guilty face. Much less then we want God to look at us. However He always sees our true faces, although we would try to hide ourselves from Him. On the other hand He partly turns His face away from us so that our guilt would not be greater than we can bear.

The purity and the goodness of God's face would crush our guilty hearts, if we were allowed to see His face. Moses wanted to see God's face, but He replied: *"You cannot see my face; for no man shall see me, and live."* Ex.33:20

When God once will judge the world, He will show His face to the whole world: *"Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them."* Re.20:11

However because of His great love for us God has shown to us His face in the way we can endure, which leads us to salvation, if we take away our mask and agree to look at His face in Jesus Christ. You can look at the glory of God with unveiled face!

See His suffering face on the cross! God was in Christ and suffered the punishment of your guilt. You get the salvation from His face: *"It is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."* 2Co.4:6

Behold, Jesus didn't defende himself, though He was free from guilt. He was silent, because He suffered voluntarily your judgment.

Watch the face of God in the event of Golgotha. "Let the light of God's face shine out of darkness of the judgment of Golgotha to your heart!"

God without a face

Many believe God exists, but they don't seek God's face. They don't want to face God as a person. God is regarded as a faceless power by many, because such God doesn't rebuke them for their iniquities. Guilty hearts want to serve an impersonal God. To know a person means knowing the real face of the person. Even the word person originates from the word face.

We all are watching the faces of each other to see how they react in different situations. If someone reacts always in the same way keeping a straight face, we don't learn to know him. He remains an emotionally distant person to us. Many have worked hard to present God's face as monotonous and solemn. People are gathered together in a church service watching a solemn presentation. They say they have come before God's face when they are inside the church. Actually they come before the mask that presents God.

God doesn't give presentations to us, but He reveals Himself to us. Woe to this, when one presents prayers, then a choir performs a piece of music and finally a pastor gives a sermon. All this performing hides God's face from those present. A genuine Christian meeting is revelations and not performances. Let faces of souls appear from behind Christian masks so that the meeting would be the real meeting of faces.

The faces of the guilty darken before the face of God. Do they seek atonement for their sins and a consolation from God's face? Many don't seek but avoid the presence of God's face in many ways. They lighten their feelings by joking or by singing songs. There are many methods of making the physical face shine with joy, although the heart is crying. Only God can brighten the face of your soul.

You do want to see the glad face of God, don't you? If you repent your evilness, it is possible for you. If you confess your sins to God and turn to Him through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, you will get the salvation from His face. *"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may*

come from the presence (face) of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before." Ac.3:19-20

An evildoer would have no reason to cover up his inner face, if he considered his deeds right. Guilt appears in the behaviour of people in all the cultures irrespective of religions. That is so because God's invisible presence rebukes everybody. Through the ages some people have had enough of reprimand of God's face and therefore expressed their open rebellion against Him by stopping all hiding and so declaring that they think they have done right in the very case for which God has rebuked them.

"Their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of His glory. The look on their countenance witnesses against them, and they declare their sin as Sodom; they do not hide it. Woe to their soul! For they have brought evil upon themselves."

Isa.3:8-9

Loving of bad lusts has been made into a virtue in our time. Woe to many who bring evil upon themselves by rejoicing over their evil deeds!

God's face changes us

Have you had enough of yourself? Do you want to be changed? An experience from God's face will transform your face. *"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."* 2Co.3:18

In this time we cannot look at God from face to face. It has been promised to us after our resurrection. Now we are allowed to see the face of Jesus as "a poor reflection in a mirror". However also that weak image is able to change us. It is meant that we would like to look at that image over and over again so that we would be changed from glory to glory.

Seeking the face of Jesus is like looking for a treasure. Have a look and your heart gains a heavenly treasure. *"We have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us."* 2Co.4:7

The Holy Spirit conveys the brightness of the face of Jesus to you. He has been sent into the all the earth to testify that the Man, Jesus Christ is God. He is present everywhere and not only where Christians are. He doesn't go with evangelists but the messengers of God go with Him. If you in your earnest seek the face of Jesus, He certainly notices you, even though you would be in the bottom of a sea.

What does prevent you from seeking the face of Jesus? Obviously your soul already basks in brilliance of another light. Jesus says: *"Take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness."* Lu.11:35

Many opponents of Jesus enjoyed the light of Jewish religiousness. Any devout religiousness can give an inner experience, which may enchant our inner face. Although you would not be religious your soul may be charmed by human wisdom and so your face shines the light of reasoning.

"Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them." 2Co.4:3-4

The god of this world has blinded also many who call themselves newborn Christians. God has not changed them, because they have not watched the face of Jesus in their spirit. Therefore they deny the power of godliness and maintain only a facade of Christianity. It is written about them: *"They having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"* 2Ti.3:5

Live in light of God's face

We see something pure in the face of a baby. Jesus says: *"Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven."* Mt.18:10

Angels of God convey light of God's face to the inner faces of little children. Therefore also their physical faces twinkle to us something of the pure face of God. So it is natural that guilty hearts can despise little children, because they feel God's face reprimanding in a little pure face.

Jesus drew an analogy between His disciples and little children, because they both are the light of the world in the comparable way. Those who belong to Jesus don't need an angel as a supplier of light, but Jesus lives in us in the Holy Spirit. *"You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth."*

Eph.5:8-9

A believer who has a guilty heart, cannot be the light of the world. The light of the gospel cannot be held out only by giving information about Jesus. The faces of believers must reflect the feelings of God. "The face of the Lord is against those who do evil" and therefore also our face testify the same. We are sad due to sin and glad, when someone repents his evilness and turns away from it and allows himself to be reconciled to God. We rejoice at truth and at goodness and we don't allow contagious wrong joy to spread to our faces.

All those who love Jesus have a fight for the light of God so that our thoughts and deeds would live by it. Darkness playing the role of light has overtaken many hearts, because they don't want to be rebuked. The light of God's face causes good deeds in us and a dark light causes evilness. Examine your deeds so that you would not deceive yourself.

If our heart doesn't live now by the light of God, how we could come to His face after we died? John, the apostle reminds us about this issue: *"And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming."* 1Jo.2:28

Take the steady course toward the brightness of God's face. He will purify you and change you so that you will once be able to stand before His face without a shame. *"There shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever."* Re.22:3-5

He is an extremely lovely Person

When I dawdle on the way of God, there is an expectant look on His patient face. He understands me perfectly, better than I myself. I feel how His face is calling me to Him.

When I am frightened and I seek His protection, His smile encourages me. His presence gives the perfect peace. I know I am in a good safe, like I would peep the world from the pocket of God.

When I have fallen in sin, He has a suffering look on His face. Fire is flaming in His pain broken eyes and in that light I feel the truth about my evilness. He is self-sacrificing and tenderly and lovingly He is zealous for the truth.

When I have repented my sins, His glad face shines like the sun. In the light of His face I feel how pure thoughts fill my mind. I have the experience of how His presence lifts my soul from the mud of evilness up to the rock of His goodness.

When I don't know what to do in my practical things and I seek His face, He casts a helpful look on me and the wisdom from His face fastens my attention to the right thing. I feel how the wisdom beyond all human understanding guides me.

Some goodness I have seen also on human faces, but the little I have seen of the goodness of God's face, is much more than it. He is an extremely lovely Person. I press on towards the moment when I will meet His face in the Perfection.

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Every man is some kind of a believer. You need faith to adopt knowledge that you cannot get by seeing. So faith is for the blind. A blind man must sensitise his other senses to be able to get reliable information of his environment. In the same way everyone has some kind of standpoint concerning the invisible reality. Therefore the faith of everyman is a blind's faith. On the other hand a blind one can ask a person who is able to see and believe his testimony. Concerning the matters of the hereafter Jesus Christ is the only sighted person. Are you going to believe in Him or are you going to get along with your own faith?

Maybe you ask: "Why did God allow this to happen?" It would be more truthful to ask: "Why does God allow us to exist here?"

Most people have estimated they will get into the Paradise of God after they have died. Have they calculated the costs of their salvation right?

Partiality is a fundamental feature of our evilness. The gospel of God makes us impartial.

Unhappy events can make us bitter. When we cannot find any man, whom we can blame for the injustice that we experienced, we are angry at God. What you think about God can be hidden insidiously, but the thoughts of your heart will be exposed at a fateful moment of your life. After the same accident the one who stayed patient is beautiful and the other who became bitter is ugly.

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