

Easter brings with it new, delicate flowers, plenty of colour, warm weather and an end to cold evenings. New life is all around us. A greater pleasure in new life is when the new mother picks up her smiling, new baby. A new life! The baby with soft skin, wide eyes, a wisp of hair, fine finger and wrapped lovingly in warm clothes. This tiny, new life carries all our hopes for the future.

As adults, we too can benefit from a new life; we can choose to start again. But before we describe the new life, I want to take a moment of your time to share with you a problem we all have and how Jesus Christ can solve our problem and give us new life.

What is the problem?

The Bible is blunt with the truth: "The wages of sin is death"
"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

The answer to the problem

Here is an eye-witness account of what happened to Jesus at the end of His life:

Jesus, "carrying his own cross, (he) went out to the Place of the Skull. Here they crucified him, and with him two others - one on each side and Jesus in the middle... Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, 'I am thirsty.'... When he had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit ... One of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true."

"Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." He suffered and died so that we can receive forgiveness for our sins, be saved from punishment after death and have a new life now.

The way to new life

When we pray to God and thank him for sending Jesus to die for us and for taking

away our sins, we can have a new life through Jesus. God offers you this invitation. John, the disciple of Jesus who witnessed His death, says "You may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and... by believing you may have life in his name."

Who can have this new life?

"Everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

"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."

Bible quotations from Romans 3.23; 6.23; John 19.17-35; 1Corinthians 15.3; John 20.31; Acts 10.43; John 3.16.