

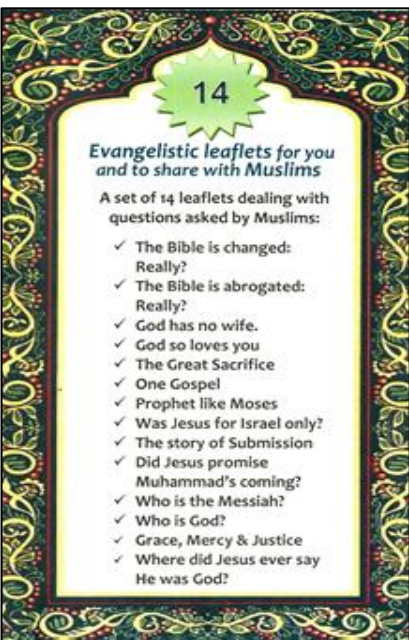


Why did Jesus come?

Dear Friend in Jesus! Merry Christmas to you and your family. Although many in the world celebrate Christmas, at times, I wonder how many remind themselves of the reason Jesus came into the world. Although we know – a reminder is a vital aspect of our lives.

Jesus came into the world for one reason: to make it possible to be forgiven of our sins and go to heaven when we die. Jesus said, “For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost” (Luke 19:10).

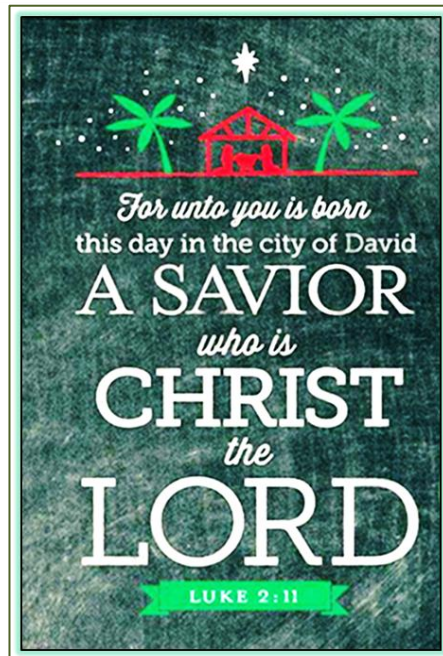
This forgiveness is not automatic. We must ask for it. It is free, but there is a condition: Repentance. Only a few churches today emphasize this crucial requirement. At times, I think about how very pleasing it is for the devil to see human beings forget about sin and its ability to destroy marriages, families, churches, ministries, and even society.



the process. Here too, Jesus is urging his church, “Be zealous and repent” (Revelation 3:19).

Jesus has revealed to us the Truth about sin and the need for repentance, without which we cannot pursue a life filled with God’s sanctifying grace. We are all sinners. We all need God’s grace and mercy. We all need to be reminded of sin and repentance, which is essential to salvation’s message. It is here that when the realization sets in that we all are fallen and need repentance, we then appreciate the grace bestowed: “For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age” (Titus 2:11-12). May we not back off from the message of grace along with ‘repentance from sin.’

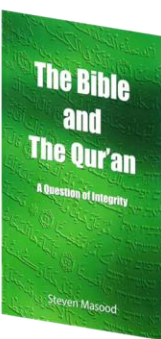
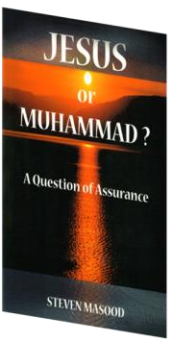
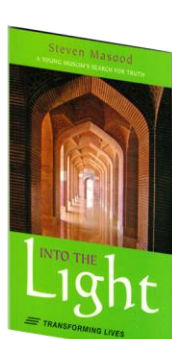
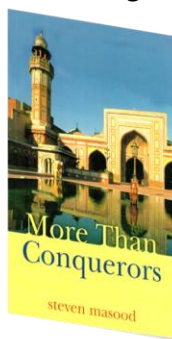
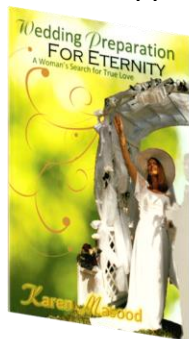
*Many Blessings to you and your family
as you celebrate the coming of Jesus.*



The forerunner of Jesus, John the Baptist, preached repentance: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near” (Matthew 3:2). Elsewhere, we are told that he went about “preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 3:3). When Jesus started his ministry, he did the same. We are told, ‘Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near” (Matthew 4:17). They both called people to repent.

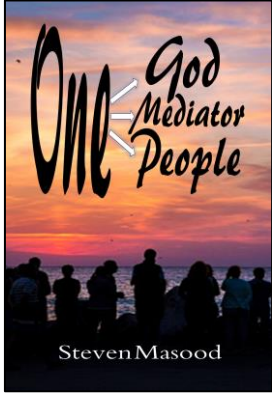
Sin and repentance are essential to the Gospel. When Jesus sent out His apostles in pairs to spread the good news of salvation, we are told that “They went out and preached that people should repent” (Mark 6:12). After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to the apostles and told them, “repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem” (Luke 24:47).

On the Day of Pentecost, Peter preached repentance to the crowds, saying, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). The Book of Revelation is the last book of the Bible with the final things in



Prayer and praise points

- ❖ We praise God for His Warriors coming together in unity to pray for Muslims to know God's Truth.
- ❖ We praise God for friends who are helping to edit Steven's next book (Romans 8:28). We pray that it will be ready for readers by the end of January 2022.



- ❖ We praise God for the 14 evangelistic leaflets now translated in several languages and used in outreach.
- ❖ Would you mind praying with us for the safety of Muslim contacts in their search for Truth and those who have accepted Jesus as Savior?
- ❖ We pray that the Lord will protect new believers and that they will be disciplined by our friends worldwide in a Biblical manner.
- ❖ Pray with us against spiritual warfare that comes against our ministry work.
- ❖ Pray with us for discernment to provide 'help' and material needed for outreach as God leads.
- ❖ We ask the Lord for help to bring friends with administration skills, technology skills, and mentor and raise servants to continue this ministry work.
- ❖ We seek His guidance and wisdom to build believers on a biblical approach, respond to Islam, and seek new opportunities.
- ❖ We thank the Lord for those serving Him along with us among Muslims. We pray that God empowers them with His wisdom and guides them into conversations with Muslims.



Jesus in Islam

Islam is the only non-Christian faith that recognizes Jesus as a historical person. However, in the pages of the Qur'an is a distinctly Islamic portrayal of Jesus. About ninety verses are spread across fifteen Suras (chapters) that refer to Jesus. Many Ahadith (traditions) portray his teaching and purpose of his first and second coming, though falsely.

The Qur'an acknowledges that Jesus was born without a father. God chose Mary to be his mother, and the Qur'an highly reveres her. Sura 19 of the Qur'an is given her name, Maryam. She is the only woman who is called by name in the Qur'an (Sura 3:42; cf. 21:91; 66:12; 23:50).

According to the Qur'an, the ministry of Jesus commenced from the cradle (Sura 3:49). Jesus came to enhance the inner meaning and purity of the religion that had become heavily burdened by rituals, dietary laws, and abuse of power by rabbinical figures (Sura 3:43-40). Jesus called the children of Israel to worship one God and tried to bring unity among them (Sura 3:50). Perhaps in this passage, the Qur'an is reinterpreting the Biblical account of Matthew chapters 5 to 7. However, the Qur'an does not mention anything about Jesus' real mission: **"to give his life as a ransom for many"** (Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45).

The Qur'an and the Bible agree Jesus was unique. He is recognized as one par excellence, but to understand the whole purpose of his coming, one must study and see him in the light of the Torah, the Psalms, and the books of the prophets. Through these Scriptures, one can see the complete picture of Jesus and how his companions and disciples understood him (2 Peter 1:16-18; 1 John 1:1-4).

Only in the Bible do we learn that Jesus came as the peacemaker to be the mediator between God and people who will accept him. Jesus did not do this by being an excellent example of tolerance and love, but by obeying God's will perfectly and dying for the sake of people who hated him.

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