

“The Salvation Message in Dutch”

Transcript in English

What is a Christian?

2. Hello, Friend. Are you a Christian?
 1. Yes, indeed.
2. Were your parents Christians? Were you born a Christian?
 1. My friend, no one is ever born a Christian with the birth that his mother gives him.
 2. What do you mean? I do not understand.
1. Many people do not understand that a man cannot be BORN a Christian. Actually, he must be re-born to be a Christian.
 2. Please explain what you mean. Is a person to be reborn after he dies?
 1. No, the important thing is that we must be re-born before we die. After death it is too late.
 2. Re-born before we die? I never heard of such a thing!
 1. This re-birth is something that only God can bring about. But it is necessary, and this is the reason. All of us have sinned. Through lying, pride, anger, lust, idolatry, and many other ways we have broken God’s laws. Because we are spiritually dead, we sin. Even though we have physical life, sin has cut us off from the life of God. It is when God’s life enters into us that we are reborn spiritually.
 2. I am very much interested. Tell me more.
 1. God says that when we die our bodies return to the dust, but our souls live forever. The person that has not received God’s life will go to the place of punishment.
 2. I am a religious man. My sins are few and my good works many. So I shall not have to stay in hell for long.
 1. Ah, my friend, those who go to hell can never leave it. God has provided a way of complete escape by the death of His Son. For those who refuse God’s way, there is no other hope. (“The smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night.”) That is why we must be re-born before we die. If we have been re-born into the family of God, we will live forever with God. Because we have His life we are (a child) of His family.
 2. Truly this is what I want! How can a person be re-born?
 1. In order to make us His children, God sent His only Son to be punished for our sins. Jesus received the punishment, which was our due. He died so that we might live spiritually. Now this new life is offered as a free gift to all men. “God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.” (He who has the Son has life, and he who has not the Son of God has not life.) “As many as receive Jesus, to them God gives the right to become His sons.” Confess your sins to Jesus and He will take them away. Invite Him to live in your heart and to be your chief. Entering in, He will give you a new life. Then you will truly be re-born because His Spirit will be living in you. He will give you His life. You will have power to say “no” to your bad desires. You will want to love and obey God.

Rev. 14:11, I John 5:11 & 12, John 1:12

Two Roads

The true God lives in heaven. Hear His good words. He says there are two roads. One road is a good road and the other one is a bad road. One is the Jesus Road and the other one is the devil’s road.

This bad road is wide and easy, and many people go that way. It is the road everybody in the world begins walking on. It ends in darkness and crying. The people who walk on this bad road carry a heavy load of sin. They do not love God. Their talk is bad. Their hearts are evil. They will not choose the Jesus road. If they do not listen to God’s words, they will go to the place of pain and darkness forever. This road will lead them there. Those who take this road will never go to heaven to live with God. They will suffer in hell (place of fire) always.

But the Jesus road is narrow. There is not room for sin or anything bad. On this road you must not hate people or have evil thoughts because this road is a good road. It is the road where Jesus walks. You cannot see Him, but He walks with you. Jesus is your companion. He loves you and takes care of you. He has more power than anyone else. He will not let any evil hurt you. You stay on this road until you die and then you go right into heaven. You will live with Jesus and God in heaven forever.

Do you want to travel the Jesus road? Open your heart to Him. Invite Him to come into your heart and go with you. Ask Jesus to take away your sin. He will take you from the devil's road. He will forgive your sins.

When you believe on Jesus you leave the bad road. You stay with Jesus on the new road. He gives you a new life. He never leaves you. This road leads to heaven. Heaven is full of light. In heaven there is singing and happiness.

Jesus says, "Follow Me. Drop your heavy load of sin. I will be with you. I will keep you. I will stay with you always."

Jesus said that we have to be born again to enter the kingdom of God. We are born into the family of God just like we are born into our earthly family. If we are not born again we cannot enter into heaven.

The Gift

Yes, son. There are many believers in other places. Would you like to hear a story about one? It is about an Indian pearl diver who discovered the gift of salvation.

Yes, Father! Please tell us the story.

Well, one afternoon in the land of India, a believer heard a knock at his door. His close friend, the pearl diver, had come to see him. "Come in, Joe," he said. "No, Sahib," said Joe, "I want you to come to my house. I have something to show you. In a week I am going to leave on my pilgrimage. By visiting many famous temples (images) and giving offerings there, I hope to acquire much merit. But now, will you come this last time to my home."

"Of course," answered the man. Then in his home, the pearl diver took out his strongbox and unlocked it. Before opening the box, he told this story. "I once had a son who was the best pearl diver on the coasts of India. What joy he brought me! He always dreamed of finding a pearl more beautiful than any that had ever been found. One day, in very deep water, he found it. But he had stayed under the water too long; the next day he died."

Then the old man opened the box and said, "All these years I have kept this pearl, but now I leave, not to return. So to you, my dearest friend, I give my pearl." The Christian could not speak as he gazed at the large pearl of most excellent beauty. "Joe," he exclaimed at last, "I could not accept this as a gift. Let me buy it. I will give you 10,000 dollars for it." "Sahib", said the pearl diver, "all the wealth of India could not pay me for its worth. Don't you understand? It cost the life of my son. I could never sell it. Just accept it as the token of my love to you."

Then earnestly the Christian spoke to Joe. "My friend, don't you understand? That is what God is saying to you. He offers you His precious gift of eternal life. His gift cost the lifeblood of Jesus Christ, His only Son. You cannot buy it. The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ. All that you can do is accept God's gift as a token of His love for you, a sinner."

Barabbas

A certain wicked criminal named Barabbas was in jail. Very soon he was to be nailed to a cross and crucified, and two others with him. There was also another man named Jesus. He was different from Barabbas. He only did what was good. He was holy and pure. Jesus Christ was God's Son. God loved all people and sent His Son to save them

from their sins. Jesus was in the world and he made the world. But the world knew Him not. The people of earth treated Him shamefully. Rough men arrested Him. They told lies about Him and made preparations to nail Him to a cross.

Every year it was customary to let one condemned prisoner go free. Pilate, the Governor, asked them who should be pardoned, Barabbas or Jesus. They shouted, "Let Barabbas be set free!" Then Pilate said, "What shall I do with Jesus, who is called the Christ?" They cried, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

Barabbas was still in prison, and the day was drawing near for him to be crucified. Finally the hour arrived and he heard the jailor coming down the corridor. He heard the key turn in the lock. He knew the time had come for the punishment he deserved. The jailor said, "Barabbas!" The prisoner's heart beat fast. "Barabbas — you are free! Jesus Christ of Nazareth is to be crucified on your cross in your place." "What? Free? How can it be that I, Barabbas, am set free! The jailor says that Jesus is to die instead of me. What wonderful news!" And Barabbas was set free, although he deserved the punishment.

My friends, there is good news for you, too. Although we are all born prisoners, we can be free. We are bound to our own desires. Jesus willingly took our place. Because of our sin we deserved death. But Jesus died in our place. Thus He made the payment for our sins. We can be free if we accept Jesus and His death for us. God's Word tells us of the death of Jesus, and it says these words about Him: "He carried in His own body our sins on the tree, that we who are bound to our sins, should be set free to live as God wants us to." God says Jesus... "was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." This is true. But Jesus arose after three days. He went back to heaven. He is alive. You can pray to Him.

Would you also like to be free from sin? If so, pray and say to Jesus, "You are my Savior and my Lord. Forgive me and receive me. I want to follow you. Thank you for setting me free from sin and eternal punishment by dying in my place. Help me to live only for you always, and to tell others about you." He will forgive you and give you eternal life. Believe Him and He will receive you.

I Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:5-6

The Prodigal Son

A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the property." So the father divided his possessions, and he gave the younger son his part.

Not many days afterwards the younger son arose, sold everything he had, and went out to a far country. There he wasted his money in foolish living. He bought many clothes. He spent his money in gambling, drinking and women. He did many other bad things. When he had spent everything, a severe famine came to that country, and he began to be hungry. So he went and worked for one of the people of that land. This man sent him out to feed pigs. The lad was so hungry that he wanted to eat the pig's food, but he couldn't.

When he began to think correctly, he thought within himself, "My father has many servants, and they have food enough. See me! I am dying of hunger!" I will go at once and return to my father. And I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. Now I am no longer good enough to be called your son. I beg you, let me be one of your servants." So he left that country and went to his father.

But while he was yet a long way from the house, his father saw him. He had pity on his son and ran to meet him and embraced him.

His son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am not good enough to be called your son". But his father said to his servants, "Quick, bring the best robe and put it upon my son. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Kill the fat calf. We will make a feast and be glad." It is like my son was dead, and is alive again! He was lost, and is found!" And they were all full of joy. (Put in local expression of joy—song, or drums, etc.)

This story was told by Jesus to show us how much God loves us. He wants us to return to Him. We have been like the son in the story. We have all gone our own way. But though we are sinful, God still loves us. When the sinful boy repented and returned, his father received him gladly. Just so, God wants us to return to Him. For this reason, He has sent Jesus Christ to bring us back to Himself. Jesus died on the cross, bearing the pains of death because of our sins. In this way He received the punishment we deserved. Because He bore our punishment, it is possible for us to be spared from it. If we refuse our sin and turn to Jesus Christ, He will cleanse us.

The Great Supper

If you will sit down children, I will read you a story.

There was a rich man who threw a big party. And when the meal was all prepared the wealthy man send one of his hired helpers out to invite all of his friends and neighbors to come to this well prepared meal. But the people did not want to come. One man said, "I just bought a new property and I would rather go see the property then come, so please excuse me." Another man said, "I bought a bunch of oxen and I am busy with that, so please excuse me." Another man said, "I just got married and will not be able to make it, so please excuse me." The hired helper then went back to the rich man and told him what his friends had told him and that they would not be able to make it to the party. Then the rich man was very angry with his friends, so he told the hired man to go back out and invite all the poor, the crippled and blind people. So the hired helper brought all these people in but the table still was not full. So the rich man told the helper to go out and bring in all the bad and ungodly people. He was asked to bring in the ones who were lazy and didn't want to work. Finally the tables were all full.

God has also prepared something for us. He has prepared heaven for us. That has also cost a lot but Jesus paid it all. Not with money but with his blood.

God has also invited those of us who are living today to come but so many have become so busy that they don't have time to see if they are on the right road or not. Some people think they can get to heaven by doing good works. This kind of thinking is very prideful. It is wrong to think that we could possibly help pay for the sin debt that is owed. Jesus paid it in full. We just need to come to him and trust in Him alone. Then you can be sure that you are on the right road. Don't wait until you are bigger but just say...Jesus I come. I am so glad that you paid it all for me. I trust in you only. If you children do that you will be very happy and know that you are new people.