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Our hearts are dark with sin; our sin is what is keeping us from God. Sin is anything we do, say or even think or feel that displeases God. The Bible says, "all have sinned" (Romans chapter 3 and verse 23). Yes, everyone including you and me has sinned. God has a punishment for sin, it is to be separated from Him in a place the Bible calls hell. Our sin is like the blackest darkness. You cannot have light and darkness in the same place. This would be a very sad story if it were to end right now, but remember – God Loves YOU and wants you to live forever with Him in Heaven someday. In fact He loves you so much that He made a way for your sins to be taken care of...



The color red reminds us of God's love. Jesus is God's perfect Son. He is God, the Son. Many, many years ago the Lord Jesus became a man and lived here on earth. He was not just a man; He was a perfect man because He was God. Jesus is the only person in all of history who ever lived His whole life without sinning. God's plan was to let His perfect Son be punished for our sins. The red color reminds us of Jesus blood when He died on the cross to make a way for our sins to be forgiven (1 John chapter 1 and verse 7). As He died, Jesus said, "It is finished". Everything that needed to be done for your sins to be taken away had been done by Him on the cross. They buried Jesus body, but three days later He proved that He could take away your sins and give you everlasting life by coming back to life! Jesus, God's Son is alive today and because He died for you, He can take away the darkness of sin, which keeps you from God!



The Bible talks about God washing our sins away and making us "white as snow" (Psalms chapter 51 and verse 7). What do you have to do to have your sins forgiven and start your new life with God? Remember the Bible verse we talked about earlier—John chapter 3 and verse 16 - it says that "whoever believes in Him" will have everlasting life. What does it mean to believe? It means to put your trust in Jesus—to invite Him into your life to forgive you of your sins. When you have your sins forgiven you become a part of God's forever family. Once you have done this, is that where the story ends? No, when you become a child of God, He wants you to grow to know Him better everyday...



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