



REPENT AUSTRALIA

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

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LIFE'S MOST URGENT QUESTION

Every one of us has heard of **JESUS CHRIST**. For 2000 years people have been aware of His existence. Many have made up their minds about Him and many have not. And although the years have rolled away the question that Jesus put to the Pharisees, **"What do you think of Christ?"** comes down to us today as significant as ever. Simple though it may seem this is one of the most difficult yet urgent question one person could ask another – for it has eternal consequences. If you ask anyone what he or she thinks of our prime minister or premier they will give you a reply without much hesitation. But if you ask someone what they think of **Jesus** almost invariably they will hedge and dodge about trying to evade the issue. Yet in the long run it will be of little importance what you think of anyone else. Kings, presidents, generals, archbishops and philosophers come and go and it matters little what we think of them. But every single person must concern himself or herself with **JESUS CHRIST**. Was He really the Son of God? Did He really leave heaven and come down to earth to seek and to save mankind? Did He really die and rise again? If you want to learn about someone you go to those who were associated with them – their friends, acquaintances and even their enemies. Well let us see what His enemies had to say about Him. The Pharisees hated Him but all they could say was, **"This man receives sinners."** What a charge to bring against Him! He receives sinners! If He had not what would become of us sinners? What else did they say? "He saved others, He cannot save Himself." **Yes, He laid down His life for you and me and all mankind.** Pontius Pilate tried Him. What was his verdict? "I find no fault in Him." Judas Iscariot betrayed Him for 30 pieces of silver. When he saw Jesus was condemned he returned the money to the chief priests and elders saying, **"I have sinned in betraying innocent blood"** The Roman centurion who had ordered Christ to carry His cross, the nails to be driven into His hands and feet, and the actual crucifixion was compelled to say, **"Truly this was the Son of God."** There is even the witness of demons. In Mark's gospel we read of an unclean spirit that tormented a man crying out, **"What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?"** Many people are under the impression that by believing that Christ is the Son of God they will be saved. But intellectual belief alone will not save anyone. The devils themselves believed as much and they trembled.

Then what did His friends say? John the Baptist said: **"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."** When he preached to a great crowd on the day of Pentecost the Apostle Peter exclaimed, **"Let all the house of Israel therefore know that God has made Him both LORD and CHRIST, this JESUS whom you crucified."** Thomas the disciple doubted until he put his hands in the wounds of the risen Christ, then cried, **"My Lord and my God!"** After encountering **Christ** on the road to Damascus Saul of Tarsus endured imprisonments, beatings, stonings, shipwrecks, hunger, hardship and endless toil for Christ. In his last years as Paul the Apostle he wrote, **"I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."** His testimony also includes this account of early witnesses to His resurrection: **"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, was buried and rose again the third day and was seen by Peter, then by the twelve.** After that He was seen by over 500 brethren at once ... after that by James, then by all the apostles. Last of all He was seen by me also, as one born out of due time" (1 Cor 15: 3-8) Down through the centuries countless thousands of others have

also confessed their faith in Him as the living, risen Saviour of the world. What about now? Throughout much of the Third World from South America to parts of Asia and Africa millions are following Him. However in our Western world He is largely rejected. In this materialistic, hedonistic age there is no room for Him. We have room for many other things: room for wealth, pleasure and pride; room for business, trade and industry, room for ambition, greed and worry; room for families, friends and finances. The bottom line of the rejection of Christ today is the presence of **sin** in our personal lives and in society at large. **Sin** loves the darkness but fears the light. He comes to give light and reveal the world's sin. He represents **right** in a world of wrongs, **truth** in a world of deceit, **justice** in a world of injustice, and **love** in a world of hate. And the world hates Him for it. Yet He cannot be ignored with impunity. He comes to us now as **Saviour** or later as **Judge**. The Scriptures assure us that "God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that JESUS CHRIST is LORD, to the glory of God the Father**" (Phil 2: 9-11). Again we are told that "we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due to him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10). How, then can we be sure He will not condemn us but be **our Advocate at the Divine Tribunal**? The Scriptures make it crystal clear. Jesus gave the answer to the Jewish elder Nicodemus: "I tell you truly, **unless one is born again he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**" Romans 10:9, 10 tells how: "If you **confess** with your mouth, **JESUS is LORD**, and **believe** in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." Jesus died at the age of 33. Yet of all the armies that ever marched, of all the parliaments that ever sat and all the great men that ever lived none has affected the lives of so many as has this one solitary life. Will you let Him change your life too? **What do you think of JESUS CHRIST?**

OUR PRAYER

Almighty God of Israel, the Great I AM of all eternity; Creator of the universe; God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, forgive our nation's state of spiritual ignorance and darkness. As born again children of the Most High God, we gratefully thank You for giving to the world Your **GIFT of LOVE** and glorious **LIGHT, JESUS CHRIST**, 2000 years ago. Abba Father, thank You we can focus on **JESUS** and His promises to bring us through every situation victoriously. Glory to God in the Highest, **JESUS** came to bring God's peace and goodwill toward men (Luke 2: 14). We pray for all leaders, citizens, migrants and refugees to **REPENT** and experience this divine peace as they willingly seek **JESUS** and enthrone Him as Lord and Saviour. Omniscient Lord of infinite grace, mercy and justice, we realize that only You, Lord, know the time for each of us so help us to yield to You in intercessory prayer to be good stewards of the time while it is yet today. Help us too to support each other in love to strengthen the ties that bind for the difficult times ahead. As Christians we know there is nothing to fear for our **Lord Jesus Christ** has already defeated Satan, sin and death at the cross of Calvary. Lord, we also know that we "wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6: 12). Blessed Holy Spirit, help us daily to put on the whole armour of Christ as warriors in the mighty spiritual army under our Captain, **JESUS CHRIST**.

Thank You, Lord, for enlisting us in Your spiritual battle where the ultimate victory is won when the lost – even our enemies – receive the Good News of **JESUS CHRIST** and have their sins forgiven. Abba Father, we know You placed our nation here for this time and season, so we seek to be brave and to contend for the Faith in these end times. May Australians everywhere **REPENT and testify that JESUS' death and resurrection and His shed Blood have the power to transform our nation's darkness into His Kingdom of Light**. May we be bold to pray the Prayer (Matt 6: 9-13) in parliaments, schools, tertiary institutions, work places, and in homes that our **Lord Jesus** taught us 2000 years ago. Lord, transform Australia into the prophesied **Great Southland of the Holy Spirit under the Lordship of JESUS CHRIST, our coming KING of Glory**. Help us, O God to carry Your light wherever it needs to go and to remember that darkness is a great place for light to shine! We prayfully ask this in the powerful name of our Lord and Saviour, **JESUS CHRIST**. Amen.

R.A.: Led by our Lord Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify the Fatherhood of God with the Brotherhood of Man, in love and faithfulness to bring glory to our Eternal Father in Jesus' Name. Amen

[REJOICE & SHARE THIS MESSAGE IN PRAYER WITH OTHERS & BE BLESSED TO BE ONE IN CHRIST JESUS]