

Study the life of **Jesus** .. and what you will find is that ...

1. His life was the ultimate _____ of **God's** compassionate heart.

2. His perfect life _____ my sin!

Romans 3:23 (NLT) ... "For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard."

3. Through His life, death, and resurrection, **Jesus** _____ an invitation to _____ to come and know **God** through Him.

Acts 2:21 (NLT) ... "And anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

The only thing that limits the Salvation of **God** .. is _____.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (NLT) ... "As God's partners, we beg you not to reject this marvelous message of God's great kindness. [2] For God says, 'At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you.' Indeed, God is ready to help you right now. Today is the day of salvation."

4. Jesus has even given us a perfect _____ of what **God** desires in me.

John 13:15-17 (NIV) ... "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. [16] I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. [17] Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

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**Answers:** ... darkness ... personal choice ... sin ... expression ...  
exposed ... extends ... everyone ... time ... example.

# Life Change Application

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## Keep His Light Shining!

John 12:35-36

**Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)** ... "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. [15] Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. [16] In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

**John 8:12 (NLT)** ... "Jesus said to the people, 'I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.'"

**John 9:5 (NLT)** ... "But while I am still here in the world, I am the light of the world."

**Galatians 5:19-21 (NLT)** ... "When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, your lives will produce these evil results: sexual immorality, impure thoughts, eagerness for lustful pleasure, [20] idolatry, participation in demonic activities, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, divisions, the feeling that everyone is wrong except those in your own little group, [21] envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other kinds of sin. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God."

**Sin likes and does it's best work in \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Proverbs 2:13 (NLT)** ... "People turn from right ways to walk down dark and evil paths."

**Proverbs 4:19 (NLT)** ... “The way of the wicked is like **complete darkness**. Those who follow it have no idea what they are stumbling over.”

**Q ... Why does God put up with any of my sin?**

**Psalm 103:8 (NLT)** ... “The Lord is merciful and gracious; he is slow to get angry and full of **unfailing love**.”

**2 Peter 3:9 (NLT)** ... “The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise to return, as some people think. No, he is being **patient** for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving **more time** for everyone to repent.”

**Romans 9:22 (NLT)** ... “God has **every right** to exercise his judgment and his power, but he also has the right to be very **patient** with those who are the objects of his judgment and are fit only for destruction.”

**Genesis 6:5-7 (NLT)**

**1 Peter 3:20 (NLT)** ... “God **waited patiently** while Noah was building his boat. Only **eight people were saved** from drowning in that terrible flood.”

**2 Peter 2:5 (NLT)** ... “And God did not spare the ancient world—except for Noah and his family of seven. Noah **warned** the world of God's righteous judgment. Then God **destroyed** the whole world of **ungodly people** with a vast flood.”

Every sinful persuasion that I participate in is a \_\_\_\_\_ !

Right now .. **God** is patiently tolerating all of our sin!

**2 Chronicles 36:15-17 (NLT)** ... “The Lord, the God of their ancestors, repeatedly sent his prophets **to warn them**, for he had compassion on his people and his Temple. [16] But the people **mocked** these

messengers of God and **despised** their words. They scoffed at the prophets until the **Lord's anger** could no longer be restrained and there was no remedy. [17] So **the Lord brought** the king of Babylon against them. The Babylonians killed Judah's young men, even chasing after them into the Temple. They had no pity on the people, killing both young and old, men and women, healthy and sick. **God** handed them all over to Nebuchadnezzar.”

**Q ... What nation will God use to bring judgment on America?**

**John 12:35-37 (NLT)**

Jesus came to fix my \_\_\_\_\_ problem with God!

**Luke 19:10 (NCV)** ... “The Son of Man came to **find** lost people and **save** them.”

**John 14:6 (NLT)** ... “Jesus told him, ‘I am **the way, the truth, and the life**. No one can **come** to the Father except through me.’”

**John 12:46-47 (NLT)** ... “I have come as **a light** to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their **trust** in me will no longer remain in the darkness. ... I have come **to save the world** and not to judge it.”

**Romans 5:6-8 (NLT)** ... “When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and **died for us sinners**. [7] Now, no one is likely to die for a good person, though someone might be willing to die for a person who is especially good. [8] But God showed his **great love** for us by sending Christ to **die** for us while we were still sinners.”