DO YOU WANT TO LIVE FOREVER?

The goal of the church is to make this great mystery of a relationship with God known to the world…”**Christ in you, the hope of glory**! Col 1:27

So what happened that so many people in our world don’t really know the true God? From this vast marketplace of ideas, what does Christianity claim; Easter in particular?

* This is what happened – a divine intervention
* This is why it happened – complete human disintegration
* This is what can happen for you – a divine inhabitation

**THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED**

God planned to seek and save what was lost. Gal. 4:4-5; 1 Cor. 15:3-4

**THIS IS WHY IT HAPPENED**

Man, made to connect with God, became disconnected by manmade religion.

—when man-made religion happened, relationship with God ended. Man, created to spiritually connect with God, became disconnected—the spiritual part died – Humanity, from that moment on became dead spiritually to God, in their rebellion (transgressions/ sins) Eph 2:1-3—became objects of God’s wrath rather than affection. Every baby born is born at odds, by nature, with God (Is. 53:6)

**Preferred (popular) way**/ assumed way/ inherited way – all our good works are viewed by God like filthy rags (Is. 64:6) the extreme requirement facing us—be perfect or die for your sins. STANDARD—Dt 5:32-33; 6:25; Lv 11:44-45/ 1Pet 1:16🡪 Be holy (perfect) God requires of you and me 100% holy perfection to hang with him. But how?

*God has made a way people can connect with him forever.*

**God’s way/ religion …** the sins of mankind cannot be fixed by man-made religions. Jesus, the sinless Son of God—God in flesh, willingly died for the sins of the guilty, so that God could be both just and merciful. Gal. 4:4-7; Rom. 6:23; 1 Pet 2:24-25; Heb 9:27-28

**THIS IS WHAT CAN HAPPEN FOR YOU**

God will give you the free gift of his righteousness, the indwelling Spirit of Christ

Rom 1:16-17; Eph 2:8-9; Jn. 1:12; 3:16; Rom 5:17; 10:4—this righteousness is given to those who believe

**How does Christ in you, happen?** THIS THEN IS YOUR HOPE OF GLORY—living forever---

* Conviction of guilt of sin Jn 16:8
* Belief in the truth Jn. 3:16
* The will to act on what you believe Rom. 10:9-10