

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

*The Gospel of John,  
chapter 3, verse 16*

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Jerry Springer the Opera presents  
a very distorted view of Christian  
belief. This leaflet explains...

# True Christian belief

How I can be right with God

## *Jerry Springer the Opera claims:*

**God the Father** is called the 'fascist tyrant on high'. He is essentially bad, and has had sexual relationships outside marriage with a transsexual and a woman on drugs. He is weak and in need of support from human beings. He sings 'It ain't easy being me' and asks Jerry Springer to 'sit in heaven beside me, hold my hand and guide me'. He is told to learn he won't have a shoulder to cry on.

**Jesus Christ** is called 'the hypocrite son of the fascist tyrant on high' who was conceived by rape. He wears nappies and gets sexual pleasure from defecating in them. He hits a woman, uses foul language and says he is 'a bit gay'.

## The Bible says:

**God the Father** is the God of love and great compassion. He is our Creator, *the only true God*, and utterly pure unlike any man. *Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong.* He is strong and independent. *He is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.* He is Spirit, not limited by space or time. He is eternal, having no beginning and no end. *From everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

**Jesus Christ** is *in very nature God*. Though He was in the form of God, *(He) did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.* He was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit. His conception was unique and miraculous. Jesus lived a perfect

life, performed amazing miracles and taught with great authority. *He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.* But He came with a clear purpose: *Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.* He suffered death on a cross and was raised three days later. He is *alive for ever and ever.*

**Mankind** is sinful. Everyone has broken God's laws of right and wrong. *All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.* The problem of man is the problem of the heart. Jesus said *...from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.* God is perfectly holy and perfectly just. God does not overlook our wilful disobedience. He has already passed sentence. *Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.* Moreover, *man is destined to die once and after that to face judgement.*

What can we do? No amount of religion or doing good can ever change our sinful nature or satisfy God, because *all our righteous acts are like filthy rags.* Justice has to be done, a penalty has to be paid. Jesus died on the cross to pay that penalty, to fulfil God's justice. *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.* He died that we might be forgiven and be with Him in heaven forever. Christ has the power to save us from the punishment we deserve in hell.

This is truly Good News. Repent and believe. *Flee from the coming wrath.* Taste and see that the Lord is good. Put your trust in Jesus and accept His gift of forgiveness and eternal life.

### **Of God the Father the Bible says:**

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*From everlasting to everlasting you are God.*  
Psalm 90:2

*Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong.* Habakkuk 1:13

### **Of Jesus Christ the Bible says:**

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*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.* 1 Timothy 1:15

*Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.*  
1 Peter 3:18

### **Of man the Bible says:**

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*All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.* Romans 3:23

*Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgement.* Hebrews 9:27

### **Of the promise of salvation the Bible says:**

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*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*  
John 3:16

*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.* Romans 10:9

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