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Foreword

Take time to read this important magazine. The magazine is intended to help you understand the connection between world history and human beings. It is intended to show what fundamental problem we humans have. And it is offered a way of solution, which is described in the Bible, the Word of God.

The magazine calls to "Decision for Jesus" and shows you the first steps how to live with Jesus. In our lives we have to make many decisions, but the most important decision is the decision for Jesus. This is what this magazine is meant to make you understand.

We wish you with all our hearts to decide for Jesus Christ, who already helps you in this life and also shows you a perspective until all eternity.

We wish you much joy and God's blessing while reading the magazine and reflecting on what has been written!

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The Razen Snake

Dear readers, we would like to begin by telling you a story from the Bible that is found in the Old Testament of the Bible (Genesis 21:4-9). This account has an important connection to our topic "Decision for Jesus".

The Israelites, the people of God, were saved by God from slavery in Egypt with the help of many miracles. To do so, however, they had to take a long journey through the desert, which understandably kept the Israelites dissatisfied. Living conditions were certainly not ideal in the desert. But God kept providing for them.

One day, the people again became very discontented with God. The journey was arduous and the wanderings were wearing them down. The people complained to God and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt. Here in the desert we only die". Then God sent fiery serpents among the people as punishment. The snakes were very poisonous and many Israelis died.

The people went to Moses, the leader of Israel, and asked him to ask God to make the snakes disappear. And Moses prayed to God. Then God spoke to Moses that he should make a brazen serpent and raise it high (see the following picture).



The Rescue

And God said that anyone who is bitten by a snake does not have to die if he looks at the bronze snake. And if anyone had a snakebite, he looked at the bronze serpent and remained alive.

How easily the Israelis were saved from certain death after a poisonous snake bite. A single glance at the brazen serpent was enough to be saved from death. Foolish were those who thought that looking at the serpent of brass was not necessary. Even the doubters who said that it could not work at all had to reckon with the bitter consequences. Even the philosophers who said that God had not spoken at all, that it was just an invention, had to die in the end. Only those who believed God and Moses that looking at the brazen serpent actually helps were saved from death.

In our time, God offers us his Son Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ, like the serpent, was also lifted up. This happened about 2000 years ago on the cross of Golgotha. There Jesus died for our guilt, i.e. for our separation from God and for our wrongdoing. And all who look to Jesus Christ and receive him into their lives are saved just as the Israelis were then. It is almost as simple as it was then. God does not require us to perform anything in order to go to heaven, that is, to glory with Jesus. He only requires us to look to Jesus Christ and receive Jesus into our lives in order to be saved.

John 3,16: „God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.“

We can thank God for this!

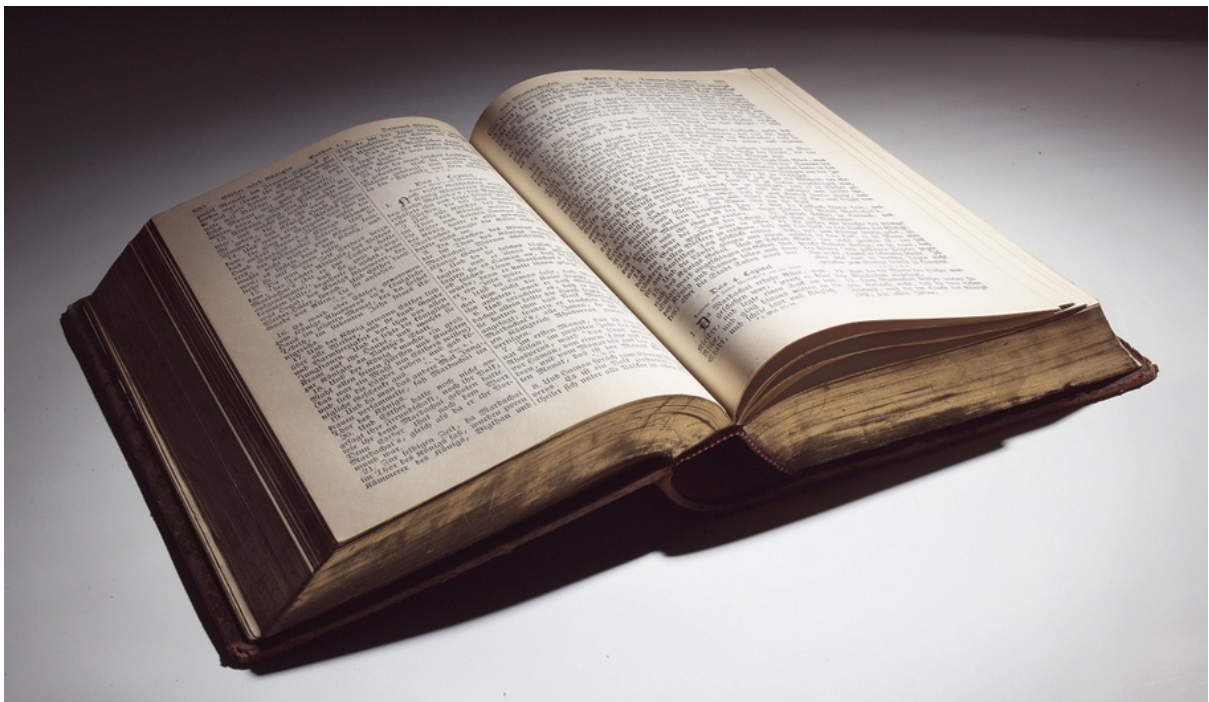


God is excluded

The entire history of mankind is explained today without God. Scientific methods are used which seem to prove that a God is not necessary. But what a fallacy. Just think of the story with the brazen serpent on page 3 - 4. What tragedy arises when we exclude God and Jesus Christ, who made heaven and earth. How small man is with his sciences, which can describe only the visible world. The entire invisible world is hidden from the sciences. What kind of auxiliary constructions one must make use of, if one wants to explain all phenomena of the world with the methods of the visible world.

Of course we may use the sciences. But we must not exclude God, who has given us the mind to be able to do science at all.

God has given us His Word, the Bible, where the entire history of mankind is described. The Bible was inspired by the Holy Spirit. Only in this way was it possible that in a period of about 1500 years (about 1200 B.C. - 300 A.D.) with about 40 authors the Bible came into being. The theme of the Bible is the history of salvation with mankind, in which Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the center. Only with the help of the Holy Spirit a complete work came into being. The message of Jesus Christ runs through the Bible like a common thread. Gesamtwerk.



The basic problem of mankind and salvation through Jesus Christ

The Bible also describes the basic problem of humankind. After the earth was created by God, the first human beings Adam and Eve were allowed to live in paradise. There they had direct contact with God. Paradisiacal conditions prevailed, which cannot be compared with our world today.

But then something happened that was to radically change the history of mankind. Adam and Eve were allowed to eat from all fruits except one particular fruit in paradise. But the devil in the form of a serpent tempted Adam and Eve to eat the forbidden fruit. God could not condone the act because God is holy, that is, without sin. Eve and Adam sinned and had to bear the consequences that we still feel today. The worst consequence was that they were expelled from paradise. They no longer had direct contact with God, their Creator. Furthermore, people had to die as a result of sin. In paradise, there was no death. What a dramatic change.

The problem of our time stems from those early days of earth's history. We are separated from God by nature. We realize that. We are searching. We are not fulfilled inwardly. We are missing something. We also struggle with diseases, which are ultimately the precursor to death. With this basic problem of mankind we are on the way.

But God offers us the solution through His Son Jesus Christ. If we choose Jesus we have the answer. With Jesus Christ the way to God becomes free again. The separation to God will then be removed again. John 14:6 says: „Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’“

Decide for Jesus and walk the path with Him, in which there is no lie, but only the truth. Jesus wants to let you taste the perfect, liberated and blissful life in this world and later give it to you completely in heaven.

The strategy of the devil

The devil always tries to lead us away from Jesus. He does not want us to be saved. He wants to destroy us and pursues the goal that we will be lost and judged one day. To do this, the devil uses a variety of methods. It starts with the fact that we seem to have no time at all to occupy ourselves with Jesus. We run from one appointment to another. Work eats up our time. Then the devil tries to fill our inner emptiness with all kinds of activities so that we don't find time to deal with the most important decision of our life. The question about the profession has to be settled. The question of a partner must be decided. When to get married? The question of whether to have children must be decided. There are many decisions to be made in life. Only the most important decision after Jesus we always try to suppress. We do not have time.

The devil pursues another strategy by trying to fill us with other content. This can be done through magazines, social media, radio, internet, events, streaming services and television. The soul is to be infused with all kinds of topics, but just not the truth about Jesus Christ, our Savior. The devil wants to convince us that we don't need salvation at all. Sometimes our lives actually run on happy paths. Other people the devil leads into human dead ends like alcohol or drugs. Any means is fine with him, be it apparent contentment or downfall. His goal is to lead us away from Jesus.

But the Bible teaches us that we must die. Afterwards, judgment awaits us. Hebrews 9:27 says: „**People have to die once. After that, God will judge them.**“

That is why we have to deal with the decision for Jesus. Only Jesus can save us from the judgments to come. In 1 Thessalonians 1:10b it is written:„.... **He is Jesus. He saves us from God's anger, and his anger is sure to come.**“



Who is Jesus?

Jesus Christ was sent to earth as Savior about 2000 years ago to bring us the good news about the salvation of mankind. Jesus died on the cross of Calvary for our guilt and to save us. Through his dying on the cross of Calvary, the separation to God is removed again when we accept Jesus. Jesus defeated the devil. Jesus Christ was the perfect sacrifice because he was without sin. Jesus' dying on the Cross was planned by God to save us from the terrible judgments and hell. We have all sinned without exception. Through His dying on the cross of Calvary, our sins are paid off. The promissory bill is paid when we accept Jesus' shed blood to cleanse our guilt.

On the third day after his crucifixion, Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus is alive! What a joy!

Just imagine that Jesus came to earth from the glorious heaven to suffer for us and to save us. How thankful we can be!

Revelation 1:17b - 18 says:

„Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One. I was dead. But now look! I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys to Death and Hell.“

How grateful we can be that we are again allowed to speak directly to Jesus. It is almost like at the beginning of our time on earth in paradise, where direct contact with God was possible.

The Bible promises in John 1:12:

„Some people did accept him and did believe in his name. He gave them the right to become children of God.“

and in 1 John 1:9 it says:

„But God is faithful and fair. If we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure.“



Decision for Jesus

Deciding for Jesus is the most important decision you can make in your life. Do not hesitate to take this important step. Why is this step actually so important? The decision for Jesus determines your present and future life in a way like no other decision in your life. You must know that you are separated from God your Creator. Only with Jesus can you cancel this separation. If you decide for Jesus, you will receive the longed-for peace with God, a life freed from all attachments and addictions. Joy in your heart that only God can give, an assurance later to live together in glory in heaven with Jesus Christ. Thank you, thank you Lord Jesus. This is a gift that has a value that cannot be paid for with earthly valuables. All people may accept this precious gift. Only your will is required to accept this gift. Do not hesitate! We would be happy if you take the step with Jesus! Below you can read how to give your life to Jesus:

Make the most important decision of your life today. Give your entire life to the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son. Please accept the gift of faith. In a prayer you can accept Jesus Christ into your life as your personal Savior. Jesus hears you! He takes you seriously! He loves you! There is no scheme for surrendering your life to Jesus. It depends on your sincerity. You may pray like this now. You may also use your own words:

„Lord Jesus, I thank you that you also died for me on the cross of Golgotha for my guilt. I thank you that you came from heaven to earth to bear my sin. Lord Jesus, I have realised that I am a lost sinner and I ask you to forgive my guilt. My separation from you, my quarrelling....., my lying....., my cheating....., my sexual misconduct....., Lord forgive me for getting involved. (Now please name all the sins you can think of). Please forgive me also for the guilt that I cannot think of now. I repent of everything. Lord Jesus, I want to surrender my life to you. Please take dominion in my life now. I want to serve and follow you! Thank you Lord! Amen.""



The new life with Jesus

It is wonderful to live a life with Jesus Christ. We rejoice with you. Jesus has promised that he lives in us through his Holy Spirit. A deeper communion cannot be imagined. The Holy Spirit will transform you into the image of Jesus. Other people will notice that you are walking with Jesus.

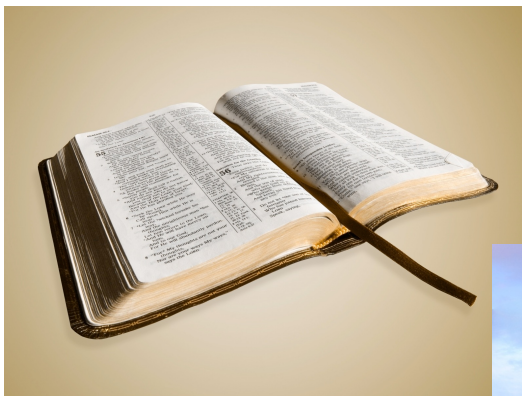
An exciting life awaits you with Jesus, who will lead you through all the depths and heights of your life in fellowship with him. Jesus will lead and guide you in your life. There are no more coincidences. It is a life that Jesus has prepared for you. He will no longer leave you alone. The Holy Spirit will comfort you and your heart will be transformed into joy. This joy cannot be compared to worldly joys. This deep joy reflects a deep fulfilment that makes the peace of God visible, makes you taste the glory of heaven, makes you feel the comfort, makes you live the hope of the future life in heaven in glory. There is an indescribable deep joy in the Holy Spirit. Life will increase in quality and depth. They will no longer be determined by greed, fears, compulsions or addictions, but by Jesus Christ. What better thing can happen to us. Every day we will experience the deep communion with Jesus, who will cleanse us daily from all sins through his blood.



Next steps with Jesus

For the next steps in the new life with Jesus Christ there are very pragmatic hints:

- First, buy a Bible and read it daily. This way you will get to know Jesus better and also grow in faith. Start with the New Testament.
- Look for a Bible-believing church near you. Being a Christian needs fellowship with other Christians. Jesus promised in His Word that where two or three are gathered, there is Jesus in the midst of them.
- Thank the Lord Jesus for forgiving your sins, for giving you eternal life and for being a child of God.
- Be baptised soon. This is the will of Jesus
- Talk to others about your new faith and confess your faith in Jesus Christ.
- With Jesus' help, try to live according to Jesus' commandments. The way of life Jesus wants you to live can be found in the Bible. The Holy Spirit will help you to change more and more into the image of Jesus.
- Talk or pray to Jesus daily. He hears you! He cares for you! He has promised. Discuss everything with Jesus. Do not forget to give thanks and also to praise Jesus for everything he has done for you.
- Rejoice in your new life



If you still have doubts

It is worthwhile to live a life with Jesus. It is worth dying with Jesus. It is now up to you to accept the gift that Jesus gives you. That is all Jesus can do. He expects you to say "yes" to him. However, he does not force you to do so. God has given us this freedom.

If we look again at the story of the brazen serpent on pages 3 and 4, we had to realise that everyone else was wrong who had not listened to God's word. There were many reasons not to take God's words seriously. But in the end they all missed the mark.

Please do not hesitate and decide for Jesus!

Jesus wants to save you! Please follow him.

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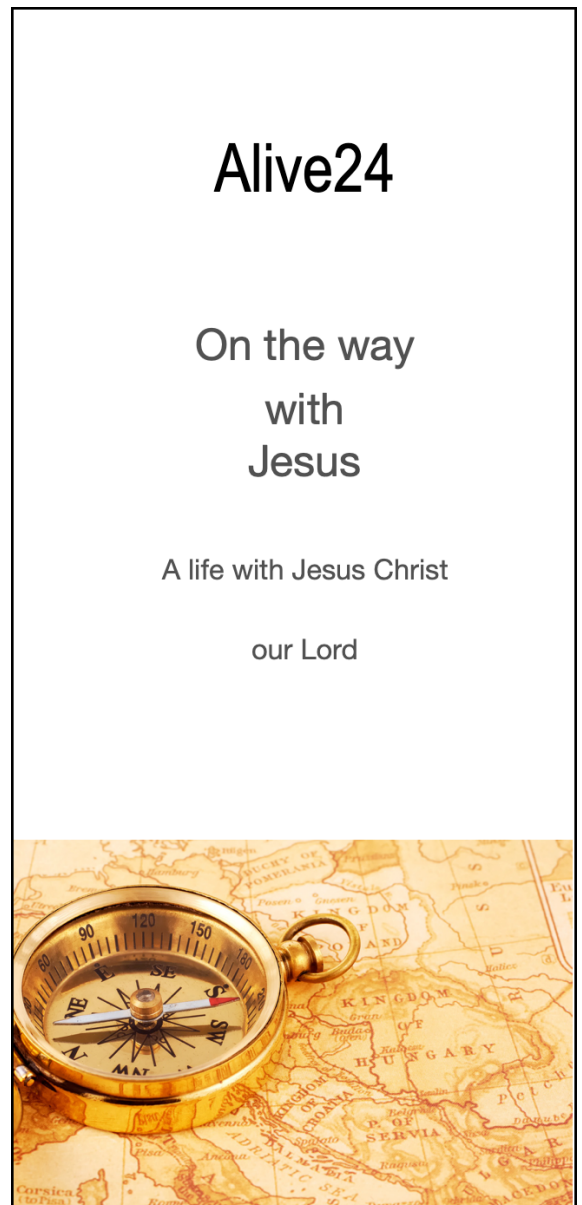
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We recommend the following Christian document:

- The flyer "On the Way with Jesus" clearly shows the most important steps for your life with Jesus. This way you always have a short guide for your Christianity at hand. You can fold the flyer and put it in your Bible. The flyer can be downloaded from our website www.alive24.online under the heading English Brochures.



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We can spend our whole lives searching. We can ask questions about the meaning of life or despair about what will be after death. The path of life seems to lead into the unknown. Then God offers his Son Jesus Christ, who wants to redeem us and give us eternal life.

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