

A CHINESE CHARACTER STORY

Etymology

Do you know what the word “etymology” means? Lets look it up. It means the study of the origin of words. In other words, it means the study of where the words came from. I like to study etymology. It is a science. I like science because it deals with the facts. If a person is going to be wise they will look at the facts.

Etymology is one kind of study we can do to see what was happening when our fathers thought up the words. It tells us what they were thinking, seeing, feeling, hearing, and experiencing at the time that they made the words. It also tells us any messages they wanted to leave us.

The study of the Chinese language is very revealing as the words are characters which are still in the form of pictures. English words come from putting letters from an alphabet together to form a word. Chinese characters are directly from the earliest forms of writing; pictures. So, it is easy to study the etymology of the Chinese words. Additionally, the Chinese people and language is about 5000 years old. The English language is about 500 years old. To get a more accurate picture of early history, it is good to study the etymology of the Chinese characters.

Some will try to tell us that some of the “strokes” are without significance. However, this is not true. I don’t think the words were put together randomly and without plan. So, when you look at the words, use the approach that every “stroke” is with great significance and study to find the meaning. This takes work and that is why some people will not do it. For example lets look at the Chinese word, garden.



Garden

garden

We are going to look at the ancient form of the word because we want to find out what the early Chinese fathers thought when they made the word. This is the Chinese character for the word garden. It is made up of four significant characters and the study of this word tells a very amazing story.

□ This character means surround, enclosure, or protect

土 This character means earth, soil, dust, or dirt.

口 This character means mouth.

𠂇 This character means two people. The first part of this character shows [↑] a form of writing the word man. It is actually called side man as it is never used by itself. The second part of this character is the character for man [^] on its side [<]. Together they form the character that we see and it tells us a story of two persons; one from the side of the other.

So, in the Chinese character for the word garden, the ancient Chinese fathers were trying to tell us a story. They wanted to tell us that; when they

think of a garden they think of surround, dirt, mouth, and two persons, one from the side of the other. All of this makes little sense unless you research to find the meaning of the story. Why did the Chinese fathers think this? Why did they not think of surround, dirt, water, and sun. That is what I think of in a garden. Maybe you think of other things.



But, why did the Chinese fathers think of what they did?

There is another place in history where there is a story of two people in a garden: the Holy Bible. The Bible is the words of God ^{上帝}. There are many stories in the Bible. All of them are true. One story is of a beautiful garden called Eden.

The Bible teaches that God ^{上帝} created ^造 the man (Adam) and the woman (Eve) and enclosed them in a beautiful garden. “And the LORD God ^{上帝} formed man ^人 [of] the dust ^土 of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul ^魂”, Genesis 2:7.

In the Garden God and Adam were friends. The Bible teaches that God created all of the animals. God brought the animals to Adam to see what he would call them. He had fun naming the animals and was amazed at how many different animals God could make. Perhaps Adam could not think of any more names. The Bible does not say exactly. I also think that when Adam named the animals he always saw a male and a female. Over and over again, this is what he saw. Finally he realized that there was no girl for him. Maybe God was teaching Adam what it is like to be alone. At that time, Adam knew how God felt. There is no one like God.

God loved Adam. He created Adam because He wanted to love him. God knew that Adam was feeling lonely. God saw that it was not good for Adam to be alone.

Then the Bible teaches that God ^{上帝} caused Adam to sleep. He then took a rib from Adam’s side. From the rib, God formed the woman. God chose a rib because the woman to was not be above Adam or below Adam. The rib showed Adam that this woman was for him because she was a part of him. Then God placed them both in the garden that He had made.

It seems as if the Chinese fathers knew this story. Why not? After all, the Chinese people and language are about 5000 years old. The Bible teaches us that the earth is about 6000 years old. The Chinese written language is the most accurate study of etymology. The Chinese fathers taught us the same story of the Bible. They taught us this story by putting it into their words long before the Bible ever existed as a book.

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search for more evidence.

Create

The Bible teaches that God 上帝 created 造 everything. Before God, there was nothing. Many men do not like to hear that. They like to think that there is nothing smarter than themselves. True scientist are always in search of knowledge. Because they search, it proves they really don't believe they know everything. They are telling us they need to learn something. This is good. Why then do some scientist not believe that everything was created 造? It is because they choose to not believe it. They choose to believe something else. What did the Chinese fathers believe about creation?

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Create

The word create means to make something out of nothing. We cannot create anything. We can make things but we cannot create anything. We make a cake from flour, water, milk, eggs, sugar, etc. We do not create a cake. Lets look at the word create.

- 土 Dust, earth, soil, or dirt.
- 口 Mouth.
- 丿 “Pieh”. It means life or movement.
- 之 Walking or able to walk.

Here in the Chinese word create, we can see a very special story. We can see what the Chinese fathers wanted us to think of when we used the word, create. They wanted us to think of dust, mouth, life, and able to walk. Now, one must ask himself what thing can a man create from dust using his mouth that has life and is able to walk? Well, of course, man cannot create anything.

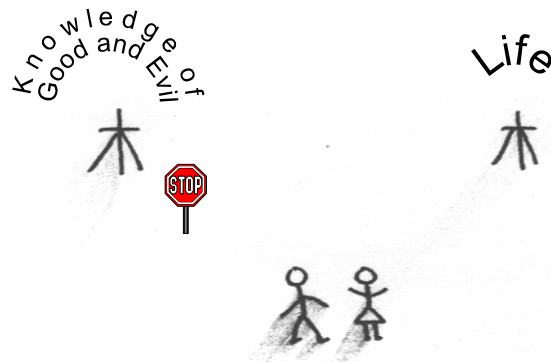
The Bible teaches that God created everything, including man. “And the LORD God 上帝 formed man 人 [of] the dust 土 of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul 魂”, Genesis 2:7. In the story of the garden we learned that God created man from the dust of the ground, breathed (using His mouth 口) into him the breath of life 丿, and the man stood up and walked 之. He was not a baby. A baby cannot walk. Only a grown man is able to walk.



It seems as if the Chinese fathers knew this story from the Bible. It also seems as if the Chinese fathers wanted their children to remember this story. Every time their future children would use this word, the Chinese fathers wanted them to remember a special story. Why is this story hidden in the Chinese words? Only God could do such a thing. Or, is this another coincidence? Lets continue our study.

God's Warning

Now we will continue the same story of the garden looking at more Chinese words. First, let's see what the Bible says: "And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil", Genesis 2:9. In the Bible, God placed two very important trees in the garden: the tree of life, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God told them that they could eat of any of the trees as they pleased, except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He said, "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die", Genesis 2:17. God had given them a very special warning. He warned them because He loved them. He told them that the day they eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, they will die.



Forbid

The word forbid means to command (someone) not to do something. It means to warn, prohibit, restrict, or prevent. God did not want them to die. He created them to live. Up until this time, they only had knowledge of good. They did not know evil. They only knew God's love. Let's look at the Chinese word.

林 Two trees.

示 This is one of the "radicals" for the word God. Literally it means: proclaim, manifest, exhibit, reveal. This character is an abbreviated form of the word "God". When the hook is added on the bottom, a verb is formed.

From this word we can see that the Chinese fathers wanted to tell us something. When we are to use the word: prohibit, forbid, warn, restrict, or prevent; they wanted us to think about God 示 telling us something about two trees. They wanted us to remember so much that they put the story into the common written language that is still used today.

Why did God place the two trees in the middle of the garden? Why didn't He just put the tree of life? The Bible teaches us that God made man in His

image. Of course, this does not mean that we all look alike. We are made with a body, soul, and spirit. Unlike the animals, we have the ability to love, communicate, and reason among other things. Love is not an emotion as many people think. Love is an action. It is something you chose to do. It is something you must decide to do. God made us with the ability to love because He wants us to be able to love Him, like He loves us. So God placed two trees in the Garden so the man could chose to love God. If the man had no choice, then he would be forced to love God and that would not be love at all. It would be duty. God didn't make us to force us to obey Him. He made us so we could chose to obey Him out of love. This is what makes us different from all animals.

God warned the man and woman not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He only good. He loved them. He decision for them. He does Him. He gave the man an ability to love. The Chinese handed the message down to their children. What is it that the Chinese people know that they are not telling the world?

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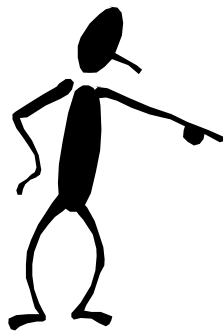
The Devil

Life in the garden was perfect. God cannot do anything that is not perfect. Adam and Eve were the friends of God. They loved Him and He loved them. But, one day the devil came to the garden. The devil hates God. The Devil wants to hurt God. He is not stronger than God and cannot fight Him. The devil is very clever. He hurts the people that God loves. Then, because of God's love, God himself will be hurt. The devil does not care for anyone or anything except hurting God. He wants to ruin mans friendship with God. He wants to get man separated from God. He wants man's relationship with God to be dead.

The word "death" means to be separated. If I were to die right now, I would be separated from my loved ones. I would be separated from you. I would be separated from my body. The part of me that loves, cries, hates, ect. Would leave my body.

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Devil



The Bible teaches that the Devil came to the garden secretly in the form of a serpent. He spoke to Eve about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Lets look at the Chinese word.

鬼 田 儿 厶
Pieh means motion or life.

田 Field or garden.

儿 Man or son.

厶 Secretly or private.

We can see that the Chinese fathers wanted us to think that the Devil moved 鬼 into the garden 田 in the form of a serpent to speak privately 厶 to the woman with the voice of a man 儿.

Tempter



The Bible teaches that the Devil is a tempter. He made Eve doubt God's word. He told her that she would not surely die. He told her that God knew that the day she ate of the tree, she would be just like God. She would know good and evil. She looked at the tree and saw that it looked good. He tempted her.

魔 鬼
Devil.

魔 林
Two trees.

魔 宀
Cover or covering.

The Chinese fathers knew of this story. One must answer the question: "why does the words; Devil, two trees, and cover mean tempter?" There is only one place where this story is found: the Bible. If one looks closer at the character, one will see that the devil is under the two trees. This shows that he was hiding under the cover of the two trees.

Soul



In the Bible story the Devil told the woman, "...Ye shall not surely die:", Genesis 3:4. He was telling her a lie. The Devil knew that her body would not immediately die. He knew that her soul would not ever die. But, he also knew that she would immediately die spiritually. So, he was talking to her about her soul but he was not

telling her the whole story.

魂 鬼
Devil.

魂 云
To say or says.

Here in the Chinese character for soul we can see that the Chinese fathers wanted us to remember; Devil and says. When we think about our soul they wanted us to remember that the Devil said something about it. This is true and is the exact story of the Bible.

God was talking about our spirit when He said they would die immediately. The Devil was talking about the soul when he said that they would not die. What actually happened?

God told them that they would die immediately. He meant that their spirits would die and He would take His spirit from them. This is separation from God, spiritually.

Their bodies would begin to die. Some day in the future, their souls would get out of their bodies and go to stand before Him. This is separation from their bodies physically.

That their souls would never die is partly true. Their soul is where we have our nature to obey or disobey; to love or hate. If we choose to disobey or hate God, then God calls that sin. God meant that if their souls came to stand before Him with sin, He would put their souls in a lake of fire where they would live forever. This would be separation from God eternally (forever). God calls this death; the second death. When their souls stood before God, He would know that there was sin because He would not see His Spirit.

This is what the Devil wanted. He wanted the man and woman to be separated from God forever. He did not want God to be obeyed or loved. He did not want God to have anything to love other than him. He was jealous.

The Choice

God placed two trees in the garden. He knew that the man could not love unless he could choose to love. But, God did not leave them to themselves. He warned them and instructed them about how to choose. He did it because He loved them.

Eve was listening to Satan 鬼 and believing him. She was starting to doubt what God said. She looked at the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. She wanted to be like God. She wanted to have knowledge. When she looked at the tree of knowledge of good and evil, she began to covet (凯 有见 ; 渴望).

Covet

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女

To covet is to want something very much. She wanted to taste from the tree. I can imagine the Devil telling her, "Come on Eve, it won't hurt you. See, I am not dead. God just does not want you to be like Him. You can make Him happy if you become like Him. Doesn't the fruit look sweet. Something that looks that good cannot be bad for you. Just a little will not hurt. Eat some Eve".



林 Two trees.
女 Woman.

The Chinese fathers wanted us to think of two trees and woman when we think of the word covet. Why would they want us to think of two trees and woman? There is only one place where the answer to that question lies, in the Bible, in the story of the garden of Eden. I think the Chinese fathers wanted to

leave a message to the world. The most important message to them was a special story of a garden 園.

Beginning

Eve looked at the tree. She then made a choice. She made her own choice. She chose to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. She chose not to trust God. She chose to believe that she could become like God. She chose to disobey. She sinned. When she did this, she began something new on the earth that was not here before: sin. This was a new beginning. The beginning that man brought to the world.

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女
口
宀

Woman.

Mouth.

Secret or private.

Here in the Chinese word for beginning we can see a message that the Chinese fathers wanted to tell us. They wanted to tell us that beginning had something to do with a woman doing something secretly or privately with her mouth. By itself, one could think it is a coincidence. But, put together to tell the whole story of the garden, the pieces just keep fitting. Science is an accurate study of the facts. What is being presented to you here are FACTS.

Yes, Eve brought a new beginning. The beginning of sin. Sin is the bad things that we do that make God unhappy. Sin makes God sad. Sin makes God angry. Sin separates us from God. God loves us but He hates sin.

When a child does something wrong, the parents are angry. They are really not angry at their child. They love their child. At what are they angry? They are angry at what the child did. They are angry at the child's attitude. As long as the attitude remains, there is a division (separation) in the relationship of the child and parent. But, when the child asks the parents to forgive him, the relationship is repaired. Why? Because the sin (attitude) is gone. There is fellowship again.

Sorrow

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Sin always separates. It brings pain, sorrow, and distress. It destroys relationships. Sin always comes from not obeying God. It comes from choosing to do things our way and not God's perfect way. Sin comes from not choosing to believe and trust in God.

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Two trees.

A piece or a part of.

The Chinese fathers are telling us that sorrow is a part or a piece of one of two trees. Clearly, this fits into the story of the garden. One must do a thorough study to see the whole story. To look at one section is not to see the story. That is why the Chinese people can use these words every day and not get the message. One must know the story.

To read the Bible, is to gain much wisdom and knowledge. Now, men know



how to do evil. We must learn how to do good. This can only be understood by reading the Bible.

In the garden, Eve came to Adam. He noticed that something was not right. He noticed that she was different. He knew what she had done. Adam was now faced with a new choice. His choice was between two people that he loved. If he chose to be with God, he would be separated (dead) from Eve, his wife. If he chose to be with Eve, he would be separated (dead) from God, his creator. The Bible teaches that Adam chose to be with Eve. He ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He was not tempted by the Devil. He was not lied to. He chose Eve because his love for her was greater than his love for God. This made God the saddest.

The Bible says that when they had eaten, their eyes were opened and they knew that they were naked. Before that time, Adam and Eve were both naked, but not ashamed. They did not know how to think evil. Everything was perfect. They did not know that it was wrong because, at that time it was not wrong. Now it was wrong. They wanted to hide. They wanted to cover themselves.

Hide



The Bible says that God came to the garden to talk with them like He always did. They were from the leaves of fig trees to were really trying to cover their God always looks at the heart. They could not hide their sin.



Body.

乃 Is (nearly, practically, almost)

木 Tree. The hook at the bottom of the tree represents a foot and tells, "to come" (from behind the tree).

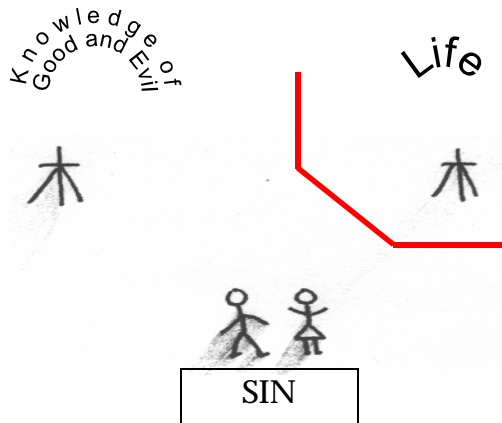
The Chinese fathers wanted to teach us that the word hide means; somebody tried to make their body look like a tree. This is exactly what Adam and Eve did in the garden of Eden. A coincidence? I don't think so.

The Restored Relationship

Adam and Eve had a big problem. They had sinned and were hiding from God. God had found them and asked them what they had done. He already knew what they had done. He was giving them a chance to ask for forgiveness. Eve blamed it on the serpent. Adam blamed it on Eve. They were already starting to do evil. They knew that they were not friends with God anymore. They were spiritually dead. God had removed His spirit from them immediately. Why?

God is a Spirit and He is perfect. He could not allow sin to touch Him because: if He got a little bit of sin on Him, He would not be perfect anymore. He wanted to hug and hold them but could not because of sin. He had to push

sin away from Him. As long as they had a sin problem, God could not be together with them. Death means separation: Life means together. They were dead to God. Some day in the future their bodies would die and their souls would stand before God. As much as he wanted to, He would not be able to accept them because of sin. They were separated from life.



God loved Adam and Eve. He did not like to be separated from them. He told them to take off the leaves of the fig tree. God then killed an animal. A perfect, sinless, and innocent animal. He took the skins of the animal and made coats for Adam and Eve to put on. If they were to cover themselves with the skins, then they would be acceptable to God. God could hug them and the sin

would not get on Him. The sin would get on one side of the skins. The other side - the part that God would touch - would be clean.

Righteousness

They did not understand how the skins would cover their sins. They only knew that they wanted to obey and trust God so they put on the skins. When they did this, they became right with God. God's word for this is righteousness. From that time on, every time they wanted to be (righteous) with God, they would kill a sheep or lamb.

羊 Sheep.
我 I or me.

Here we can see that the Chinese fathers wanted us to know that if we were to be right like God is right, it was going to involve "I" and "a lamb". It is interesting that the word is "I". It is not he, she, us, or we, but "I". That makes it personal. A closer look at the character will reveal even something more interesting. Notice that the lamb is on top of "I". You could say that the lamb is "covering - I". This is exactly what God taught us in the Bible. When the lamb was their covering, they would be right (righteous) with Him.

God provided the lamb. God loved them so much that He did everything to repair the relationship. He offered forgiveness to Adam and Eve as a gift.

What about today?

From the day that Adam disobeyed God, all men are were born with sin. Sin has been passed on from generation to generation. God says that it is in our blood. Our blood is corrupt. This is why the leaves from the fig tree would not

cover Adam and Eve's sin. The covering required innocent, sinless blood. So God killed an innocent animal that would temporarily cover their sins. He told them that some day He would send His son who would not only cover their sins, but take them away. When God killed the animal in the garden, He was teaching us that some day He would send His lamb to take away the sins of the world. The name of His lamb is Jesus Christ. Jesus is called "the lamb of God".

All scientist know that we get our blood from our fathers; not our mothers. That is why Jesus came to the earth being born of a virgin. His father is God. He got His blood from God. In fact, He is God. Only His blood could take away the sins of the world because only His blood is perfect. He is sinless. He has no sin.

We were born with a dead spirit because we are born in sin. We are born with no spirit of God in us. Our image of God is missing. Our nature is to sin. Our mothers and fathers did not need to teach us to do wrong: we already knew how to do that. They needed to teach us to do good.

No one is right like God is right.

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:" (Romans 3:10).

¹⁰就如经上所记: "没有义人, 连一个也没有;

In the Bible, God said that there is no one who is right like He is right. God is always right. He is never wrong. There are times when we think we are right but we are not. Have you ever thought you knew something; you knew you were right; only to find out you were wrong? If you thought you were wrong, you would have changed your mind. But, the truth is, you were wrong.

God knows what He is saying when He says that no one is right like He is right. His opinion is that we have been wrong.

Have you ever been wrong?

Everyone has sinned.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23). ²³因为世人都犯了罪, 亏缺了 神的荣耀,

How many people does God think has sinned? ALL have sinned. I've sinned, you've sinned, we all have sinned. God is right when He says we have all sinned. Have you ever sinned. Have you ever disobeyed God? Have you ever made anything more important to you than God? Have you ever told a lie? Have you ever thought an evil thought? God says that YOU have. He says it is sin.

If a person robs a bank, how many banks would he have to rob before you call him a bank robber? Ten? Five? Three? One!. Once the person robs one bank, we call him a bank robber. With this in mind, how many sins would you have to do to be called a sinner? Only one! Have you ever sinned? Then what

are you called? A sinner! It is good for you to agree with God in this because He said that we are all sinners. That is His opinion.

The cost of sin

“For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

²³因为罪的工价乃是死;惟有神的恩赐,在我们的主基督耶稣里,乃是永生。

A wage is something that a person “owes” you for the work that you have done. God says that sin is like a work; a work of disobedience. He teaches that when we sin, He owes us “death”. God is perfect and holy. He always pays His debts. Even when He does not want to, He must because He is perfect.

The payment that God is going to give us is death. This is not only our body dying. It is our soul being separated from Him forever in the lake of fire. God calls this the second death.

“And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.” (Revelation 20:14). ¹⁴死亡和阴间也被扔在火湖里,这火湖就是第二次的死。“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:15). ¹⁵若有人名字没记在生命册上,他就被扔在火湖里。

How do we get our names written in the book of life? God is teaching us that if we die in our sins, He must separate us from Him forever. That will be death; and death will be placed into the lake of fire. But, God is also teaching us that we can get our names placed into the book of life. He has told us that His gift is eternal life. There is hope. Like Adam and Eve, we can choose to obey God. We can choose to trust Him. We have the same choice that Adam had; will we accept God’s covering (Jesus, the lamb of God) or will we not accept God’s covering?

The Bible teaches that Jesus was killed on the cross. He died and gave His blood to pay for the sins of the world. They put His body in a grave. After three days, He rose again from the dead. This was to prove to the world that His blood was enough to pay for all the sins. He had power over death. Death could not tell Him what to do. He told death what to do.

If you had a deadly disease that you knew was going to kill you any minute, would you want a cure? Perhaps you hear of a cure at a medicine shop in town. You go there in a hurry to get it. You rush into the shop and ask the shopkeeper if he has the cure. You are very happy when you hear him say “yes”. You ask him to give you some and he tells you, “it is very expensive. Have you got enough money?”

“Yes”, you reply. “I will give everything I have if necessary. How much does it cost?”

“Well, it is a very rare cure. It costs 1,000,000,000 dollars”, he tells you as he places it on the counter in front of you.

“1,000,000,000 dollars? Are you sure?”, you ask. “That is very expensive”, you think to yourself. You begin to lose hope. You start to think, “I can never pay that price. I will die. There is nothing I can do”.

Suddenly, there is another man in the shop who comes to you and asks if he can help? You never saw him before. He looks at you with love in his eyes. He asks, “Can I buy the cure for you and give it to you as a gift?”

“Do you have enough money?”, asks the shopkeeper.

“Yes, I do. It is everything I have, but it is enough”, he tells him. He takes out the money and places it on the counter to give to the shopkeeper.

You are surprised and amazed. You think, “who is this man? How can he pay so great a price? Why does he want to pay for me?”

He knows what you are thinking and tells you, with a tear in his eye, “I love you. Can I please pay for you?”

The shop keeper does not care who gives him the money. He only needs to have the debt paid before he allows the cure to leave his shop. The man wants to pay for you. Suddenly they both look at you. The shopkeeper asks you, “Is it OK with you that this man pays for you?”

The decision is yours. You must make a choice. You think, “to accept this man’s love and payment is to have life. To not accept his love and payment is to have death”.

In this little example, God the Father is like the shopkeeper, God the Son (Jesus) is like the man who wants to pay for you, and you are the one with the deadly disease of sin. You must make a choice.

This is the same choice that Adam faced. It is a choice between life and death. Actually, it is a choice between eternal life and eternal death. Today, you have a choice to make. You will chose to obey, love, trust, and accept God; or, you will chose to disobey, hate, rebel, and deny God. You will chose eternal life or eternal death.

You have heard a beautiful story. A story of a garden and death. A story of how life was won out of death. You know the truth. The truth that the Chinese Fathers wanted to pass down to you. What will you do?

Who can take the gift of life?

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”
(Romans 10:13).

¹³因为“凡求告主名的，就必得救”¹⁰。

Here God has taught us that anybody who wants the cure for sin (God’s forgiveness) can have it. The word, “whosoever” means: anybody.

The word “Lord” means: Jesus Christ. The word “shall” means: will. The word “saved” means: saved from death. So, the verse means that anybody who calls on the name of Jesus will be saved from death and have life. Notice, God uses the word, “shall”. This is not maybe, or I think so. It is shall. God always means what He says.



Calling on the Name of the Lord, Jesus.

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Romans 10:9-10).

⁹你若口里认耶稣为主，心里信神叫他从死里复活，就必得救。¹⁰因为人心里相信，就可以称义；口里承认，就可以得救。

How do you call on the name of the Lord? You do this by praying. You tell Him with your mouth, what is in your heart. You must believe in your heart that God did what He said. He arose from the dead and He paid for your sins. You must agree with God’s opinion about His lamb (Jesus). God already knows your heart just like he knew Adam’s heart. He wants to give you a chance to ask Him to forgive you. He wants a relationship with you.

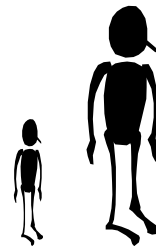
God is a Spirit. So, when we pray to God, we do it in our spirit. We do not need to do anything funny with our hands. We do not need to do anything first. We simply must talk to Him and tell Him what is on our heart. When you accept God’s forgiveness, He will place His Spirit in you. Your dead spirit will come to life. When He sees you, He will see His Spirit. He will know that your sin problem is fixed.

If you want to take eternal life, we can pray right now. I will lead you in a prayer. You will repeat after me. But, you must not say things to God that you do not believe in your heart. He knows your heart. Here is what we will pray:

Father, I know that I am a sinner. I know that I have sin. I know if I die right now, I will be separated from you forever. I know that you died for me. You paid for my sins to give me eternal life. You call it a gift. I am asking you to forgive me and I want to accept your gift right now. The best way I know how, I am accepting you. I will make you my King forever. In Jesus name. AMEN.

Did you mean what you prayed? Did you receive Jesus the best you know how? If so, God has a special name for you. He calls you His Child. “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, [even] to them that believe on his name:” (John 1:12).

¹²凡接待他的，就是信他名的人，他就赐他们权柄，作神的儿女。 He calls you Son (or daughter). You are His child. He is your Father. Your spiritual father. You have life in a new family. The family of God. You have many new brothers and sisters.



God has also made you a promise that He will never break. He always keeps His word. He said: “[Let your] conversation [be] without covetousness; [and be] content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” (Hebrews 13:5). ⁵ 你们存心不可贪爱钱财，要以自己所有的为足。因为主曾说：“我总不撇下你，也不丢弃你。” He will always be with you. He (His Spirit) lives in you. You have a relationship with the Creator of all things. Only He knows the wonderful things He has planned for your future.

