

CHOOSE THE RULER OF YOUR HEART



WHO WOULD YOU
WANT IN YOUR HEART

GOD OR SATAN?

YOUR ANSWER WILL DECIDE
YOUR ETERNAL DESTINY...

HAVE YOU EVER LOVED SOMEONE VERY MUCH?

A WOMAN, A MAN, A CHILD, A MOTHER, A FATHER, A FRIEND?

Then you will know that you have a heart—you can feel the love deep inside. At times you may also feel hate there, or anger, or jealousy. God wants us to love Him with all our hearts. He is always searching our hearts. Of course the devil also wants your heart—so that he can control and destroy your life.

WHAT GOD OFFERS YOU:

If you will trust in Him to save you and if you are willing to turn from your sin and accept His forgiveness through His Son Jesus, God wants you to become His friend and will give you the free gift of eternal life.

He will live in your heart by His Spirit. He will also protect you against all evil and will bless you as you keep on trusting Him.



WHAT SATAN OFFERS YOU:

A life of sin now, but afterwards... to be with him forever in a place called Hell. One day Satan, and those who serve him, will be thrown into Hell, a place of fire.

In the fires of Hell, Satan and his followers will suffer terribly forever and ever, yet they will not die. People will not be in Hell for all the bad things (called sin) that they have done in life, but because they deliberately refused God's offer to forgive them and be their friend and Savior.

I want to ask you a serious question.

WHO IS RULING IN YOUR HEART RIGHT NOW? GOD OR SATAN?

Maybe the picture here will help you discover the truth. Take a good look at the heart of this man. Satan is right in the middle and he is not alone either. The animals here are just symbols—signs—of other bad things in this man's heart. These things are called SIN. Do you recognize some of these sins? There is pride in this heart represented by the peacock. There are other sins too: lust and immorality (the goat), filthy desires (pig), witchcraft (tortoise), hate and anger (leopard), jealousy (snake) and greed (frog).



The conscience of this person (the star) is darkened. The eye tells us of God who looks into the hearts of man (1 Samuel 16:7). He knows even the deepest secrets of every life. Right now God sees everything in your heart...there is nothing you can hide from Him.



GOD LOVES YOU!

He wants to save you from your sins and from the terrible trap of Satan. But for God to save you, someone first had to pay the price for your sins—someone had to be punished and sacrificed in your place before you could be forgiven by God. That someone is Jesus, the Son of God. Because Jesus is the Son of God, He always was, and is pure and good and perfect, but He willingly

came to earth from Heaven to be a sacrifice for your sin. He died in your place so that you can receive forgiveness and become friends with His Father.

See the picture? —————

This is what Jesus did for you. He died by being nailed through His hands and His feet onto a cross and in that way became a curse so that the curse can be taken away from you forever. His blood flowed as He died and that blood can wash your heart from sin and protect you from all evil. God has a great love for you. He wants to get sin and Satan out of your heart and life. He wants you to turn to Him and to trust Him to save you.

BE HONEST!

Be honest and agree that you have sinned and that you need the love and forgiveness that God offers you. Then ask God to forgive you. He is willing to forgive you because Jesus was sacrificed for your sins.

Here is a simple prayer that you can pray:

Lord God, I have sinned. When I saw that picture just now, I realized that there is sin in my life. Satan is in control and he wants to destroy me. Please forgive my sin and remove Satan and sin from my heart and life right now. Send your Son, Jesus, and your good Holy Spirit into my heart to save me and protect me from all evil. You can do this because You are much stronger than Satan. You are the one and only true God. You are a mighty and powerful God and today I want You to be my God.

Have you prayed that prayer?

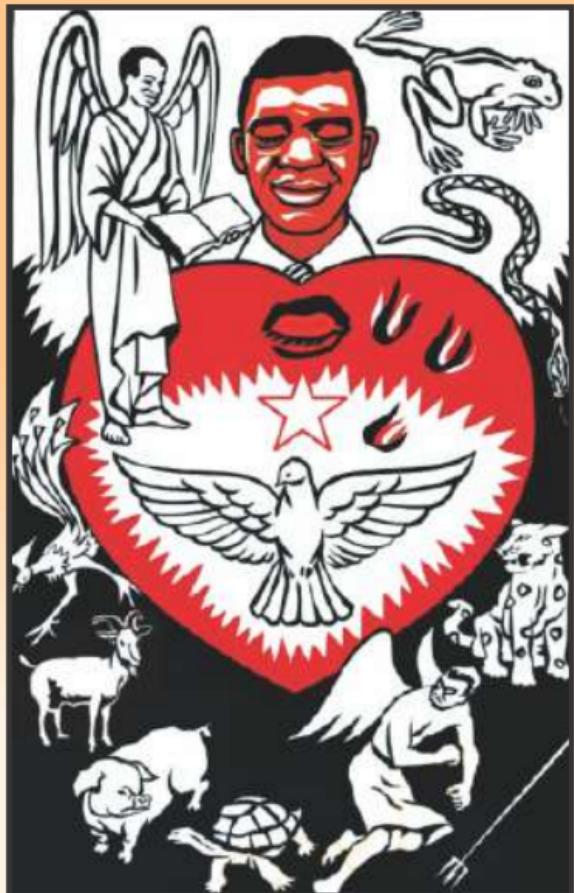


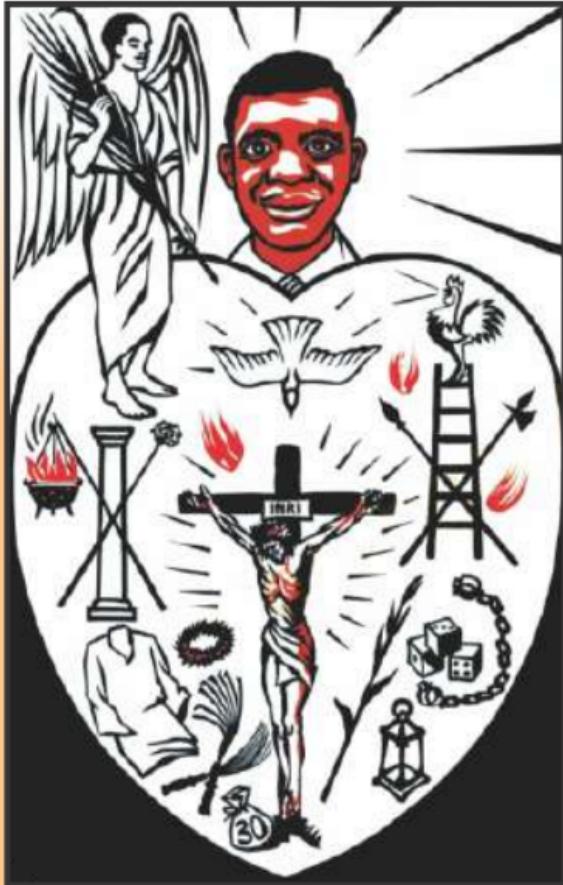
God's book, the Bible, says if you confess your sin as you just did, He is faithful to forgive your sins, and will cleanse your heart. He will also save and protect you from the powers of Satan and from Hell. This picture shows what is happening now. The light of God is streaming in and Satan and sin are getting out! God's Spirit pictured here by a dove is bringing light into your heart right now, because God is Light.

THE BIG EXCHANGE!

See this picture—the dove—the Holy Spirit is there. Ask God to fill your heart with His Spirit of peace and to pour out His blessings on you! In exchange for your sins God has given you the goodness (righteousness) of His Son, Jesus.

Righteousness means right standing with God (that you now have the goodness of Jesus in your heart) and that He regards you as perfect in Jesus. Now you may enter into His holy presence.





You become friends with God when your sins are forgiven and accept this gift of His own righteousness. When you receive God's forgiveness by believing that Jesus died in your place, you become a new person. Because of Jesus' righteousness over you (represented in the picture by the pillar) you are invited right into God's presence (Hebrews 10:16). You may speak directly to Him and do not need anyone else to speak on your behalf. God's Holy Spirit will help you. Getting into God's presence like this by faith, will change your heart and mind (Ezekiel 36:25-27) and then even the things you do will begin to change for the best. This kind of personal contact with God is represented by the ladder in the picture. Some people refuse to have this kind of friendship with God. The cock (rooster) in the picture symbolizes that denial.

IMPORTANT

If you are prepared to trust God to save you and have asked Him to come into your heart, God now wants you to be baptized as a believer.

Ask your pastor to explain baptism and arrange for you to be baptized. Baptism speaks of death to your old life and of new life in Jesus.

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