



Please send me more information on finding
a personal relationship with God.

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RISK IT?



RISKING IT

*Many of us today are looking beyond
the more traditional sports. We're
searching for something new...
something different... something a bit
more challenging... more dangerous.*

*We look for the thrill of that adrenalin
rush as we career down a mountain or
skim over the surf on a jet ski.*

*Yet such risk-taking can be a double-
edged sword. On the one hand it can
bring exhilaration
and a sense of
accomplishment,
whilst on the other,
the result might
be injury and
even death.*

*And it's just
the same when
it comes to our
daily living...*



Rough Ride

For many of us life
can be a pretty
'rough ride'.
We struggle
our way
through the
hazards and
challenges
of unfulfilled
ambitions
and the
pain
of broken
relationships...
always trying to avoid 'going under'!



Yet in the face of overwhelming circumstances
special help is at hand... through God's Son, the Lord
Jesus Christ, who says to us...

*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and
I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11:28

Of course, we can only know the peace OF God when
we've first found peace WITH God. And again Christ
Jesus makes the 'route' clear...

*...I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to
the Father except through me.*

John 14:6

Law Defying

Through advances in design and technology we've found ways of defying the law of gravity without too much difficulty.

But not so with the law of God. Even the best of us have failed to reach the standard set for our lives... no matter how hard we try to live a decent life...

...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans 3:23

The consequences are as serious as they come...

...people are destined to die once and after that to face judgment...

Hebrews 9:27

...and there will be no escape... no place to hide...

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Hebrews 4:13



Open Access

Participation in a whole range of 'extreme sports' is being made easier every day... though it can still prove a costly exercise. Nevertheless, the benefits are usually well worth the sacrifice.

In a similar way, but to a far greater extent, the same is true in the spiritual realm.

Christ Jesus paid the ultimate price giving His life on the Cross of Calvary, so that we might have access to God the Father and so find a right relationship with Him...

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

In seeking His forgiveness, turning away from all we know to be wrong and asking the risen Christ Jesus into our lives by His Spirit to become our Saviour and Lord, we're 'put right' with Him and are given a brand new start...

...if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

And therefore, just as the law of aerodynamics overcomes the law of gravity, so we can say...

...through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:2



Ultimate Challenge

Of course, this style of sport is not for the faint-hearted. We often need courage and strength to get the best out of this kind of activity. And this can also reflect the terms which the Lord Jesus sets out for all who would become His true followers...

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

Relying on our own resources, we could never 'keep it up'. Yet, He promises that the power of His Spirit will 'kick in'

when we're prepared to acknowledge our weakness.

As He said to one of His early followers...

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:8



Risk Assessment

If we're to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ by intimate acquaintance, and not simply by hearsay, then the challenge facing us is in weighing up the risks... just as if we're about to take that first bungee jump!

We must ask ourselves if taking such a step of faith is worth

the risk of ridicule or rejection, given all that we're promised...

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

On the other hand, the risks of NOT taking this step are surely far worse...

...whoever does not believe stands condemned already...

John 3:18

If you're ready to take the risk... the next step is yours!