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# THE SUCCESS GAP



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## THE SUCCESS GAP

Whether you are looking for a job, are currently employed or self-employed, work is an area where there is an environment of 'needing to do better'. The question on people's minds is 'how is your career progressing'? We talk about going on 'courses to fill the skill gap' or 'making it to the top'.

But is that all there is to life –work, eat and sleep?  
And does "doing better" really bring success or happiness?

It seems that those that have always want more!

What can fill the gap?



## DEFINING THE GAP

Work doesn't fill the gap, and we all know that even family cannot fill the gap.

God who made us, has made us so that we will only be truly happy and successful when He fills the gap. And He says...

"Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you."  
So we say with confidence,  
"The Lord is my helper".

Hebrews 13:5,6



Education and courses on relationship building or networking can help in career progress but are not the steps to true success.

True success is found in a relationship with God and we can only depend on Him to fill what is really the gap.



## SHORT OF SUCCESS

We look for ways to fill the gap. We recognize that we have come short. Our relationship with God cannot be put right in our own power.

God says

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

Thanks to Adam Smith and the resulting industrial revolution, people have grouped together and become more productive.

Early in history men built a tower that would reach to God. Today we laugh at the thought that in this immense universe a building, even hundreds of meters high, would reach to the God who made the universe.

We too cannot bridge the gap to God with our own efforts.

The real gap doesn't leave a person with a low income or a poor job, it is far more important.

For the wages of sin is death,  
Romans 6:23

How can this gap be bridged?

## BROUGHT UP TO THE STANDARD

In all jobs we need others to do the things we cannot do. This gap in being truly successful and happy cannot be made up by what we do, so God Himself came down to live on earth as a person, the Lord Jesus Christ, to be the solution.

It is not a course or a methodology we would have to follow. He didn't even come to be an example we could learn from.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:17

He came and died and rose again from the dead making the payment for our shortcomings so that He could bring us up to His standard.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

1 Peter 3:18

So, how does it become effective for me?



## CROSSING THE GAP

Sometimes a job can cost us more than it pays. Health, time or family can suffer as a consequence. Sometimes we say a person is owned by their job –and still they can't make it to the top!

Yet God says,

"What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"

Mark 8:36,37

When you receive a job offer you either have to accept it before it becomes yours or refuse it. God offers the eternal life that you need to fill up the gap, but it can only be yours if you accept it. However unlike jobs, His life adds to you and takes nothing away that is worth anything.

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Matthew 6:24

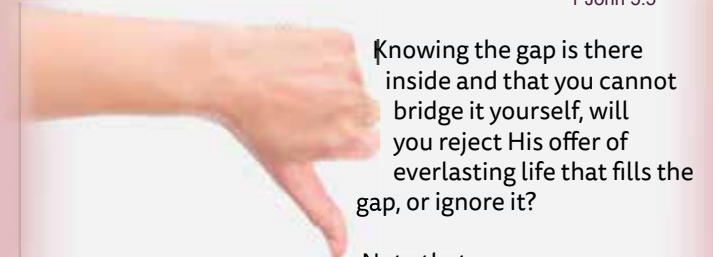


## ON TRACK OR FALLING SHORT

The challenge is, how will you respond to the offer God is making to you?

Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

1 John 5:5



Knowing the gap is there inside and that you cannot bridge it yourself, will you reject His offer of everlasting life that fills the gap, or ignore it?

Note that

...now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:2

For

...how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation?

Hebrews 2:3

Or will you accept it and start on a new life that brings true success and satisfaction and that lasts out, becoming complete in eternity.

God has reached down to bring you up, are you reaching out to Him?

