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a personal relationship with God.

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Known to many as England's 'Eternal City' or to quote the words of King George VI, 'The history of York is the history of England'.

And today, this city of elegance and grandeur remains rich and colourful in character... a place of outstanding beauty, historical interest and ageless charm.



Yet there's even more of everlasting significance to be found in York today...

so long as we're willing to look in the right direction...

Lasting Security

A prominent feature of the city centre, the walls continue to stand as a symbol of stability and protection from a bygone age.

But they can also remind us of our own personal need for long-term security.

And down through the years, millions have found this in special measure through entering into a personal relationship with Almighty God.

They are thus able to echo the words of one of old...

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer... in whom I take refuge... he is my stronghold...

2 Samuel 22:2-3

Of course, many of us will build our lives on a false sense of security, and not realise it until it's too late. Thankfully, God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, points us in the right direction when He says...

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

John 14:6

But then, this is only part of the story...

Certain Hope

Among the best preserved medieval streets in Europe, the Shambles offer an intriguing opportunity to step back in time. And yet if we were to honestly consider our own personal past we'd have to admit that much of it could be rightly described by the same term, 'shambles'...

*...sexual
immorality,
impurity...
hatred...
jealousy, fits
of rage, selfish
ambition...
envy...
drunkenness...*

Galatians 5:19-21

Sadly, we can't deny the darker side of our nature and even the best of us fail to live up to the standards God sets for us...

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

Romans 3:23

...and the consequences are surely unthinkable...

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

Hebrews 9:27

Thankfully, there is an answer to be found in York today...



Sacrificial Love

In our daily living many of what we'd call our, 'minor weaknesses', are sins in God's sight, separating us from Him...

...your iniquities (sins) have separated you from your God...

Isaiah 59:2

And just as the bridges over the River Ouse must be crossed in order for us to reach the other side, so there is another form of 'bridge' which we must cross to have the relationship with our Maker put right.

Over 2000 years ago, in the greatest act of sacrificial love the world has ever known, God the Father sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into our world. And as the only One ever to have lived a perfect life, so He was, 'good enough', to give His life on the Cross of Calvary, taking the punishment that we deserve...

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

Romans 5:8

Raised to life again Christ Jesus has become a form of 'bridge' between us and God... but for this to do us any good we must decide to cross that 'bridge' ourselves...



New Beginning

Of course, the Lord Jesus doesn't force Himself upon us. We're called to seek His forgiveness and be ready, with His help, to turn away from all we know to be wrong. And then in asking Him to come into our lives by His Spirit, to become our Saviour and Lord, so we're given a completely new start in life...

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

2 Corinthians 5:17

We can't earn any of this, and we certainly don't deserve it... we're simply asked to accept it as a free gift. There is,

nevertheless, a cost in becoming one of His true followers... the cost of commitment... In the words of the Lord Jesus Himself...

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

Luke 9:23

Everlasting Life

Dominating the city of course is the great Minster, England's largest Gothic church. One of the most magnificent places of worship in the country, it's also a magnet for visitors from all over the world.

Yet no matter how fascinating may be its structure or artifacts, it's important to remember that central to true Christianity is neither its buildings nor traditions... but the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And in the light of all that was accomplished through His life, death and resurrection, He faces each of us today with the greatest challenge of all...

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

And yet how easy it is to ignore or reject Him, and fail to realise the fearful consequences...

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

John 3:18

So why not reach out to Him today and receive eternal life in England's 'Eternal City'!

