



STOP!

Recently my children were playing outside our apartment and they saw a line of ants along the edge of the corridor. The ants were carrying food from one place to another and my children were curiously watching these little creatures. They were observing each moment with their eyes glued to this fascinating activity. And suddenly they noticed that the building cleaner from the other end of the corridor started cleaning the floor with a water hose.

Anticipating that the cleaner will soon wash the floor where the ants were present, the little ones wanted to protect the ants. They began talking to the ants and screamed at them to stop and go in another direction that leads to safety. But to their disappointment, the ants could not hear them and continued in their own way until the cleaner sprayed water to clean the floor.

The children were sad to see all the ants being washed away in the flood of water and down the drain. They immediately ran to their mother to tell her about the poor ants and asked her why the ants could not hear them. Mummy explained to them that ants can hear us only if we become like them and asked the children if they would like to become like those little ants and live in those little holes. Both of them immediately refused and told the mother they never want to be like ants. At this point, their mother paused and asked them a simple question "Do you know what Jesus did for you"?

Dear Friend, that's the exact question I would like to ask you today "Do you know who Jesus is and what He did for you"? I am not asking you this question because I'm preaching some religion to you. No! I'm asking because your life is million times more precious than those ants. You might have heard His name but do you know who He really is and what He did for you?

We human beings are exactly like those ants carrying the heavy burden of sin on our backs without realizing that we are walking in the ways of destruction. We live depressed, unhappy, hurtful, hopeless and miserable lives because of that burden of sin. Sin not only destroys our lives here on earth, but also separates us from God forever to

suffer in the eternal fires of hell. Sin in our words, thoughts and deeds results in dreadful consequences no matter how small or big it is. Like those ants, we too did not hear what God was trying to say. We needed someone like us to help us understand the dangers of sinful ways and rescue us from it. Bible says that all mankind are like sheep that are lost and have gone in their own sinful ways (Isaiah 53:6). But God did not leave us like that.

Bible says

- God himself became a man to help us understand how much He loves and cares for us. (John 1:14 & 3:16)
- God left all His glory, honor, power and authority to become man and show us the way of eternal life. (Philippians 2:7)
- God became man to seek those who are lost in their sinful ways and save them. (Luke 19:10)
- God became man to stop you from destruction and deliver you out of Satan's grip. (1 John 3:8)
- God became man to be an example to us to show how to live a holy, humble, honest and God-pleasing life. (Hebrews 4:15)
- God became man to restore the relationship we lost with Him because of our sins. (Colossians 1:13)

And this man's name is "JESUS CHRIST" who alone claimed to be the way, the truth and the life for all mankind. There is no other name except the name of Jesus Christ either in heaven or on earth through which you can be saved from destruction of body, mind and soul. No one can receive forgiveness of sins and the grace to overcome sin except through Jesus Christ. He took our burden of sin upon himself and died on the cross in our place. He conquered sin and death in His body. Jesus is not just God of Christians but He is the savior of all sinners. He is alive today and calling you to "STOP" and turn to Him to find true hope, love, joy and peace.

Dear Friend, would you "STOP" and turn to Him? I plead you not to be careless about your life. Jesus can completely change you and your situation if you seriously consider repenting, believing and obeying Him. You will never be the same again. Guaranteed!

God bless you!