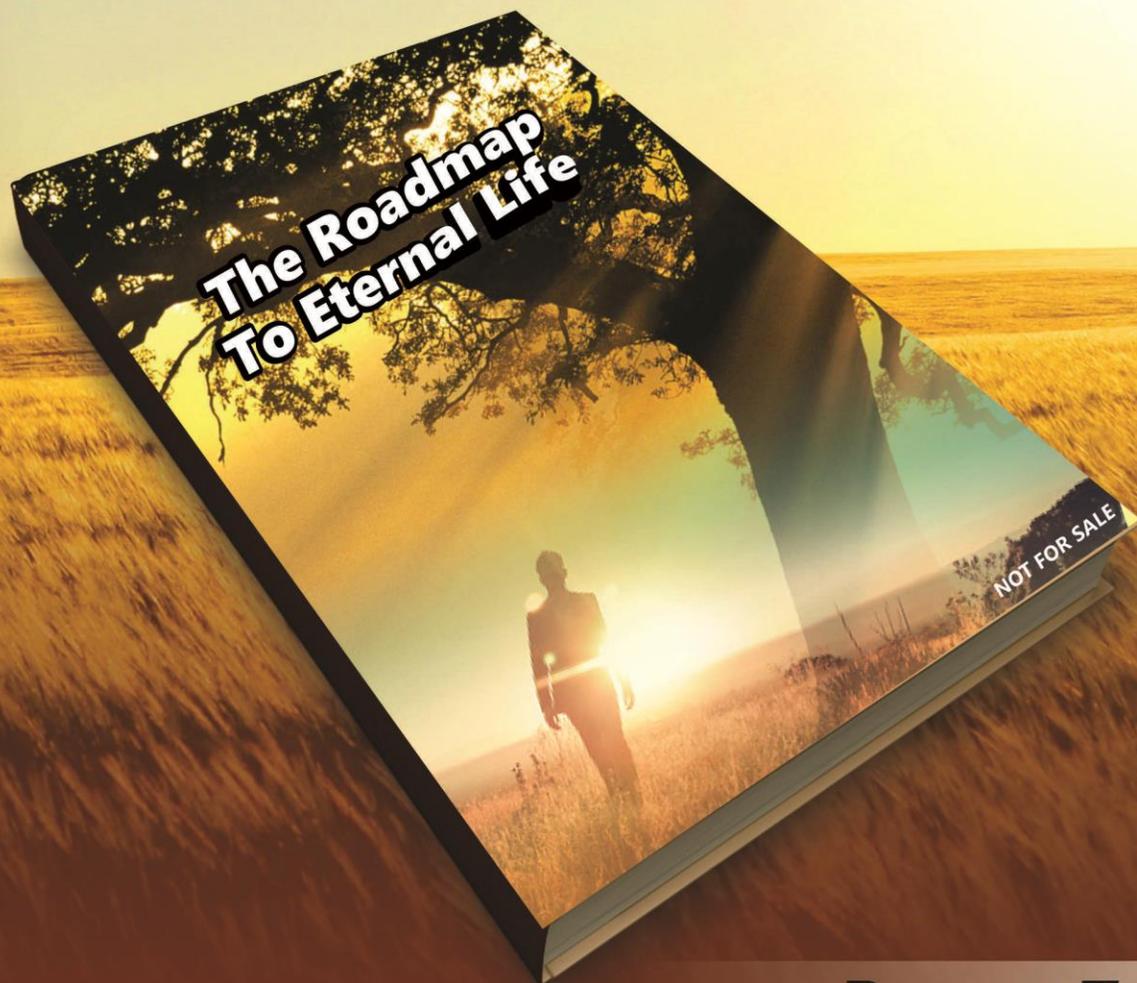


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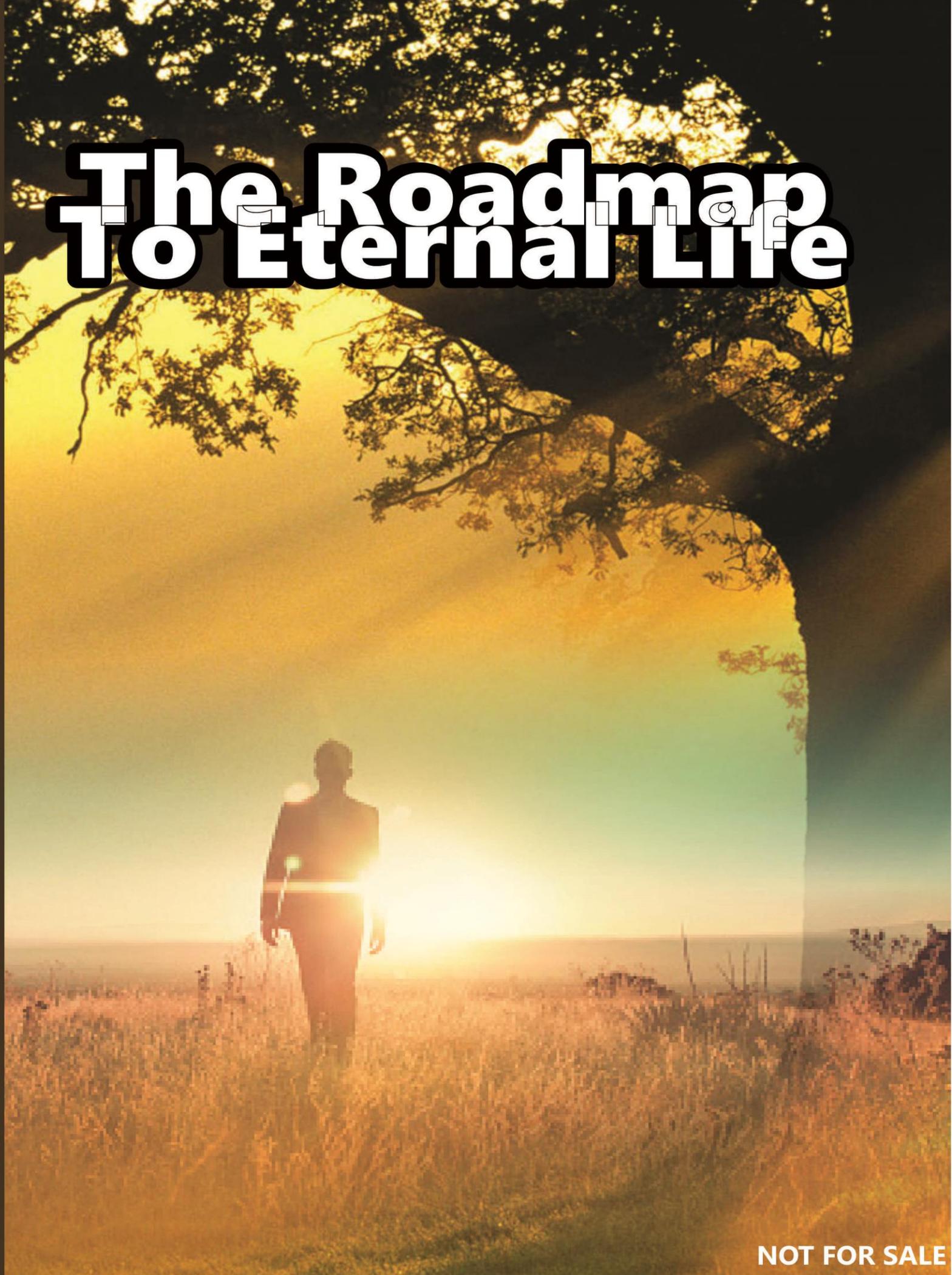
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## **PART 1**

### **Limited Life**

It is very unfortunate that a lot of people are often deceived by too much humanistic and myopic theories. In our schools, families, business world, society and organizations, we only emphasize things that are confined to this mundane life, which of course is transient and time bound. But life in reality is not limited, it is infinite. Our souls will still live even when our present bodies are gone.

A lot of people live in affluence - live in mansions, drive the best of cars, send their kids to the best schools in the world, etc. There is nothing wrong about these. But we commit serious error when we feel life is all about these human achievements. This is a demonstration of shortsightedness.

Seemingly, great achievements are baseless if God is jettisoned. Greatness that is not founded in God is but a shadow! Without foundation, when the wind blows, it sweeps it off as the bible says. But real greatness is supposed to outlive us. Whatever we do today without having a thought of eternity is but a waste.

According to scriptures, "What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mk. 8:36). Another scripture says: "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Mat 6:20)

### **This Life is Transient**

I need someone to help me check the age of the oldest man alive today. I think Guinness book of records can help with that. I also need someone to please give me the record of deaths that have occurred in your country within the last one year. You will be amazed to know how huge the numbers are. For the United States of America, statistics show that on the average, **6775** (six thousand seven hundred and seventy five) people die in that country every day.

I once ministered the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to a 70 year old man who sat by his veranda drinking a glass of beer. I talked to him to see reasons why he should surrender to Christ and live for him with the little time left for him on earth. At a point he interjected and said to me, " I'm old and I feel very sad about it

because I'm no longer strong and active as I used to be, Life is not what I thought it is, I thought I was going to live for a longer time but I'm already getting weak. Please pastor what is this life really all about in the first place, he asked"

I first pondered in awe for seconds as to how a 70 year old man just asked a question he should have asked himself since 50 years ago or more, but thanks be unto God he even sort answers eventually. It's better now than never.

Anybody living on the earth today especially in Africa, Europe and the America, who still claims that he has not heard of Jesus the Christ from any source for the first time should call on me. I have a gift for him or her.

Almost every man knows the limitations of this present body we carry. How fragile it is! Hence, I still wonder why men live on the Earth as if they brought themselves here. How come we tend to forget that with each birthday celebrations we have, it leads us closer to our departure from the earth?

I was tempted to ask God a question one day. I and some of my friends went for a picnic and had much fun. Life was so sweet that day that I felt life should remain that way for ever. So, I asked, "God, why don't you allow us live for hundreds of years just as

people of Old Testament did? Am sure life in the flesh will make more sense and there will be more time to enjoy the little money we have gathered with so much labor and hard work. It bothered me a bit, but eventually, I understood that Man will still live much longer when this flesh is gone with more affluence than the one gotten on the earth today.

## **PART 2**

### **YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN!!!**

“There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him,

Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God:

for no man can do these miracles that thou *doest*, except God be with him.

Jesus answered and said unto him,

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God”.

Nicodemus *saith* unto him, “How can a man be born when he is old?

Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?”

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, “Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit,

he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh;

and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again”’. (John 3:1-7)

In some organizations and offices, there are some inscriptions on their door post, telling everyone their conditions for entrance into the office. Some demand that you must be a registered member of the organization before you can enter. Some demand a pass card for access into the premises; while some stipulate a particular dress code as a sine qua non for entrance into the office, etc.

John 3 can be likened to the sign post discussed above. It is the Lord's Sign on Heaven's Door telling every person His qualifications for entrance. According to this scripture, there is just one condition, not two but one. It is not complicated. The Lord has made it simple enough that even a little child can understand it and meet its single condition - YOU MUST BE **BORN AGAIN!!!**

You can imagine the incredulous look on the face of Nicodemus. He couldn't believe such a thing. All his life, he had been taught that good works alone were the key to heaven - that if a person observed all the laws and requirements of God, he would have entrance into heaven. But he got a different message from Jesus,

Jesus made it clear: "Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God". In other words, being **born again** is a

compulsory condition to experience God. Being **born again** is very necessary to live an eternal and unlimited life (John 3:16).

My dear brother and sister, heaven and hell are hanging in the balance. Your decision now determines what happens to you after this life. If you elect to go to heaven, then you must be **born again**.

### **Why Must I be Born Again?**

One major question is, why is it so necessary to be **born again**? Why are some other remedies not sufficient; like turning over a new leaf or moral improvement or self-discipline? Why this radical, spiritual thing called **born again** or new birth?

## **We were dead**

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and  
sins;

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this  
world,

according to the prince of the power of the air,

the spirit that now *worketh* in the children of disobedience:

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in  
the lusts of our flesh,

fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind;

and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he  
loved us,

Even when we were dead in sins,

hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;  
(Ephesians 2:1-5)

From the scripture above, Paul described us as dead and went  
further to say we walked according to the course of this world.

Wow!

I hope we all understand the meaning of death? Why did we die?

When Adam and eve disobeyed God and obeyed the serpent, sin  
and condemnation entered into the world.

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world,  
and death by sin;  
and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” (Rom  
5:12)

So, it doesn't matter if you own a charity organization or a motherless baby home, or if you are a UN representative, a peace keeper in your country or the most lovable person on earth, the bible records you as dead!

### **We are Now Alive**

Thanks to God for Ephesians 2: 5

Even when we were dead in sins,  
hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;  
(Ephesians 2:1-5)

This is the change that transpires once we accept what Jesus did for us on the cross of Calvary and we confess his lordship with our mouth. We are raised from the dead and we are made alive!

This is remarkable! It is exciting to know that we were once dead, but Christ Jesus made us alive through his death, burial and resurrection from the dead. All he wants from us is just to believe and accept it! That's all. Wow! What good news, that we who were once dead are now alive.

So when Jesus is saying that we must be born of the Spirit (John 3:5), he is simply inviting us to come out of our graves and receive life – Abundant life. Jesus made it clear, “It is the Spirit who gives life” (John 6:63).

The work of regeneration, the work of new birth, the work of being made alive, flows from the richness of God's mercy and the greatness of his love.

“But God, being rich in mercy,  
because of the great love with which he loved us,  
even when we were dead in our trespasses,  
made us alive together with Christ.” (Eph 2: 4-5)

### **New Covenant Love**

This is new covenant, love. This is the kind of love God has for his bride. He finds her dead (Ezekiel 16:4-8), and he gives his Son to

die for her, and then he makes her alive. And he keeps her forever.  
"I give them eternal life," Jesus said, "and they will never perish,  
and no one will snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:28).

## **PART 3**

### **HOW TO BE BORN AGAIN**

God is offering the free Gift of Life to all of us every single day. It is the great gift of Salvation and Eternal Life that is offered to us with no strings attached. God knows that through our own works, we would never be able to earn the right to heaven and to atone for our sins. He sacrificed His own Son Jesus Christ. Jesus shed His precious blood for all our sins - past, present and future - and through His death, He opened up a gateway for us so we would no longer be bound by the chains of death, but could rather follow His path to heaven.

To be born again, you have to do according to the teachings of the bible. See what Apostle Paul teaches.

“...if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the lord Jesus,  
and shalt believe in *thine* heart that God hath raised him from the  
dead,  
thou shall be saved. 10 for with the heart man believeth unto  
righteousness;  
and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Rom  
10:9-10)

Jesus paid the full price for Adams sins over 2000 years ago on the cross of Calvary when he spoilt principalities and powers in hell to bring us back to God. All he expects from you is to **believe it** and **confess** it out loud. Once you mean it with your heart and confess it openly, then salvation is yours!

Isn't it so simple to do? But the devil is working so hard hardening men's heart not to accept the good news.

Today is another day, tomorrow may never come, make good use of the day because the night comes when you will look for tears but won't find it.

If you are ready to be saved, repeat this words below loud and mean them with all your heart.

## WORDS FOR SALVATION

Lord Jesus, I come to you

I believe you came to the world and died for my sins

I believe you took away all my iniquities and washed me as white as snow

I believe that you are the lord of my life

By faith, I receive the remission of sins

By faith, I receive eternal life into my spirit.

I am born again, I am a new creature

Lord Jesus, Help me live the life that will please you all the days of my life. Amen

Congratulations and welcome to the family of God. No matter what you've done in your life, you've received a full pardon in God's eyes. That's how easy it is for you to be born again. But it was not free - it cost God the life of His beloved Son in your place. Just thank Him for such love to you.

## **FURTHERMORE**

God is now your father! Talk with him every day. Make out time to get alone and talk with him. Bring your needs to him. He will surely answer you. Also join a group of fellow Christians. It will greatly help you become a better Christian, and lastly, share your testimony on how you received Jesus into your life with people, and help them meet Christ as you did.

God bless you!

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