

What do we do with aliens? We destroy them. That is why Jesus died. He had to die, but He died in our place, and when He died everything that made us alien to God was destroyed.

But Jesus rose from the dead. Resurrection has been done in the movies, in the graphics, but Jesus did it "for real" He did it in human flesh, and when He rose again He had gained the power (authority) over everything that makes us God's aliens and enemies. That is a true victory, not in the movies or the computer screen, but in real life.

What do we need to do? Just receive what Jesus did. We cannot solve our problems ourselves, we need to receive what Jesus did for us. If we do, then we find that the things that made us aliens are taken away. We no longer blame God, but thank Him for what He has done for us. We are no longer His enemies but His friends. Jesus changes us; we are born again; we belong to God. God is our Father.

Because God is our Father, our birth-right is to belong to Him, and live in His kingdom and know His blessings. Our whole way of thinking and behaving will change. We have been reconciled to God.

We are no longer aliens!



Pray the prayer below

Dear Lord Jesus

Thank you for helping me when I could not help myself. I confess to you that I have sinned and done things against the will of God. Please forgive me and cleanse me from all my sin.

Please come into my heart and change me so that I can truly serve you for the rest of my life.

I realise that without you I have no hope in this world but that with you I have eternal life

Lord Jesus thank you. I now belong to you and I rejoice in you as my Saviour and can now truly call you Lord. Amen

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With so many sci-fi books, films and computer games, we have all got used to the "aliens". The general idea is of something that looks awful and is very hostile. They are called aliens because they are different; different in appearance, but also in the way they think and behave. These aliens are usually the enemy and have to be destroyed. Fortunes have been made through films with brilliant and exciting battle scenes, as the "aliens" are finally subdued. Destroying the enemy is all the fun of the computer game.

People who visit foreign countries are considered to be aliens. That is why passports are required for travellers to foreign lands, as their nationality is different and so, probably, their culture. They may be allowed to stay, but would still be aliens unless they took on the nationality of that country.

The Bible uses the word alien to describe those who are separate from God, because of the way they think and behave. It describes them as being aliens and enemies.

It seems odd to put it that way but, if we are honest, the way people think and behave is very different from the way the Bible tells us

God thinks and acts. Such behaviour could be considered foreign to God and the describing of us as "aliens" is just about right. It is sad, but almost always, the instinctive reaction when something goes wrong is to blame God, or even Jesus Christ. Such exclamations can be heard in TV interviews or seen in programmes and so on. Even young children do it, having learned it by listening to their parents.

Yes,, we really are alienated from God if we blame Him, or His Son Jesus Christ, for the things which go wrong, when really God is the last person responsible.

So very few people read the Bible now. In quiz programmes it is usually the "Bible question" that young, and often older, people cannot answer. It is as if the Bible has become a foreign language to us; we have become alienated from its teachings and principles, and the God it tells us about. When what we do is against what God wants us to do, and when we even blame Him for our problems and mistakes, then we really have become hostile to God, and become His enemies.

The one person who was not an alien to God was Jesus Christ. So that He would not be alien to us, He became a human being. Jesus was, of course, alien to our behaviour and thinking, in the way He lived.

So many of the huge problems in the world,

are because humans have moved so far away from God and His ways, so to get things right again we really need to stop being God's enemies. We need to stop being aliens, to become reconciled, back as friends with God again.

In computer games, aliens have to be destroyed, they are the enemy. They cannot be allowed to win; they must not take over.

The problem is that the "aliens" have taken over. Human beings have left God behind and taken control, and look at the consequences in the world

That is where Jesus comes in. As He was not an alien to God and not alien to human beings, He could represent us with God, and that is exactly what He did. He became the alien. He took on Him all our wrongness, all what the Bible calls sin. He took upon Himself everything that made us aliens to God.

