

The feeling of 'belonging' ...

We all want to feel loved and cared for. Loneliness is one of the saddest emotions we can experience. To not care, just shows what kind of a human being a person *really* is. We should all care for one another, yet so many people seem not to, why is that? Do you love those around you? If not, why not? How do you show that you love and care for others?

Recently I came into contact with a couple of people who said similar things; they feel as if they don't 'belong' anywhere. Can you relate to this?

They are lonely, isolated, feel 'forgotten about', and they just don't fit in. They said that no one loves or cares for them anymore. It was so sad to hear.

You can work with people (in an office or factory etc.), go out with people (for entertainment, shopping, or to 'socialise' with etc.), play sport with people, be surrounded by people, yet still feel lonely, or as they say, 'alone in a crowd'.

It's a sad and depressing feeling, when you feel rejected. Remember those you went to school with, there was always someone who just didn't fit in sadly. Maybe you were that person, and if not, now perhaps you can appreciate how they must have felt at the time, alone and rejected.

To go through life without any real and true friends is so sad, yet many do. Like all friendships, it has to be 'two way', you just can't expect the other person to put in all the effort. If you don't try yourself, what do you expect? Too many people get caught up with pride, expecting the other person to make the first move, put in all the effort, yet this will never work, and the friendship is bound to fail. You must try yourself. The problem could lie with you...!

Having that feeling of not *belonging* anywhere is heartbreaking. You have no family, no friends, and nowhere that feels, or can be called, home. Everyone should feel wanted, loved, and cared for, yet it's a very lonely and cold world we live in today, why is that? What has gone wrong with society?

For some, their families have turned their back on them, for whatever reason, and the feeling of rejection and brokenness is something they will carry with them throughout their lives, many of which, never seem to get over or recover from. They are constantly thinking of what happened, and what could have been.

There are broken people everywhere you turn, maybe you are one of them...?

What a sad world it is for so many. *If only things were different.*

Jesus knows all about these feelings of rejection, isolation, loneliness, being despised and hated, as He was a 'man of sorrows' etc. We read in the Bible...

...when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He (Jesus) is despised and rejected of men (do you despise Him? If so why...?); a man of sorrows (He understands what you are going through right now), and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Isaiah 53v2+3.

He didn't even have a fixed home when He was on earth... Jesus saith... The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. Matthew 8v20. He knows all about loneliness, isolation, and having nowhere to call home.

His family didn't understand Him, and some even mocked and hated Him... do you have members in your family that are like this, if so, you're in good company as Jesus experienced this personally...

After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him (imagine knowing and feeling that people want to 'kill' you). Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand. His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the

works that thou doest. For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world. For neither did his brethren believe in him. Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready. The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. John 7v1-7.

Then, after all of that hatred and rejection towards Him, they crucified Him. If anyone understands what you are going through, it's Jesus.

He loved you so much that He took your sins and died in your place, conquering sin and death by rising from the dead. Jesus is in Heaven ready to return and gather all those that love Him, and take them home to be with Him for eternity, where there will be no more loneliness, isolation, rejection, sin, pain, sickness, fear, or death.

Whatever you are going through in life, no matter how hard you are finding it, talk to the Lord Jesus Christ. Pour out your heart to Him, as He alone understands your situation fully, like no one else does. Ask Him to forgive you of all your sins and save you from Hell. Ask Him to guide you through the rest of your life, helping you daily in every decision you make from now on.

Without a relationship with the Lord Jesus, life is futile. You're just existing and you haven't found out what the meaning or purpose of life is yet. It's only when you know the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, that you can fully understand what life is all about. Too many people miss this sadly, and find out too late.

So, if you are going through a really tough time right now, talk to the Lord Jesus, and ask Him to help you make the right decisions and help you through the difficult time you are experiencing.

Get yourself a King James Bible and start reading from the book of **John**. Ask the Lord to reveal Himself to you through His word. Put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ and seek Him with all your heart, as He is the only one who truly understands your situation. He created you, and loves you so much.

I've gone through some very tough times in my own life, yet through them all, the Lord has carried me. I don't know where I'd be without the Lord Jesus Christ helping and guiding me through this life. I can't encourage you enough to make your peace with God, and start living for Him, right now where you are in life. Cry out to God in prayer, asking Him to forgive you of all your sins, and help you from this moment on. If you really mean what you say from your heart, you will find that your life will radically change for the better.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Colossians 1v14.

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. Proverbs 3v5-7.

I don't know where you are in life, neither whether you are happy and content, but without the Lord Jesus, you are only 'existing', as the Lord brings meaning, purpose, and fulfillment to all those who call upon Him, and live for Him.

Now is the time; today is the day to cry out to God, seeking His will for your life. Don't leave it a moment longer, as time is running out for all of us.

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We hope to hear that you have become a Christian very soon.

