

A Lesson From Flags

Truth: *Jesus Christ loves boys and girls and wants to save them*

Flags can often be used for **signals** and years ago they were sometimes used to **pass messages** from **one person to another**. That was before there were **telephones or radios**. For example the Captains of ships often used them to give information or commands to the Captains of other ships. In the earlier days people at sea could even know when a **Pirate ship** was coming nearer because they could see the **Pirate Flag** on the ship.



Today I have 5 flags and each of them has a message that I want to share with you:

1. CHRIST SEES US:

The **BLACK** or **dark flag** is a picture of how the **Lord Jesus sees us** if we are **not saved**. He knows everything about us. He knows all about our sin. What is sin? All the things we say, do and think that is not pleasing to Him. We sin because we are born with sin inside us that separates us from Him.



He sees us when we sleep and when we wake, in school and at play and He knows all the things we do.

A boy called Brain once wanted to buy a knife in the shop that he liked very much. He saved money and at last he had enough money to buy the knife. He and his friend Doug jumped on their bikes and went to the shop so he can at last buy the knife. But when they came to the shop and saw the knife they were shocked to see

that the price went up and he does not have enough money to buy it. Brain was so disappointed when he saw that and told his friend Doug that he wanted the knife so badly so he could take it with on the camp the following weekend. Doug moved closer to Brain and whispered in his ear that the shop is almost empty and no one is looking their way so he must just drop the knife in his pocket without paying for it. Brain listened to his friend and slowly slipped the knife into



his pocket and left the shop. The 2 boys jumped on their bikes and rode off and thought nobody saw them taking the knife – but there is One Person that saw them and that was God.

We read in **Psalm 139: 1-4** *“O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I’m far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord.” NLT*

2. CHRIST SEEKS US:

The **RED flag** is a picture of the **love** which brought the Lord Jesus from Heaven to seek or look for those who were lost. The Bible speaks about this in **Luke 19:10** *“For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”NLT*



Jesus took the punishment for our sin on the **Cross** when He poured out His **precious blood** for us. Jesus is the **Shepherd** and He is **looking for the lost sheep** and **He is looking for you**. **Matthew 18:12,13** *“If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he will rejoice over it more than over the ninety-nine that didn’t wander away!” NLT*

Jesus says to you today: *“I died to save you, will you trust Me?”*

A little girl in the north of Scotland was some distance from home when a snowstorm suddenly came on. Her father got anxious about her and started out with his dog to look for her. Suddenly the dog began sniffing and scratching at the snow, and there lay the little girl fast asleep. Her father loved her and looked for her until he found her. And in the same way the Lord Jesus is looking for boys and girls that are lost so that He can save them from their sin.

3. CHRIST SAVES US:

This **white flag** is a **picture of salvation**. We cannot save ourselves but Jesus Christ died for our sin. He will save you just now and forgive all your sin if you ask Him and then God will see you **pure and clean like this flag. Acts 13:38,39**



“Brothers, listen! We are here to proclaim that through this man Jesus there is forgiveness for your sins. Everyone who believes in him is declared right with God....” NLT

There was once a little boy called Madugu and he stayed in the country of Liberia. He went to a Mission Station and he heard the Gospel through a little book that he called the “Talking Book”. He accepted Jesus as his Saviour and was saved from his sin. He was so excited and when he got home he used the same “little talking book” to share the Gospel with his 3 brothers and great was his joy when they also accepted

Jesus as their Saviour from sin. “What about you.....have you asked Jesus to save you from your sin? You can do that today!”

4. CHRIST SANCTIFIES US:

This big word means that after we have trusted Christ He wants us to **grow** and become more and more like Him. 1 Peter 2:2 *“As newborn babies want milk, you should want the pure and simple teaching. By it you can mature in your salvation.” ICB (International children’s bible)*



That is why this **flag is green**. Think of the trees, the grass, and the flowers. They are all **growing**. **Green** is the colour of **growth**. Jesus wants you to talk to Him through prayer. He also wants to talk to you when you read the Bible and obey what it says. He wants you to tell others about Him and be His witness and then to go to church or Sunday School to meet with other believers and to worship Him. *As we do these things we will **grow** and become more and more like Jesus every day.*

5. CHRIST SECURES US:

That's another big word. It means that ***we are safe forever***. This **gold or yellow flag** reminds us of God. **He is holy** and **perfect** and He lives in **Heaven** and because we have **trusted Jesus Christ** and are saved of our sin we are going to be **with God in heaven one day**. *We are completely safe and secure*. We cannot lose our salvation. **John 10:28** *"I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand"* ESV



The God Who saved us will keep us safe and secure and we can be sure that He will take us to Heaven to be with Him. *If you have asked Him to save you, thank Him that your sins are forgiven and that you have eternal life.*

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