

The Big Questions



Life is full of questions. We ask ourselves about our health, finances, jobs, family and future. Some of these questions are obviously more important than others. But the most important questions we can ever ask have to do with God and our relationship to him.

Does He Exist?

What is He Like?

Does He Talk to Us?

What must I do to know Him?

The Bible answers these questions for us. Let us look through its pages together to seek answers to these questions and a few others.

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DOES GOD EXIST?

This is a basic question that we all must have answered. If God doesn't exist then searching for him would be pointless. Tough we can't possibly mathematically prove His existence, the evidence is remarkably convincing.



Look at the existence of the world. To call it an accident opens the door for many questions but answers none. The same is true for the "Big Bang" Theory and "Evolution." How can something become out of nothing without a creator? Look also at man. As humans we have personalities and make moral choices. This is what makes us different than dogs. Where did these qualities come from? The answer has to be God!

In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth.

Genesis 1:1

And God created man in his own image , in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27

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What is God Like?

God is Personal — God is not a power, thing, or influence. Rather he is personal. He thinks, feels and acts in ways that reveal him to be an extremely personal God who intervenes in the workings of this world.

I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
Isaiah 43:3

God is One — There is only one true God. The Bible is quite clear on this point. However, God has chosen to reveal himself in three Persons: Father, Son, Holy Ghost. All three persons are equal in power and glory. All three make one true God.

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One.
Deuteronomy 6:4

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
2 Corinthians 13:14

God is Eternal — God has no beginning or end. He is from everlasting to everlasting. There was never a time when God didn't exist, and there will never be a time when he doesn't exist.

I am the Alpha and Omega, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 1:8

God is Holy and Perfect — There is none as holy as God. He is pure and without blemish. He is perfect and beyond our understanding. There is no limit to his perfection. He knows our past, present, and future.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.
Isaiah 6:3



If I am Created in God's Image, then what happened?

We can quite simply answer this question with the word sin. Adam and Eve, the first humans, were created in God's image and were given tremendous freedom in the Garden of Eden. God warned them, however, that they were not to eat of the tree of knowledge of Good and Evil. That was his command to them.

What did they do? Eat. Eve was tempted by the devil, and she ate of the fruit and broke God's law. She then gave it to her husband. At that moment "sin entered the world." Man willingly disobeyed God and cut himself off from God. Instead of loving God, they now were terrified of him.

They were punished for their sin, disobedience. That punishment was death. Death means separation from God. At that terrible moment man died spiritually and became separated from God. Man also began to die physically. As if that wasn't bad enough, it got worse. Adam and Eve then passed this sinfulness on to their children. All those who descended from Adam and Eve, everybody, inherited, and continues to, inherit this sinful nature and character. That means you and I are both sinful because we descend from Adam and Eve, the first humans. As a result, we are separated from God and we are a mess — totally defiled and defiant!

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned. Romans 5:12

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience. Ephesians 2:1-2

For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
Romans 3:23

Is there a Solution to this Problem of Sin?

Yes! God came to earth to live, in the Lord Jesus Christ, as we do in order to pay the price for our sinfulness. He is the only provision for our sinfulness, which he accomplishes through the death of Christ on the cross. He was crucified for our sins and paid the debt of our disobedience. God came to us to bridge the gap between himself and his fallen creation, you and me. He wanted to restore our relationship.

He died in our place — "God demonstrates his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

He Rose From the Dead — "Christ died for our sins...He was buried...He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred." 1 Corinthians 15:3-6

How Do We Know This is True?

The Bible tells us so! The Lord has chosen to reveal himself to us through his Word. He refers to Himself as the Word of God, and he gives us his written word, the Bible, to tell us about Himself. He has inspired the Scriptures so that we may know about his love for us and his plan for

salvation. The Bible is God's self-revealed truth. We know these things are true because God has told us so in his Word, the Bible.

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. John 1:1

All Scripture is breathed out by God and useful for teaching, reproof, correcting, and training up for righteousness... 2 Timothy 3:16

What Must I Do to Know Him?

Nothing really, except believe! All God demands from us is that we trust him in faith. His forgiveness is given to us freely in Christ. The call for us is to believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that he died on the cross for your sins. Our call is to:

Admit — We must admit first of all that Jesus Christ is the Lord and King of the Universe. Then we must admit that we are indeed sinful and separated from God without hope outside his grace. The free gift of God is eternal life.

Believe — We must believe that the God showed his love for us by the Lord Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. He died for our sins. He is the only way for salvation. There is no other way. We have to believe on Christ.

Confess — Finally, we must confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. If we confess with our mouths and believe in our hearts that Christ died and was raised from the dead, then we shall be saved.

In confessing our sinfulness, believing in Christ, accepting his salvation, and professing that he is Lord, we will have salvation and spend eternity with the one true God. He alone is Lord.

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