



**ABOUT GOD, THE BIBLE AND OTHER INTERESTING
THINGS - FOR TEENS**

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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It has been revised and reformatted to suit a different target audience – **teenagers**.

This basically means that it had to be slightly modified to make it "**teen readable**"!

In **teen language** this opening page would read something like this:

We took Dr Bruce's book, chucked out things that we knew you wouldn't understand, put a whole lot of our own stuff in and ***changed its name to "What you need to know"***. Voila!!

So here we go.....

Please read the following pages carefully and pray about your understanding of what it says. If you don't get what it is saying – read it again, pray some more then phone someone who can help you

The Bible says we must be ready to give an answer (*1 Peter 3:15*¹) to every genuine question we are asked. (*Colossians 4:6*²). There are very important questions that need answers. Life is full of questions, some are useless and some extremely important. The greatest and ultimate questions that need answers are questions about God and our relationship with Him,

There is no doubt that life can be extremely complex. We have health issues to deal with, friends pressures to cope with, school stresses and we have to think about our future. But even these issues of life are only temporary and eventually pointless unless we have a living relationship with God. After all, our relationship with God is eternal and it will last forever. In the following pages you will discover why it is important to establish a healthy relationship with the God of the bible.

¹ *1 Peter 3:15* "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

² *Colossians 4:6* "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you know how you ought to answer each one."

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1

IS THERE A GOD?

The most basic and important question asked throughout history has got to do with other intelligent life in the universe. "Is there a God? Some people look for physical evidence to prove God's existence. The really difficult thing is not to try and prove that God exists, but rather to try and prove that He doesn't! Anyone who comes to God must believe that God exists. After all it is pointless to search for God if you do not believe He exists. Anyone who seeks God must first believe the He does exist. *Hebrews 11:6*³

Our planet is unique. The greatest minds in humanity admit that there is no evidence of life on any other planet equal to that of earth. How did it all begin? Some people believe that all the different species of animals and plants on our planet are the result of the "Big Bang". In other words, they believe that the universe is a result of some accident. These conclusions and theories are believed by people that claim to be intelligent. If I told you that one day I walked into my office and a brand new computer landed on my desk by accident, it just happened, you would have every right to think that I need a "shrink".

³ *Hebrews 11:6* "Without faith it is impossible to please God for He that comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

But this is the “logic” of some people who wish to leave God out of their lives. Not even the “Big Bang” can make something from nothing. The belief in evolution, although believed by a lot of people, is as weak as its missing link. How can nothing “evolve” into something?

The only answer that makes sense in explaining God’s existence is that “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” The universe was formed at God’s command so that what we see was not made out of what was visible. Creation had a beginning and it’s “beginner” was God. Design needs a designer and laws need a law giver. Without a law giver there could be no laws, without a designer, there could be no design. God the Creator, is both the Law giver and the Designer. He is the God who made the world and everything in it. The greatest evidence for this argument is man himself. Unlike any other animal man can express his personality through intelligent choices. The human mind has a conscience that knows the difference between right and wrong. Humans can worship something or someone. Where did man get these qualities from? Evolution could not produce these unique characteristics. The clearest answer is: “That the Lord God formed man from the dust of the earth” A Guy who analyses chemicals (an analytical chemist) couldn’t believe the claims of Christianity, he, like many of his co-workers, doubted the existence of God until he discovered that the same 14 elements that make up the crust or dust of the

earth are found in the human body. From dust we have come and to dust we will return. This fact resulted in the chemist kneeling in his laboratory and admitting the eternal truth that God does exist and that the Bible has answers to questions that trouble the human mind. Evolutionists believe that creation came into existence without a Creator. Honest scientists admit that they do not know how life could have evolved from dead matter. Science therefore takes a guess in terms of what could or might have happened. They have no concrete evidence to support their theories, they can only make assumptions. It is a scientific fact that energy cannot be destroyed but energy may be transferred. Scientists agree that that matter has not always existed but that it comes from another force or form of energy. We believe that source of energy was designed by the Creator. God is not an impersonal force. He is personal, intelligent and creative.

2

HOW DID LIFE BEGIN?

The people who lived in the Old Testament times did not know what science knows today and so they wrote that *"life comes from life"* (*Genesis 1:25*). All Modern medicine and scientific treatment and prevention of bacteria transmission is based upon this great truth, called the "Law of biogenesis", that life can only come from pre-existing life. Life cannot come from dead matter. There is not a shred of evidence that science can produce a living cell. We believe life began at a source. Like a river has a source, so we believe that God, the creator, is the source of all living things. He is separate from His creation. God isn't nature but rather nature is the by-product of God's work.

3

WHO MADE GOD?

This question is pointless because we think that God has a beginning. Only things that have a beginning need a Creator. God was not created. God is eternal. "Who made God? The question wrongly assumes that "everything must have a cause" When you claim that "everything that had a beginning must have a cause". It's quite a different story. It's true that everything that had a beginning had a beginner, nothing cannot make something. Because God is eternal He did not need a cause. God is infinite and therefore there is no beginning or ending to Him. Because God had no beginning He is eternal and as the Eternal One all energy has its source in Him. One of the laws of science called the second law of thermodynamics, tells us that the universe is running out of usable energy. If the universe is running down it cannot be eternal. While you can never run out of an unlimited amount of energy it does not take forever to run out of a limited amount of energy. Hence the universe must have had a beginning.

To illustrate: A motor car has a limited amount of energy (petrol). That is why we have to refuel the tank from time to time. If we had an unlimited tank of petrol, would never have to stop for petrol

again. The fact that we have to refill the tank means that it was empty and had to be filled up to begin with.

Whatever had a beginning has a beginner. Therefore, the universe that is winding down must have had a beginner(God). Science is on in the process of discovering what God has already put into motion ages and ages ago. Mankind can only guess without any real evidence. The second law of thermodynamics tell us that since the universe is becoming more and more chaotic, it cannot be eternal; otherwise it would be totally disordered by now. This is in itself is evidence that the universe had a beginning. That beginning must have been highly ordered. We believe God set the universe in motion and brought it into existence. The difference between God, the Creator, and all things created, is that creation is temporal, God is eternal. An eternal God was always there. Once again I stress you cannot get something from nothing. Something always had to come from something – we've got something now, so there always must have been something! What exists today came from something. We believe that something is a Someone – God.

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HOW DOES GOD SPEAK?

Left to ourselves we would know nothing about God's plan. Within our mind we know there is a Divine Source. This truth is in every human being. So if we believe there is a personal God, how does He communicate with us? If God is intelligent He would want to communicate who He is to mankind, the ones He made in His image and likeness. One of the ways in which He speaks to man is through creation. *The Heavens declare the glory of God and the sky proclaims the work of His hand (Psalm 19:1)*. The size of the universe and its incredible balance, variety and beauty show a great deal about the God who made it. In creation God shows His power and awesome intelligence. *Since the creation of the world Gods invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made so that men are without excuse. (Romans 1:20)*

Words are important to effective communication. God has spoken to mankind through words. Nearly 4000 times in the Old Testament you will find the phrases: "The Lord spoke" or "The Lord said". This is why we claim that Scripture never had its origin in the words of man but men spoke from God as they were inspired by God's Spirit (2 Timothy 3:16⁴). In no other writings, known to man, will you find hundreds of clear and detailed prophecies made by men claiming

to speak from God and later fulfilled to the letter. The odds against this happening by chance are too big to be taken seriously. The Bible is God's Word about Himself to mankind. You either believe it or you reject it. God has spoken to mankind through His son Jesus Christ and man rejected Him. The word of God consisting of the Old Testament and the New Testament reveal the truth about God. God is able to use any means to speak to us. Some people attach great importance to visions or dreams but these are subjective ⁵. Indeed, God is able to speak to us through dreams but this would be an exception and not a norm. God has spoken to mankind through human conscience, creation, circumstances, and Christ Jesus, people, and the Bible. **Romans 10:17**⁶. So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The Bible is God's written word.

⁴ 2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

⁵based upon opinions or feelings, personal experience, not on reason or observation.

⁶ Romans 10:17 "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

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WHAT IS GOD ACTUALLY LIKE?

The Bible gives us many clear and positive answers to this important question.

Here are some:

God is personal:

God is not a thing, power or influence. He is intelligent and personal. He thinks, feels, and acts in ways that show that He is a personal being. We should never refer to God as merely the "man upstairs" or "the boss". He is the Lord and God of the universe.

God is one:

There is only one True God. He says "*I am the first and the last, and apart from me there is no God*". Yet God has revealed Himself as a Trinity of three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

God is Eternal:

Like we said before, God has no beginning. He remains eternal; He is the Lord who does not change. All that God ever was He still is and will always be.

God Is Independent:

Every living being is dependent on people or things and ultimately dependable on God. But God is totally independent of His creation. He does not need our solar system to survive. He can survive on His own.

God is pure and Holy:

The word holiness means separation. God is separated from all things. Nothing can contaminate God. The Bible says of God *“that His eyes are too pure to look on evil. He cannot tolerate sin.”*

God is just:

The Bible teaches us that the Lord our God is just. His justice and righteousness are the foundation of His throne. He is not only the Creator, but He is the Eternal Judge. He rewards and punishes in time and eternity with a justice that is perfect and beyond dispute.

God is all powerful, all knowing and He is all over.

6

WHO AM I?

Who are we? Where do we come from? Why do we exist? Why are we here? Does life have any meaningful purpose? The first thing to work out in our minds is that we are not just here to exist. We are an accidental collection of atoms which all happen to fit together in a convenient package we call a human being. God created man in His own image; He created mankind male and female. Man is more than a developed or evolved animal or ape. He is different from all creation. God has given to every human being a unique and honoured place in the universe.

When God created Adam and Eve they were appointed to rule over other life forms on the planet. Man was God's personal representative on earth with amazing authority over all creatures. Man was given the special position of honour because he was made in God's image. This image and likeness that we carry in our human makeup gives us the ability to love, to care, to plan, to imagine and to serve others. It simply means that we were created as spiritual, rational, moral and immortal beings. We are designed to reflect God's character.

The Bible teaches us that when sin entered the human race it spoiled that image. We lost a link with God through sin. Every individual has a physical body to live in a material world. We also have a human spirit placed within us so that we will one day live in a spiritual world. But we are mainly personal. This is what the Bible calls "the soul". You and I live within our physical body and express ourselves through our bodies in the world in which we live.

7

WHY IS LIFE SO CONFUSING?

The answer to this question is a straight forward one. Sin has brought chaos and confusion on humanity. It entered the world through one man and death, which is separation from God, was passed on from one generation to the next. Our first parents were given freedom but also a serious warning. They could eat of the tree of life and live forever, or they could choose to eat of the tree of knowledge and die. Mankind chose death instead of life. The word death means separation. Spiritually we are separated from God. Our spirit is dead to the things of God. The problem with mankind is that we are empty. We are searching to find satisfaction and meaning. Stubbornly we continue to do the things we have done before despite the fact that the way we have done things in the past has not helped. We continue repeating the same mistakes. We are driven by a need to find meaning and purpose.

The only solution to this emptiness is to have the vacuum of our human spirit filled with the Spirit of God. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. As part of humanity we also have the sinful nature that has befallen mankind. This is the basic reason why life is so confusing and meaningless.

8 WHAT IS SIN?

When we visit the doctor and he gives us a diagnosis⁷, we nervously ask if it is serious or not. What is more important is that we know God's diagnosis in terms of our spiritual disease. Sin is disease of the soul. This simply means that mankind suffers from a poisoned nature. The genetic strain of disease is passed on from one generation to the next. But what is sin? Sin is rebellion. It is rejecting God's will. Sin is missing the mark. It is disobedience. It shows itself in our self-centered lifestyles and our egos demonstrate the effect of sin.

The Bible pulls no punches: "*For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance, and folly*" (**Mark 7:21**) Notice that the list includes thoughts words and actions. This shows that in God's sight all sin is equally serious. Some people limit their idea of sin to things like murder, adultery, and robbery, but the Bible makes it clear the we have no right to think of sin in this way. Sin is anything that fails to meet God's perfect standards.

⁷The result of identifying the nature and cause of something.

Anything we say, think or do is less than perfect is sin.

Now face up to this question: Who can say, *"I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin?"* (**Proverbs 20:9**)

Can you? If not, you are defiled. Sin is lawlessness, it's rebellion against God's authority. Sin is a choice and every choice has a consequence.

9

IS THERE LIFE AFTER DEATH?

TV Talk shows have made the viewpoint popular that there is life after death and that everyone will one day go to heaven. Nothing in the Bible supports this idea. While we know that there is life after death, not everyone will make it to heaven. Man is destined to die once and after that he will face judgement. Those who have a right relationship with God will be welcomed into heaven and will spend eternity with God. All others will lose eternal life with God and will experience everlasting destruction, cut off from the presence of the Lord. Heaven is a definite place. We may have difficulty in understanding eternity but this does not mean that eternity doesn't exist. God has made eternal life possible in Christ Jesus. All of those outside of Christ are lost and need to be saved. ***2 Corinthians 5:8*** says "*That to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord*" *To the believer, death is a doorway to life.*"

10

WILL WE RECOGNISE PEOPLE IN HEAVEN?

There is no reason to doubt that God has an eternal plan for every individual. The DNA in our body identifies us as individuals. We are unique. There never has been and there never will be another you. Because of our uniqueness it should not surprise us that we will be recognizable in heaven. It will be a lot different to earth, but family and friends will be recognized.

This is shown in the story told by Jesus in **Luke 16:20-31**.

Lazarus was a poor man and Dives a rich man. Both of them died. One went to hell and the other to paradise. The rich man in hell recognised Lazarus in Heaven (there was a great big gulf that separated hell from paradise before Jesus died for sin and conquered death through His resurrection. Heaven is now in the realms of the heavenlies. Paradise also known as Abraham's bosom was transported to heaven). The rich man could still think and reason, he knew that he had brothers living on the earth, he remembers Lazarus as a beggar who lived in his suburb. He identified Abraham and asked that someone go back from the dead to warn his family of the torture of hell.

This story proves the fact that there is life after death and that we will recognize people who we know from our lives on earth.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-18 says that when the Lord returns from heaven that He will bring those who are with Christ back with Him to receive their physical bodies in the resurrection.

11

HOW CAN A LOVING GOD SEND PEOPLE TO HELL?

This question assumes that God sends people to hell against their will. But this is not the case. God wants everyone to be saved (**2 Peter 3:9⁸**). The Lord isn't slow about keeping His promises, as some people think He is. In fact, God is patient, because he wants everyone to turn from sin and no one to be lost.

CS Lewis said it like this:

"The door of hell is locked on the inside. All who go there choose to do so. There are only two kinds of people in the end. Those who say to God "Thy will be done" and those to whom God says in the end. "Thy will be done."

How can a loving God send people to hell? Love cannot work force things it can only persuade. Forced love is a contradiction in terms. This is why God's love demands that there be a hell where people who choose and wish not to love Him can experience separation from Him. And God says to them: "Thy will be done. It is your choice.

⁸ **2 Peter 3:9** "The Lord isn't slow about keeping His promises, as some people think He is. In fact, God is patient, because He wants everyone to turn from sin and no-one to be lost".

Other facts about hell:

It is not something “invented by the church”. The Bible says more about hell than it does about heaven and leaves no doubt about its reality. It speaks of people *being condemned to hell and thrown in hell*. It is described in the Bible as a *place of torment, a fiery furnace, a place of everlasting burning and unquenchable fire. It is a place of suffering with weeping and gnashing of teeth* and in which there is no rest day or night. These are terrible words but they are true. Those in hell are cut off from all good by God and banished from all help and comfort. Hell is final. All roads to hell are one way streets. There is no exit. The Bible tells us God will judge the world with justice. After all God will give to sinners what they have chosen. They reject God here on earth and He will reject them in eternity. Ungodly living is a choice. He confirms their choice forever. God can't be accused of being unfair.

Because of what's just been said we need to think very carefully about the question once put to a group: "*How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?*" (**Hebrews 2:3**).

12

CAN RELIGION SAVE?

Religion is a man's effort to make himself right with God but any such attempt is useless, because even man's best efforts aren't good enough and so they are unacceptable to God. The Bible makes it clear. "*Our righteousness is like filthy rags in the sight of God (Isaiah 64:6).*" The English word "religion" simply means man trying to tie himself back to God. Religion shows itself in rituals and personal sacrifices. Although good, these things cannot and will not save anyone from eternal punishment. If religion could save mankind from a lost eternity then God would not have sent His Son, Christ Jesus, to die for the sins of all.

Religion cannot remove our sins. Rituals such as baptisms. Confirmation, sacrifice of time, and even church attendance cannot cancel out a single sin. Religion can never change the sinful nature of man. Behaviour is only the symptom of man's fallen nature. The heart of man is the problem and by nature our heart is corrupt and evil. (The "heart" is the mind of man) Who can make that which is impure, pure? No one! Religious activities such as prayer, reading the bible, going to church, etc, are obviously good, but these cannot save us from our sin. Trusting in these activities will add to your sin and to your condemnation. Our trust must be placed in God's provision for salvation, The Lord Jesus Christ.

13

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

The main message contained in the Bible is summed up in **John 3:16** *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life"*. While God hates sin, He loves the sinner. But how can a sinner be forgiven when God's Laws demand punishment? Only God could solve this problem. He did so when He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die on Calvary for the sin of all mankind. The Lord Jesus proved His claim to be the Son of God through His miraculous birth, life, death, and ascension into Heaven.

There is only one mediator between mankind and almighty God., **(1 Timothy 2: 5,6⁹)** God the Son became a man by taking on human flesh. Born of a woman, He understood and fully identified with mankind. He remained completely God and yet He was completely human. Jesus Christ is therefore unique and the Bible confirms this to be true. It is vital that you understand what happened when Jesus died and what His death can mean to you.

⁹ **1 Timothy 2:5** "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus."

14

WHAT HAPPENED ON THE CROSS?

The exceptional life of Jesus on earth, although important, is not the most important reason for His birth. He came into the world to die. He died as a substitute, a sin bearer, a representative on your behalf and my behalf. His death on the cross shows God's love for us. The penalty for our sins was paid in full by the death of God's sinless Son. Jesus, as representing man, cried out on the cross *"My God My God why have you forsaken me?"* At that moment God the Father turned His back on His Beloved Son. Jesus endured the penalty of separation from God so that you and I can be united with God. All sin, every sin, must be punished and when Jesus took the place of sinners, He became as responsible for our sins as if He had done them,

He, who knew no sin, became sin so that we could be free from the power of sin in our lives. Three days after His death, Jesus conquered death, and was declared by God to be Lord of the living. **(Acts 2: 36).**

15

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

If God has shown you your need and you want to be saved, then you must turn to God in repentance of your life and have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. To repent means a complete rejection of your past life. You must admit that you are a sinner. You must admit that you have rebelled against a holy and loving God. There must be a genuine change in your heart. God will not forgive any sin you are not willing to give up. To repent is to go in a new direction. Faith in Christ secures your salvation.

The Bible says *“That if you will confess with your lips the Lord Jesus Christ and believe in our heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved”* (Romans 10:9).

16

HOW CAN I LIVE A CHRISTIAN LIFE?

The answer to this question is that no one, not a living soul, can live the Christian life. Jesus Christ, through the person of the Holy Spirit, living within you, makes it possible for you to live a new life. IN other words, Christ lives His life through you. This is the only way that we can live the Christian life. It simply means handing over the controls or the steering wheel to the Lord and you becoming the passenger. **Phillipians 1:21** says *"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain"*. **Galations 2:20** says : *"I have been crucified with Christ; yet it no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me"*. The Bible says *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus"* (**Phillipians 2:5**). It also says that *"..we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength"* (**Phillipians 4:13**).

So, you can see from these Bible verses that the Christian life cannot be lived based on your self-discipline. It is faith and trust in the power of Christ to change you that works.

However, the Bible speaks of some Christians being "babes in Christ" and others being "carnal" or "worldly in their lifestyles

(1 Corinthians 3:14). This means that many believers who have started to live their Christian lives through the power of God's Spirit in their lives have remained babes and have become worldly.

The writer to the Galatians moans at them for going backward as believers, instead of going forward with Christ. **Galatians 3:3** *"have you begun in the Spirit and now try be made perfect by the flesh?"*

The following information if put into practice will help you to live the exchanged life.

DO NOT LET
ANYONE
LOOK DOWN ON YOU
BECAUSE YOU
ARE **YOUNG**
BUT SET AN
EXAMPLE
FOR BELIEVERS
IN SPEECH, IN LIFE
IN **LOVE,**
AND IN PURITY.
-1 Timothy 4:12

COMMIT
TO
THE **LORD**
WHATSOEVER YOU DO
AND HE Will
Establish
YOUR PLANS
Proverbs 16:3

ECCLESIASTES
REMEMBER
"REMEMBER NOW YOUR
CREATOR IN THE DAYS OF
YOUR YOUTH." (ECC. 12:1)

QUIET TIME:

Christians should control their time and spend special moments with the Lord in Bible reading and prayer. When you read the Bible God speaks to you. When you pray, you speak to God. It is important that you spend quality time reading the Bible every day so that you can find out what pleases the Lord. You need to grow up in your salvation. Spend time with other Christians who share the same faith. Get together regularly.

The Bible encourages us to maintain fellowship with fellow Christians. (**Hebrews 10:25¹⁰**) This means joining a local church or youth group. You need to choose the right church and this is not easy. I want to encourage you to get involved in a Church that teaches the truth of the Bible.

The person who gave you this booklet will be able to advise you. In your local church you find out more about God and how your experience with Him can grow into something more meaningful. You need the church and the church needs you.

¹⁰ **Hebrews 10:25** "...not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much more as you see the Day approaching."

" **Romans 1:16** "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes."

Although the church is not your connection with God, the church, like a fire, will help you to keep you glowing for the Lord. Be aware of opportunities to tell others what the Lord has done for you. Don't be ashamed of the gospel of Christ. It is the power of God to change the lives of People **(Romans 1:16¹¹)** for I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.

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SEVEN STEPS TO KNOWING GOD

Found in the Gospel of John.

1. RECOGNISE THAT GOD LOVES YOU

JOHN 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not peris but have everlasting life

JOHN 17:3 - "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent

JOHN 15:9 - "As the Father loved me, I also have loved you, abide in my love."

2. ADMIT YOU NEED HELP

JOHN 3:19 - "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

JOHN 8:24 - "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

JOHN 3:18 – “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the only begotten Son of God.”

3. BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE ONLY SAVIOUR

JOHN 1:29 – “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world”

JOHN 14:6 – “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me”

JOHN 3: 36 – “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

4. RECEIVE JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOUR

JOHN 1:12 – “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become the children of God, to those who believe in His name.”

JOHN 10:28 – “And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of my hand”

JOHN 5:24 – “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgement, but has passed from death to life”.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE THAT JESUS IS YOUR LORD AND FRIEND

JOHN 15:14 – “You are my friends if you do whatever I command you.”

JOHN 20:28 – “And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

6. RECOGNISE YOU NOW BELONG TO GOD’S FAMILY – THE CHURCH

JOHN 15:5 – “I am the vine, you are the branches, he who abides in me and I in him, bears much fruit; for without me you can do nothing.”

7. COMMIT YOURSELF TO SERVE THE LORD, PRAY, READ THE BIBLE AND WITNESS

JOHN 8:31 - "The Jesus said to those Hews who believed Him, "if you abide in my word, you are My disciples indeed."

JOHN 20:21 - "So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to You! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."



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