

How Jesus Can Save You From Sin & Death

Dear Friend

One may focus on many things in this life, yet there is nothing that compares in importance to eternal existence.

A search for God may feel very foreign to you at first especially if you have not thought much about the spiritual side of existence. This is normal. However, just like any other new endeavor, the subject will become very familiar and comfortable to you if you will simply persevere.

One of the many beauties of God is that He has created the Bible to readily relate to man's mind. He did, after all, create both. In your humble search for truth you will find that two things are true: first, God's Word is the message of spiritual knowledge and eternal life; second, God's Word is a way of thinking and life that can bring you great joy and peace. The Word of God truly fulfills the searching human's inner person.

The truths of God transcend this life. Eternity is unfathomable. Our own infinite nature cannot be grasped by mortal mind. Truly, something so much bigger than our earthly existence looms before us. Hopefully, you are beginning to see a small part of what your search is all about. There is nothing that can compare with the importance of God, the spiritual dimension, and your eternal existence.

Wonderfully, God has made it possible for you, regardless of your past, to understand the things you need to know regarding the spiritual dimension. He has also made it possible for you to know and live with **Him...FOREVER!**

## **THE SHORT STUDY**

1. God defines "who I am" *Matthew 16:26, 1John 4:8, Ephesians 2:4*
2. I exist, so I have foundation decisions to make *Acts 17:24-27*
3. God exists *Rom 1:20*
4. The Bible is inspired by God and given to man *2Peter 1:19-21, Galatians 1:11-12*
5. The Bible: truth is to be appreciated and respected *Galatians 1:11-12*
6. God warns about sin *Isaiah 59:1-2, Romans 6:23*
7. God speaks of rewards *Mark 9:42-50, Ephesians 2:4-7*
8. God gave us a Savior *Acts 4:11-12, John 3:16, Colossians 1:21-22*
9. Jesus purchased His church with His blood *Ephesians 5:23, Acts 20:28*
10. How to be saved *Romans 10:17, 2Peter 3:9, Romans 10:9-10, Acts 2:38, Revelation 2:10*
11. Significance of baptism *Acts 2:38: Romans 6:1-6*
12. The cost of discipleship *Luke 14:27-33*
13. Trade: blessings of God for your life of sacrifice *Mt 16:26*
14. It is time to obey *Acts 8:26-38*
15. Now that you are a Christian *2Timothy 4:6-8, Revelation 2:10*

*Continue for expanded Bible study...*

# That Great Philosophical Question

## ➔ **WHO AM I ?**

*God Tells Us Who We Are...For Most People This Is A Surprise.*

*I Am An*

### **1. ETERNAL SOUL- SPIRIT BEING**

*Living In A Temporary Body  
1Thessalonians 5:23,  
Matthew 25:46*

*I Was Designed To Enjoy*

### **3. RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

*e.g. Genesis 3:8*

*I Was Purposed &  
Created To Be*

### **2. LOVED BY GOD...AND TO LOVE HIM**

*1John 4:8  
Ephesians 2:4*

*In Fact,  
The Bible Explains*

### **4. GOD'S QUEST TO BRING ME BACK TO HIM**

*After I Sinned Against Him  
Romans 5:8*



*Career, education, beauty (or lack), suffering, victimization, successes, failures... humans tend to use the wrong things to define purpose and identity. **GOD** defines our purpose and identity. Truly, the discovery of God is also the discovery of self!*



**Live & Think As An  
ETERNAL BEING**

*(You Are A Spirit Being)*

*Matthew 25:46, 1Thessalonians 5:23*



**Remake Self In The  
IMAGE OF GOD**

*(God Shares His Character)*

*Colossian 3:9-10*



**Be Ready To  
STAND BEFORE GOD  
TO BE JUDGED**

*(There Is A Final Accounting Of Your Life)*

*2Corinthians 5:10*

**REASON**

**DEMANDS A  
CREATOR**



- 1.** Something Cannot From Nothing
- 2.** Elements Did Not Always Exist
- 3. ALL THINGS WERE CREATED**

**DESIGN**

**DEMANDS A  
CREATOR**



Psalm 19:1  
Romans 1:18-22

**From The Universe To  
The Myriad Of Systems  
Working In The Human  
Body**

**There Is No Alternative!**

Chart adapted from Indestructible Foundations by Pete Wilson

**GOD  
IS...**

1. The Almighty Creator: Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 40:28
2. Eternal God: Deuteronomy 33:27; Romans 1:20
3. The REALITY of our existence: Hebrews 4:13



**Some statements CANNOT remain static! GOD EXISTS,  
THIS HAS GREAT IMPLICATION IN YOUR EXISTENCE!!**

**GOD → JESUS → HOLY SPIRIT**

*1Corinthians 2:12-13 - Hebrews 1:1-2 - John 16:13*

**"Inspired"**

*2Peter 1:20-21  
2Timothy 3:16-17*

**Apostles & Prophets**

*1Peter 1:10-12  
Galatians 1:11-12*

**SCRIPTURE**

God Put His Love And  
Expectations Into  
Written Words Which  
We Can Understand

*Ephesians 3:3-5  
Colossians 4:16*

**GOD POWERFULLY REVEALED HIS MIND,  
SO THAT THE BIBLE IS:**

- 1. Inspired** *1Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:16; 1:19-21*
- 2. Complete** *John 16:13; Jude 3*
- 3. Understandable** *Ephesians 3:1-5; 5:17; John 8:31-32*
- 4. Able to save** *James 1:21; Acts 20:32*
- 5. Provides all you need** to know about the spiritual world & your responsibility *2Timothy 3:16-17; 2Peter 1:3-4*

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## THE BIBLE: TRUTH TO BE RESPECTED

**God Revealed His  
Plan In His Word...  
THE BIBLE**

*John 16:13*  
*Galatians 1:11-12*

**So, When You Obey  
God's Word, You Are  
OBEYING GOD!**

As **Mere Humans**, We  
Must Give God's Word  
**RESPECT**

1. Do not add/subtract  
*Revelation 22:18-19*
2. Do not change  
*Galatians 1:6-9*
3. Do not go beyond  
*1Corinthians 4:6*

**Truth Is  
NOT  
Found In**

1. Man's or culture's traditions and doctrine  
*Colossians 2:8; Matthew 15:7-9*
2. Our own ideas of righteousness  
*Romans 10:1-3*
3. Conscience and/or feelings  
*Acts 23:1 > 26:9-10*
4. Family religion  
*Acts 22:3-5; Phil 3:5-8; Matthew 10:37*
5. Supposed latter day revelations  
*John 16:13; Jude 3; Galatians 1:8-9*
6. The majority or cultural agreement  
*Matthew 7:13-14*

**SALVATION INCLUDES  
LOVING AND OBEYING  
GOD'S TRUTH !**

*1Peter 1:22*  
*Matthew 7:21-23*

**SOMEDAY, THE  
WORD OF GOD WILL  
JUDGE US !**

*John 12:48*  
*Romans 2:16*



### **What Is It?**

➔ **Spiritual Crime** *1John 3:4; Galatians 5:19-21*

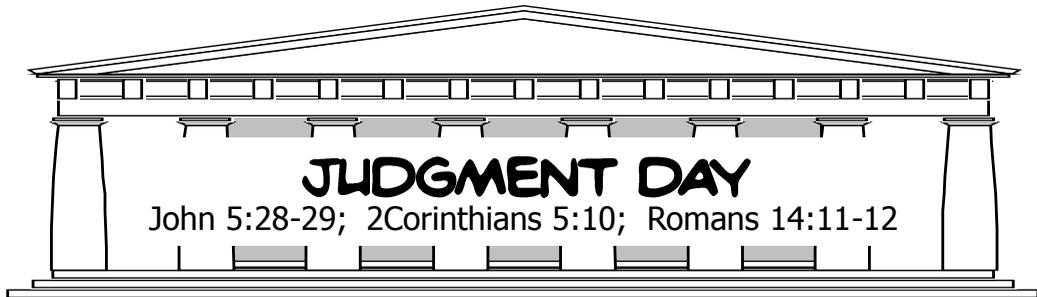
### **Who Is Guilty?**

➔ **Everyone** *Romans 3:23*

### **What Will Sin Cost Me?**

➔ **Everything**

1. Brings separation from God – a broken relationship due to sin's incompatibility with God (like humans and skunk scent) *Isaiah 59:1-2*
2. Brings a deceived and hardened the heart *Hebrews 3:12-13; Ephesians 4:18-19*
3. Brings punishment *Romans 6:23; 2Thessalonians 1:5-9*



## **HELL**

- 1. No Love**  
*Luke 16:19-31*
- 2. Great Suffering**  
*Mark 9:42-50*
- 3. Outer Darkness**  
*Matthew 25:30*
- 4. Nothing Good  
Whatever**  
*Matthew 22:13*
- 5. Eternal!!**  
*Matthew 25:46*
- 6. Imagine: no joy,  
hope, peace!**

## **HEAVEN**

- 1. The Love Of God**  
*Ephesians 2:4-7*
- 2. No Pain**  
*Revelation 21:4*
- 3. No Death**  
*Revelation 21:4*
- 4. Relationship With  
God**  
*John 14:1-3*
- 5. Eternal!!**  
*Matthew 25:46*
- 6. Imagine: Watching God  
Be God!!!**



**We all are going to die...WHAT will  
you do THEN? *Hebrews 9:27***

# **GOD'S GREAT LOVE AND GRACE**

**PUT MAN  
FIRST**

**GAVE UNDESERVED  
FAVOR TO MAN**

Before  
Creation  
God  
Planned  
For Jesus  
To Save  
Us From  
Sin &  
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**JESUS**

*(The Christ, Messiah:  
God's "Chosen One" to  
Fix Our Sin Problem)*

*Ephesians 1:3-11, 2:4-7*



- ✓ Promised long ago *Micah 5:2 – Matthew 2:1; Isaiah 53*
- ✓ Restores relationship with God *Colossians 1:21-22*
- ✓ Son of God (thus, is God) *John 3:16*
- ✓ Saves us *Acts 4:11-12*
- ✓ Son of Man (thus, lived in human body) *John 5:26-27*
- ✓ Illustrates God's love *John 3:16*
- ✓ Died for us *1Peter 2:24*
- ✓ Believe in Him *John 3:16*
- ✓ Rose from the dead *Romans 14:9*
- ✓ ***This is the story of the Bible!***
- ✓ Our sins are cleansed by His blood *1Peter 1:18-19*



**Praise To The Lord  
God Of Heaven For  
His Immeasurable  
Love And Grace!**

# JESUS PURCHASED HIS CHURCH

## Being Washed In Jesus' Blood Brings Us Into HIS CHURCH

Saved People...  
**forgiven** through  
the **blood of Jesus**  
*Ephesians 5:23*  
*Acts 20:28*



Even before the  
world was created,  
God made plans to  
save His church  
through Jesus  
*Ephesians 3:10-11*



To Help Our Understanding, God Describes  
His Saved People With Different Terms...

### **KINGDOM**

*Revelation*  
5:9

Subjects  
Under  
The King

### **BODY**

*1 Corinthians*  
12:13

Ruled  
By The  
Head

### **HOUSE**

*1 Timothy*  
3:15

In The  
Family  
Of God

### **CHURCH**

*Ephesians*  
1:22-23

"Called Out"  
Of World –  
To God

### **IN CHRIST**

*Galatians*  
3:26-27

A Relation-  
ship With The  
Savior

*(Several other terms are used, as well)*

## How Do I Enter Into A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?



So far, the Word of God has had the answer...it still does.

*Romans 10:17*

At this point in your journey, love and appreciation for God should be stirring in your heart – He has done so much for you.

*Matthew 22:37-38*



- 1. BELIEVE** Jesus is the Son of God  
*John 3:36; 3:16*
- 2. REPENT** change of attitude and life  
*2Peter 3:9; Acts 3:19*
- 3. CONFESS JESUS** speak what you believe  
*Romans 10:9-10; 1John 4:15*
- 4. BE BAPTIZED** partake in Christ's death  
*Mark 16:15-16 (For more, see next page)*

Then: **"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."** *Revelation 2:10*

# Why Does God Want Me To **BE BAPTIZED?**

## **LET'S DEFINE BAPTISM**

Very simply, baptism is a submersion or immersion. The Bible calls it a burial (in water).  
*Colossians 2:12; Acts 10:47-48*

- 1.** Baptism is an obedient act which brings us into a relationship with Christ *Galatians 3:26-27*
- 2.** Baptism puts us into Christ's church (same as relationship with Jesus) *1Corinthians 12:13*
- 3.** Baptism results in forgiveness of sin through Jesus *Acts 2:38; 22:16*
- 4.** Baptism saves us through Jesus *1Peter 3:21*
- 5.** Baptism is a picture of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection *Romans 6:1-6*

Jesus Died And  
Was Buried  
**IN TOMB**



Jesus Rose From  
The Dead  
**A NEW LIFE**

You Die And  
Are Buried  
**IN BAPTISM**



You Rise From  
Spiritual Death  
**A NEW LIFE**

**In  
Baptism,  
You  
Duplicate  
What  
Jesus Did  
For YOU!**

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## WHAT PEOPLE DID TO OBEY JESUS

# IS BAPTISM REALLY NECESSARY FOR SALVATION?

Taking All Of The Responses Together In The Book Of Acts, What Did People Do To Obey Jesus?

<b>2:14-41 JERUSALEM</b>	(Believed) v36	Repented vv37-38	<b>Baptized vv38-41</b>	Remission Of Sin v38
<b>3:1-4:4 JERUSALEM</b>	Believed 4:4	Repented 3:19		Sins Blotted/Added To Number 3:19/4:4
<b>8:5-12 SAMARITANS</b>	Believed v12		<b>Baptized v12</b>	
<b>8:13 SIMON</b>	Believed v13		<b>Baptized v13</b>	
<b>8:35-39 EUNUCH</b>		Confessed v37	<b>Baptized v38</b>	Rejoiced v39
<b>9:1-20 SAUL</b>			<b>Baptized v18</b>	Sins Washed Away 22:16
<b>10 CORNELIUS</b>	Believed v43		<b>Baptized v48</b>	Remission Of Sin v43
<b>16:13-16 LYDIA</b>	Heeded v14		<b>Baptized v15</b>	
<b>16:27-34 JAILOR</b>	Believed v34		<b>Baptized v33</b>	Rejoiced v34
<b>18:8 CORINTHIANS</b>	Believed v8		<b>Baptized v8</b>	
<b>19:1-7 JOHN'S DISC.</b>	Believed 19:2		<b>Baptized 19:5</b>	

## **COUNTING THE COST**

### **Of Discipleship Is A Must**

*Luke 14:27-33*

The Gift Of God  
Is **FREE**  
*Romans 6:23*



Yet, you must qualify... by  
giving God your existence. **It**  
**is a small sacrifice.**

#### ✓ **GOD COMES FIRST**

*Matthew 22:37-38; Matthew 10:37-39*

#### ✓ **YOU BECOME A TOOL FOR GOD'S GLORY**

*1Corinthians 6:20; 1Peter 4:16*

#### ✓ **DEDICATION = OBEDIENCE**

(A sample of responsibilities...)

- Thinking *2Corinthians 10:5; Philipians 4:6-8*
- Purity *Galatians 5:19-24*
- Worship *John 4:23-24*
- Church responsibilities *i.e. Hebrews 10:24-25*
- Service to others *Galatians 5:13*
- Growth *Hebrews 6:1-8*
- Respect for God's marriage laws *e.g. Matthew 19:9; Romans 7:1-4*
- Leaving the world behind *Romans 12:1-2*

#### ✓ **COMMITMENT IS TOTAL...EVEN TO DEATH!**

*2Peter 2:20-22; Hebrews 6:6-8; Revelation 2:10*



## Is Serving God **WORTH THE PRICE?**

- ✓ **A Loving Father** *Luke 15:11-32*
- ✓ **Peace** *Romans 14:17; Philippians 4:4-7*
- ✓ **Forgiveness** *1John 1:9*
- ✓ **Better Relationships** *i.e. Ephesians 5:22-33*
- ✓ **Life Control** *1Corinthians 9:27*
- ✓ **Eternal Life** *Titus 1:1-2; 2Timothy 4:6-8*



**IF YOU MISS ETERNAL LIFE WITH GOD,  
YOU HAVE MISSED EVERYTHING!**



# WHAT HINDERS YOU FROM **BEING BAPTIZED?**

## **Acts 8:26-38**

- 1.** The eunuch knew the truth
- 2.** Water was available
- 3.** He was immediately baptized
- 4.** He went on his way rejoicing



## **2 Corinthians 6:2**

"...Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."



WELCOME TO  
THE  
FAMILY OF  
GOD!



Please realize that your journey has just begun. As a newborn child needs special care, so your new faith needs to be nourished and strengthened. Be patient, it may take a while to throw out the old and bring a new way of thinking and living based in God.

You have entered the battle, now finish the fight. You can do it through Jesus! *2Timothy 4:6-8*

- ✓ **YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED!** Thank and praise God in prayer! *Philippians 4:6*
- ✓ Make an appointment with a Christian for studies to help you grow in knowledge and strength. *1Peter 2:2; 3:17-18; 2Peter 1:5-1*
- ✓ Consider with whom you will share your great gift of salvation. *Philippians 2:16*
- ✓ Get involved now! Become a part of a faithful local church. *i.e. Hebrews 10:24-25; 1Corinthians 1:2; 11:20; 16:1-2*



**NEVER GIVE UP!!!** *Rev 2:10, Hebrews 10:35-36*

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## ***SCRIPTURES TO GROW BY***

**God:** Genesis 1:1; 17:1; Deuteronomy 10:17; 33:27; Psalm 14:1; 19:1; Luke 1:37; Romans 1:18-19; 5:5-8; Ephesians 2:4-5; Philippians 4:19; Hebrews 4:13; 6:18; 13:4; James 1:13

**Love for God:** Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:37-39; Luke 11:42; John 5:42; Romans 5:5; 8:35-39; Titus 3:4; 1John 2:5; 3:17; 4:8-10; 5:3

**Commitment to God:** Matthew 5:10-12; John 8:29; Acts 14:22; 21:13; 7:57-60; Galatians 2:20; Colossians 1:21-23; 2Timothy 4:6-8; Hebrews 11:32-38; James 1:2-6; 1Peter 1:6-9; 2:21-25; Revelation 2:10

**Jesus:** Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 53; Matthew 1:21; John 1:1-4...14; 4:25-26; 6:35; 8:24; 12:44-45; 14:6; Acts 2:36; 4:2; 4:11-12; Romans 3:23-26; Ephesians 1:3-14; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 2:9; 1Peter 1:18-19; 2:21-25; 1John 4:15

**Faith:** Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; 2Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 2:8-10; 2Timothy 4:7; James 2:14-26

**Authority:** Genesis 6:22-7:5; Leviticus 10:1-4; Matthew 15:8-9; Luke 6:46; John 12:48; 1Corinthians 4:6; 1Peter 4:11; Colossians 3:17

**Obedience:** Deuteronomy 10:12-13; Matthew 7:13-29; John 8:31-32; Acts 5:29; Romans 1:5; 2:4-11; 6:16-18; 2Corinthians 10:5; Hebrews 5:8-9; James 1:21-23; 1Peter 1:22; 2Peter 1:5-11

**Word of God:** Psalm 119:105; 119:160; Matthew 4:4; John 5:24; 8:51; 12:48; 17:17; Acts 17:11; 20:32; Romans 10:17; Ephesians 5:26; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 4:12; James 1:21; 1Peter 1:22-23; 2Peter 1:19-21; 1John 2:5

**Sin:** Isaiah 59:1-2; Mark 9:43; Luke 6:45-46; Romans 3:23; Romans 6; Ephesians 5:3-5; Colossians 1:21-23; 2Thessalonians 1:5-9; Hebrews 3:13; 10:26; 12:1-3; James 1:14-15; 1John 1:8-10; 3:4

**Judgment:** Matthew 25:46; John 5:28-29; 12:48; Acts 17:31; Romans 2:16; 2Corinthians 5:10; Hebrews 9:27

**The Church:** Matthew 16:18; Acts 20:28; 1Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:22-23; 3:10-11; 4:4; 5:23-26; Colossians 1:18; 1Timothy 3:15; Revelation 5:9

**Kingdom:** Daniel 2:42-44; 7:14; Matthew 4:17; 12:28; Mark 9:1; John 3:3; Romans 14:17; Colossians 1:13; Revelation 1:9

**Purpose in life:** Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Matthew 4:10; 5:13; 5:14-16; 1Corinthians 6:20; Ephesians 1:12; Hebrews 13:15; 1Peter 1:3-7; 2:9-12; 4:16

**Joy & Peace:** John 14:27; 16:33; Romans 14:17; 15:13; Galatians 5:22; Philippians 4:6-7; Hebrews 12:2; 1Peter 1:8; 4:13; Jude 24

**Help of God:** 1Corinthians 10:13; Philippians 4:13; 4:19; 1Peter 5:10; Luke 1:37

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