

AMAZING DISCOVERY-1 WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END OF THE DAY?

INTRODUCTION



If I were to ask you, "What is the purpose of the pen?" Your answer would be, "For writing." Then I ask, "If a pen cannot write, what must I do with it?" You would surely say, "Throw it away. But if you really want to write get one that really works!"

So it's the same with religion. When I ask people, "What is the purpose of religion?" They usually reply, "To have peace of mind", "To make sure that I get to heaven when I die."

Most religions teach that **we must do good** if we want to get to heaven. If this is true, then the responsibility lies with us; in other words, **If we fail to get to heaven, it's our fault.** Yet, even if we do our best, there is no

HOW MUCH GOOD IS GOOD ENOUGH?

guarantee that we will get to heaven because, **'How much good is good enough?'** remains unanswered. The Bible says that, **"All our**

righteous deeds are like filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6). In other words, we could never be good enough.

Also, as we search for answers that will give us the assurance, we must make sure that whoever makes promises about our eternal destiny is able to fulfil them.

I. ONLY AN ETERNAL GOD CAN KEEP ETERNAL PROMISES

It is important to note that **MORTAL MAN COULD MAKE ETERNAL PROMISES, but will not be able to keep them once he dies.** But how do we IDENTIFY God and man? Let's look at an illustration to identify **PETROL** and **WATER**. As petrol is flammable, we could use **FIRE TEST**.



FIRE TEST
If you put a lighted match in a glass of water, the flame will be extinguished. But if you put a lighted match in a glass of petrol, it will explode! **From this we could distinguish petrol from water.**



IMMORTALITY TEST TO DISTINGUISH GOD FROM MAN

Similarly, **HOW DO WE DISTINGUISH GOD AND MAN?**

Man is mortal and God is immortal. Therefore, we should use **"THE IMMORTALITY TEST"** on the man who claims to be God.

II. JESUS CLAIMED TO BE GOD

The Bible says that,

- ❖ John 10:30, **"I and the Father (GOD) are one"**.
- ❖ John 14:9, **"He who has seen Me, has seen the Father"**.
- ❖ John 11:25, 26, **"I am the one who raises the dead and gives them life again. Anyone, who believes in Me, even though he dies like anyone else, shall live again. He is given eternal life for believing in Me and shall never perish."**

Of course it is possible for men to claim to be God, you say. **Therefore we should apply the IMMORTALITY TEST on Him.** So the next question is:

III. DID JESUS SUPPORT HIS CLAIMS?

Yes indeed! One of the characteristics of God is He has power over life and death.

- We are told **Jesus raised a man named Lazarus** (John 11:40-46), a **rabbi's daughter** (Matthew 9:18-19, 23-25), and a **widow's son** from the dead (Luke 7:11-15).
- If you study the life and miracles of Jesus Christ, you will see that He **also demonstrated power over diseases, nature and demons.** (Luke 17:11-19; Matthew 8:23-27; Luke 4:33-37).

IV. JESUS CONQUERED DEATH HIMSELF

- Christ said in Revelation 1:18, **"I am the living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades (Hell)"**-- the **GREATEST** miracle of all. By this He proved that He had **conquered sin and death.**

Read John Chapters 20-21 for a full account of the resurrection of Jesus.

If a man claims to be God and dies and never comes back to life again, he is but a dead man who has made empty promises.

- Romans 1:4, **"By being raised from the dead, He (JESUS) was proved to be the mighty Son of God, with the holy nature of God Himself."**

As Jesus has proved to be **ETERNAL GOD, He COULD MAKE AND KEEP all ETERNAL PROMISES.**

MORTALITY TEST HAS VALIDATED JESUS CLAIM TO BE GOD.

2 Corinthians 1:19-20, **"Jesus Christ the Son of God isn't one to say "YES" when He means "NO", He always does exactly what He says. He carries out and fulfils all of God's promises no matter how many of them there are, and we have told every one how faithful He is, giving glory to His Name"**. Therefore we can trust Him completely to fulfil all His future promises.

The Bible also says,

John 1:1, **"Before anything else existed, there was Christ, with God. He has always been alive and is Himself God."** He created every thing there is - nothing exists that He didn't make.

John 1:14, **"And Christ became a human being and lived here on earth among us and was full of loving forgiveness and truth. And some of us have seen His glory - the glory of the only Son of the heavenly Father."**

John 1: 18, **"No one has ever actually seen God, but, of course his only Son has, for He is the companion of the Father and has told us all about Him."** If a man has not seen God, he is unqualified to tell us what God is like or how to get to heaven. If this is true, then **no one is**

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qualified to help us find God except Jesus Himself!

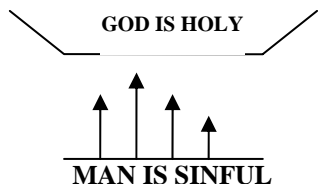
Since I received Him as my Saviour and Lord I have the assurance that my sins have been forgiven, and I have peace with God and eternal life on the basis of God's promises. You may be asking, "How to receive Jesus Christ as my saviour and Lord?" The following explains how you can receive Christ:

V. HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST?

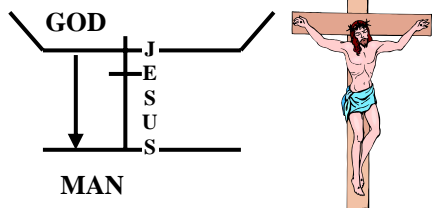
We receive Jesus by FAITH and faith alone. In the Bible Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace you have been saved through FAITH; and that is not of yourself, it is gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast."

➤ But God says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). So we agree with God that we are sinners. Sin is an attitude of rejecting God as the rightful ruler of our lives. As a result we are Spiritually separated from God. "The wages of sin is death .." (Romans 6:23).

The diagram below illustrates that God is holy and man is sinful. A great gulf separates the two. The arrows illustrate that man is continually trying to reach God and the abundant life through his own efforts, such as a good life, philosophy, or religion - but without success."



".. but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).



God has bridged the gulf that separates us from Him by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross in our place to pay the penalty for our sins.

➤ It is not enough to know these. We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord; then we can experience God's love and plan for our lives.

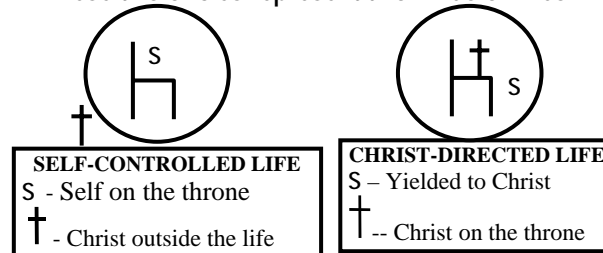
➤ John 1:12 says, "As many as received Him to them He gave right to become children of God", John 1:12. When we receive Him we establish a Father and son relationship with the living God.

➤ We receive Christ through faith. Ephesians 2:8,9, "By grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourself, it is a gift of God; not as a result of works that no one should boast."

➤ We receive Christ through Personal Invitation. Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him" (Revelation 3:20).

The door here is not the door of our house but the door of our hearts. Inviting Him to come into our lives is equal to opening the door of our hearts. Telling Him to go away or ignoring Him is equal to closing the door. Jesus will not come into our lives without our permission, because He is God and not a thief.

These two circles represent two kinds of lives:



If you want your life to be represented by the right circle with Christ inside your life, you can invite Him to come into your life by faith through prayer on the basis of Revelation 3:20 quoted above.

Prayer is talking with God. God knows your heart and is not so concerned with the words as He is with the attitude of your heart. The following is a suggested prayer:

"Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Saviour and Lord. Thank You for

forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be. Amen."

If this prayer expresses the desire of your heart, pray this prayer right now and Jesus will come into your life just as he promised.

You invite Him in only once, because He has promised, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). If you have prayed that prayer many things happened including the following:

VI. HOW TO KNOW THAT CHRIST IS IN MY LIFE?
You can know this by FAITH on the basis of "God's Promises".

- Jesus came into your life (Revelation 3:20).
- Your sins were forgiven (Colossians 1:14).
- You became a child of God (John 1:12).
- You received eternal life (John 5:24).

Thereafter simply thank Him that He lives in you. Thanksgiving is an expression of your FAITH in God and His promises.

1Peter 1:4-6, "And God has reserved for His children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And God, in His mighty power, will make sure that you get there, safely to receive it, because you are trusting in Him. It will be yours in that last day for all to see. So be truly glad! There is great joy ahead, even though the going is rough for a while down here".

I trust that now you know **WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END OF THE DAY.**

Where there are **NO PROMISES** there is **NO HOPE**

You may want to **SHARE THIS GOOD NEWS** with your loved ones.

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