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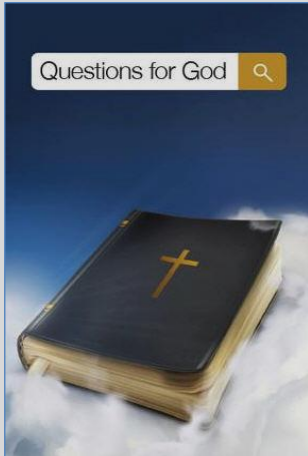
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'...that you may know that you have eternal life.' 1 John 5:13

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► Question 1

Why should I think about God and eternity now?

► **God says** - "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" and "What is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (**Proverbs 27:1; James 4:14**).

► Question 2

When I die, won't that just be the end?

► **God says** - "The rich man died, and was buried; and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments" (**Luke 16:22,23**).

► Question 3

Don't we have to wait until the judgment day to see who goes to heaven and hell?

► **God says** - "He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (**John 3:18**).

► Question 4

I have lived a good life. Will that be enough?

► **God says** - "There is none righteous, no, not one - There is none that doeth good, no, not one - all the world [is] guilty before God" (**Romans 3:10,12,19**).

► Question 5

God is loving and merciful. Won't He just pass over my sins?

► **God says** - The Lord God ... will by no means clear the guilty" (**Exodus 34:6,7**). "The wages of sin is death" (**Romans 6:23**). "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (**Hebrews 9:27**).

► Question 6

I say my prayers, go to church, and put money in the collection plate. Won't that count in my favour?

► **God says** - "Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord ... in Thy name [we have] done many wonderful works. And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me" (**Matthew 7:22,23**).

► Question 7

Why would God judge me the same as somebody who is a murderer?

► **God says** - "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (**Romans 3:23**). "All we like sheep have gone astray" (**Isaiah 53:6**). "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (**James 2:10**).

► Question 8

If that's true, nobody can stand before God. What can we do to be saved?

► **God says** - "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (**Acts 16:31**).

► Question 9

What do I need to believe about Jesus?

► **God says** - "The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (**Isaiah 53:6**). "The Son of God ... loved me, and gave Himself for me" (**Galatians 2:20**). "Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God" (**1 Peter 3:18**).

QUESTIONS FOR GOD

► Question 10

Isn't there something I can do to earn God's favor?

► **God says** - "A man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ" (**Galatians 2:16**). "For by grace are ye saved ... not of works" (**Ephesians 2:8,9**).

► Question 11

How can it be so simple?

► **God says** - "Jesus ... endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (**Hebrews 12:2**). Jesus says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life" (**John 6:47**).

► Question 12

Does God really love me?

► **God says** - "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (**Romans 5:8**). "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (**John 3:16**).

► Question 13

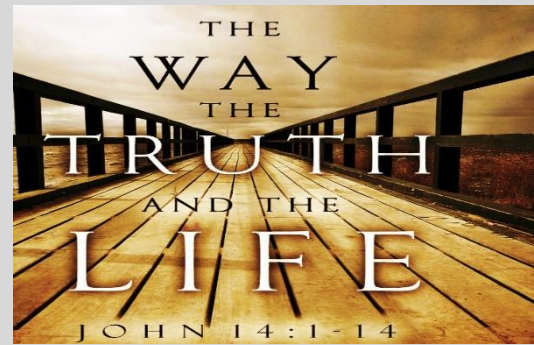
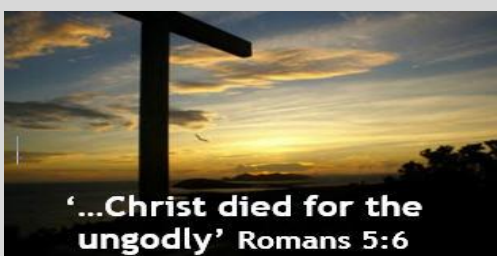
Can God really forgive my sins?

► **God says** - "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (**Isaiah 1:18**). "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (**Matthew 11:28**).

► Question 14

Will my life change if I become a Christian?

► **God says** - "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (**2 Corinthians 5:17**). "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him" (**1 Corinthians 2:9**). *Moments with the Book*



NO OTHER SAVIOUR

- ✗ "I've got my own religion."
- ✗ "Whatever you believe is alright."
- ✗ "Everybody has their own beliefs."
- ✗ "Just so you believe something."

These are sayings which you will hear from many people today. They sound nice, and help to make people feel good, since their own beliefs are said to be as valid as those of anyone else. "After all," some say, "can you really know anything for sure?" People who claim to have "the truth" are looked down upon as being arrogant and intolerant. For some reason, people can accept the idea that any religion is valid as long as it doesn't claim to be the only true religion! Do you know why that is? It's Satan's way of getting people to believe anything but the one thing that will remove his grip on their souls.

It is not true that all religious beliefs are of equal value. It is not true that "Whatever you believe is alright." The very fact that "Everybody has their own beliefs" is what God says is man's biggest problem—we have exchanged His truth for our beliefs.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way" (Isaiah 53:6).

Man's confused religions stand in opposition to God's simple way to life. Man's ways are the wide, tolerant, sin-ignoring way that ends in destruction.

"Broad is the way that leadeth to destruction ... narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13,14).

There is one sense in which it is true that what you believe doesn't matter. What you believe, or what religious men have taught, does not change the truth of God's Word! Just believing something doesn't make it so. Jumping off the top of a skyscraper onto the street below will kill you, no matter how strongly you believe otherwise.

Entering into eternity with the firm belief that there is no God, or that your beliefs or your works are good enough to merit His approval will not change the outcome:

"Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15).

Truth is not a matter of opinion. Either something is true or it is false. Jesus Christ claims to be the truth. He did not say "I am a way," but rather—

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6).

When it comes to faith, it is not, "Just so you believe something," but "Just so you believe Christ." Faith in Jesus Christ, who laid down His life on the cross of Calvary and rose victoriously from the dead, is the only way to everlasting life and forgiveness of sins.

Just as everyone has turned to his own way, each of us must individually turn from our rebellion. No one can save himself, since salvation is "not of works" (Ephesians 2:8,9). Because God is the One who saves, salvation is as certain as His promise:

"He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

Jesus Christ is the only way. Stop rejecting Him, and by faith receive Him as your Saviour today.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Ron Melick – Moments with the Book

THE SURPASSING GLORY OF CHRIST

*In the astronomical realm, He is said to
be the Star and Sun;*

*in the animal kingdom He is declared to
be the Lion of Judah and the Lamb of God;*

*in the biological world He is titled the Tree
of Life and Fountain of Life;*

*in the botanical sphere He is the Rose of
Sharon and Lily of the valley;*

*in the geological order He is the Rock of
Ages and Precious Cornerstone;*

*in the mineral kingdom He is likened to
the sardine and jasper stones;*

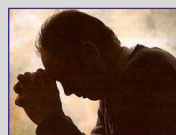
*in the philological field He is Alpha and
Omega and the Word.*

*The whole earth is full of His glory, as
seen in the sublimity of the sky which is
so measureless, the splendors of the stars
which are so countless, the shining of the
sun which is so exhaustless, the surging
of the ocean which is so ceaseless, the
designs of snowflakes which are so
numberless, the springs of fountains
which are so traceless, or the fragrance of
flowers which are so matchless.*

C.J. Rolls



POINT TO PONDER



**What think ye of Christ? is the test
To try both your state and your scheme;
You cannot be right in the rest,
Unless you think rightly of Him.**

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