

## **“Answers from the Bible”**

Why was I born? What meaning is there to my life? When this life is over, where am I going? Does God truly exist? And if so, what does that God think of mankind?

These are questions that everyone asks at some point in life. There are many different opinions and explanations that the world gives, however, the Bible gives a clear answer of hope to all these questions.

### Genesis 1

**1** In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

**2** And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

**3** And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

**4** And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

**5** And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

There is a design to everything in nature that bears witness and gives evidence to a Designer who created all things. This world did not come into existence by chance – there is a Designer, God, who created all things. The One who created man is also God, and He gave man both worth and purpose from the very beginning.

**26** And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the

cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

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

**28** And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

#### Revelation 4

**11** Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Man is God's most beloved creation who was meant to live eternally in fellowship with God. However, man sinned before a Holy God, and ultimately broke that fellowship as God cannot accept sin.

#### Genesis 3

**8** And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

**9** And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

**10** And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.

**11** And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

From that point on, all men were born with sin by nature. Every child must be taught to do good, but everyone is born with the knowledge to sin.

#### Romans 5

**12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

#### Romans 3

**10** As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

**23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**24** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Jesus Christ came into the world from His home in Heaven to save mankind from the curse of sin and restore man's fellowship with God. The curse of sin is not only the sin nature of man, but also the terrible penalty of being separated from God forever into an eternal hell.

#### Romans 6

**23** For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Revelation 20

**14** And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Jesus was sent by God from Heaven into a virgin womb, and thus did not inherit man's sinful nature. As a perfect, sinless Son of God, He alone was able to free mankind from sin's curse.

#### Luke 1

**31** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

**32** He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

**33** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

**34** Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

**35** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Jesus made Himself the sacrifice to pay for sin's debt in man's stead. He took all sin upon Himself on the cross and took the penalty for us.

#### John 3

**16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

#### Romans 5

**6** For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

**7** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

**8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**9** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

**10** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

**11** And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

When sin's curse is undone, you receive complete forgiveness from God. God removes all guilt and demerit left by the record of sin, and promises a right to eternal life in Heaven. This forgiveness is eternal with no fear or doubt of it being undone. It is a holy forgiveness that covers all sin committed in the past, present, and future.

Romans 10

**9** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

**10** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**11** For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

**12** For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

**13** For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

As God freely offers this gift of salvation, man is also free to either accept for reject this gift. There is no merit or work required to receive this gift. Christ's payment on the cross have paid for this gift in full. If one simply and sincerely places their faith and trust in Jesus Christ as their one and only Savior by humbly reaching out to God in prayer for forgiveness of sin, that person is promised eternal forgiveness from God and an eternal home in Heaven.

I John 5

**9** If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

**10** He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

**11** And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

**12** He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

**13** These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

God desires for every person to accept this free gift of forgiveness. God indeed loves mankind. The reason why Jesus became sacrifice for man was so that man would be saved from sin's curse. Why not place your faith in Jesus Christ and receive His gift of salvation? Simply believe sincerely with your heart and humbly reach out to God in prayer with your own words for forgiveness of sin.

If you have any questions regarding salvation, please feel free to reach out. We would also love to hear back from anyone who placed their faith in Christ.